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Subject: Uganda 2006 and 2011 survey  
Posted by [Jennie](#) on Fri, 05 Mar 2021 14:10:20 GMT  
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Dear all,

I am using the DHS datasets for the Uganda survey year 2006 (dataset UGIR52DT) and 2011 (dataset UGIR61DT). I am interested in the domestic violence variables, however, I struggle to find if the questions are the same for both survey years? For domestic violence survey year 2011, I found this (but no older manuals):  
<https://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-DHSQMP-DHS-Questionnaires-and-Manuals.cfm>

I want to analyze if the female respondent experienced any emotional, physical violence from her husband/partner in the previous 12 months, and this is clear in the 2011 survey where the coding says:

never  
often  
sometimes  
yes, but not in the last 12 months  
yes, but frequency in the last 12 months missing

but in the 2006 survey, the coding is not the same. Then it says:

no  
often  
sometimes  
not at all  
yes, widow /frequency missing

Any suggestions on how I could interpret 2006, if for example, I could interpret the answers from 2006 as the same as the answers from 2011?

Thank you for your time and help!

Kind regards,  
Jennie

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Specialist, Kerry MacQuarrie:

It is always best to consult the questionnaire published in the appendix of the survey Final Report to be sure how any given survey implemented a questionnaire or module. In the 2016 Uganda DHS (DV04-DV05, pp549-550) and in the 2011 Uganda DHS (Q1104-1105, ppW-57-W-58), the three spousal emotional violence items in DV04 and 1104 and the 7 spousal physical violence

items in DV05 and 1105 were asked in the identical fashion: Did your (last) (husband/partner) ever [do x]? Y/N and, if yes, How often during the last 12 months, often, sometimes, or not in the last 12 months? The items are identical. The skip pattern is also identical in the two surveys. All currently and formerly married women are asked these questions while never married women are skipped them.

Therefore, the variables in the 2011 and 2016 datasets are comparable as well. For emotional violence, d103a-c and d104 are equivalent and for physical violence, d105a-f, j and d106 and d107 are equivalent.

The 2006 Uganda DHS Final Report (Q1104-1105, pp429-430) shows that the 3 spousal emotional violence items and 7 spousal physical violence items are identical and asked in the same format (ever, followed by frequency in last 12 months). However, the skip pattern is not the same in the 2006 survey. Never-married women are skipped all of these questions, as in 2011 and 2016. Currently married women are asked all of these questions, as in 2011 and 2016. But among formerly married women, all formerly married women (whether separated, divorced, or widowed) are asked the first questions about the item ever happening. However, widowed women are skipped the question about frequency in the last 12 months.

Therefore, the variables d103a-c and d105a-f, j are NOT comparable between 2006 and either 2011 or 2016 for all women--just for currently married women and women who are divorced or separated. The variables d014, d106, and d107 ARE comparable among these surveys for all women.

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Thank you for your reply. It was very helpful!

Kind regards,  
Jennie

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