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Subject: Women's Participation in Household Decisionmaking

Posted by [Jennie](#) on Wed, 21 Apr 2021 12:19:54 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 using the variables v743f (final say on deciding what to do with money husband earns) and v743b (final say on making large household purchases).

However, I am struggling to understand what's going on. I have read the DHS final reports and how the questions are coded, and accordingly, women have been asked about final say on deciding what to do with money husband earns, but not if husband/partner does not bring in any money (variable v746).

But when I look at the data, there are observations, so even though partner/husband does not bring in any money, women still answer the question "final say on deciding what to do with money husband earns"? But if the husband/partner does not earn any money?

Do you know how I should interpret this?

Moreover, the variable v743b (final say on making large household purchases), has a lot of ".", because only currently married women or living with a partner/husband, are asked this question. But when I check for this, there are still "." even though the woman is currently married. I have tried to understand why this is the case by reading the DHS final report and how the question is coded, but I can't find the reason why there are still ".". Do you know why there are "." for the variable v743b (except that only currently married women are asked)?

Kind regards,  
Jennie

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Subject: Re: Women's Participation in Household Decisionmaking

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 21 Apr 2021 15:45:43 GMT

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

Please see page 15-6 of the Guide to DHS Statistics ([https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide\\_to\\_DHS\\_Statistics\\_DHS-7\\_v2.pdf](https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide_to_DHS_Statistics_DHS-7_v2.pdf)) for your first question. It indicates how to construct this measure. All men who receive earnings, whether in cash or in-kind, are included in the denominator.

The question for variable v743b is asked of all women who are married/in-union. Any missings (".") on this variable are the result of item non-response. The Uganda survey final reports indicate that this is 0.3% of in-union women in 2006 and 0.1% in 2011.

Good luck with your analysis.

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Subject: Re: Women's Participation in Household Decisionmaking

Posted by [Jennie](#) on Fri, 23 Apr 2021 08:49:06 GMT

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Thank you for your reply. It was very helpful, I understand the variables better now.

Kind regards,  
Jennie

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