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Subject: coding for vcal\_1 and vcal\_2

Posted by [shafaq.mahmood93](#) on Wed, 23 Jun 2021 12:08:27 GMT

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Hi

I am currently dealing with DHS standard data sets of following surveys

1. Afghanistan 2015
2. India 2016
3. Maldives 2016
4. Nepal 2016
5. Pakistan 2018

I have gone through the DHS contraceptive calendar tutorial and have successfully created the event file as well. I am just confused regarding the coding of vcal\_1 and vcal\_2. Although it is given in the tutorial that what does each code stands for. But there are some survey specific codes too and I dont know what do they stand for. From where I can get this information?

Secondly, as I am dealing with different countries so is there any other important difference in coding of vcal\_1 and vcal\_2 that I need to be careful about?

Would be grateful if you can guide me on this.

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Subject: Re: coding for vcal\_1 and vcal\_2

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Wed, 23 Jun 2021 14:57:55 GMT

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Hi

For the survey-specific coding, go to the Contraceptive Calendar Tutorial, and under Programs you will find Survey-specific coding. You will find a link to Calendar recoding.do and Calendar recoding.sps, which provide survey-specific recoding of additional codes. This code is up to date at the time of writing in 2017, but may not have code for newer surveys.

A couple of codes to note:

In DHS6 and later surveys code "M" means "Other modern methods"

In DHS7 and later surveys code "E" means "Emergency contraception" and code "S" means "Standard days method".

If the coding in Calendar recoding.do/.sps does not provide you with the information needed, let us know specifically which codes for which surveys you need help with.

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