

---

Subject: Re: Problem with dates in the Ethiopia datasets

Posted by [lillo?S](#) on Fri, 22 Jan 2016 17:04:21 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Hello,

From what I can see in the DHS 2005 there are country-specific variables that define the dates in the Gregorian calendar, the same does not hold for DHS 2011.

In the 'Individual Recode Documentation' (p.8) I find this:

"Before the production of any indicators with these data the Ethiopian calendar was converted to the Gregorian calendar but conserving the Ethiopian year; however, the Ethiopian first month is considered in the logic as January, the 2nd as February, etc. For dates including year, month and day the conversion is precise since both calendars have 365 or 366 days; for dates including only year and month, the 13th month was included in December."

I understand that the months have already been converted, whereas the years have not.

When I go to the 'CSPRO Process Summary' file and look at v006, the months of interview range from 4 through 9. According what's written in the IRD word file, I should interpret this as 4=April and 9=September because the conversion is supposed to have already been done. However, in the website at <http://dhsprogram.com/what-we-do/survey/survey-display-359.cfm> I see that: Fieldwork: December 2010 - May 2011. These months do not match the ones above, whereas they could coincide if the conversion had not been done.

My questions are:

- 1- has the conversion been done or not?
- 2- how are the CMC variables given?

Thanking you in advance.

---