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Subject: Re: Check ups after delivery - interviewed population

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 02 Jun 2016 17:31:28 GMT

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Dear User,

Here is a response from data processing expert, Mr. Nouredine Abderrahim:

Quote:

Some countries use three years for the prenatal care and others use five years instead. You may find the information related to the period used, for the maternity, health, and nutrition questions, in the survey's questionnaires.

Furthermore, from the variables you are referencing in your query, I can see that the \_1 is referring to the last birth the woman had. For example: (M50\_1) is referring to the youngest or the last born child. If twins and one died, referring to the live twin.

Also looked at the questionnaire for Comoros 2012 and the questions related to prenatal care are asked only for the last born child.

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Quote:

The maternity history contains up to six entries, relating to births in the three/five years preceding interview.

The use of three/five years is country specific. The entries are in reverse order, such that the first entry relates

to the last birth in the last three/five years. There is an entry for all children born in the last three/five years

including all twins. The period of three/five years includes months 0 to 35/59 prior to the interview, with

month 0 being the month of interview. If there are more than six births in the last three/five years then only

the last six are included in the maternity history...

The title of the table in the final report also gives information about which population they are referencing. For example Table 8.1 for Cameroon 2011 is referencing women 15-49 with a birth in the five years preceding the survey, and the most recent birth.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to post again.

Thank you!

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