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Subject: Re: Problem with dates in the Ethiopia datasets  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

In the 2011 survey, all dates are in the Ethiopian calendar rather than the Gregorian calendar. The cmc is also calculated consistently with the Ethiopian calendar. For example, you can confirm that  $v008=12(v007 - 1900) + v006$ . This consistency is found in all surveys, whether using the Gregorian, Ethiopian, or Nepalese calendars.

To convert to the Gregorian calendar, add 92 to the Ethiopian cmc. Then get the Ethiopian year and month from the Ethiopian cmc as follows, illustrated again for v006, v007, and v008:

```
gen v007=int((v008-1)/12)
gen v006=v008-12*v007
replace v007=v007+1900
```