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Subject: Child's dietary history

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I am trying to derive some of the standard WHO/UNICEF IYCF indicators from data from the 1999, 2005, and 2011 DHS in Guinea. The 2005 DHS questionnaire asked about the frequency of consumption of several liquids and food groups in the past 24 hours. I would like to use these responses to derive something like adequate dietary diversity in children 6-23 months of age and calculate the prevalence of exclusive breastfeeding in children <6 months of age. However, for the pertinent variables in the child recode dataset (variables V460A - V469Y), there are many missing values (see tables in attached file).

The report from the 2005 DHS gives analyses based on these variables, but I don't know how this was done given the very high proportion of records with missing values.

My question is why are there so many missing values and how was the analysis of these variables done for the report?

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#### File Attachments

1) [Missing values food frequency Guinea DHS 2005.doc](#),  
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