
Subject: Values Not in Documentation

Posted by [sophia.aye](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2021 23:46:02 GMT

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I have found two values in DHS-VII household recode data that I can't find in the documentation. I am consulting the DHS-VII Household Recode Map:

https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode7_Map_31Aug2018_DHSG4.pdf and the DHS-7 Guide to DHS Statistics:

https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide_to_DHS_Statistics_DHS-7_v2.pdf.

- In the Pakistan 2017/18 DHS Household Recode the variable HV201 ("Source of Drinking Water") includes the value 63, but this is not listed in the recode map. What does this value correspond to?

- In the Philippines 2017 DHS Household Recode the variable HV205 ("Type of Toilet Facility") includes the value 71, but this is not listed in the recode map. What does this value correspond to?

Both of the above columns contain the category "Other". Are you able to provide any insight into what types of water sources and toilet facilities might be included in the "Other" categories?

Thank you very much.

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Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 04 Oct 2021 20:32:20 GMT

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Please use the codebook (.map file) that are within the zip files you downloaded - open them in any text editor. The information you are looking for are there:

Pakistan 2017/18	HV201 ("Source of Drinking Water")	value 63	Filtration plant
Philippines 2017 DHS	HV205 ("Type of Toilet Facility")	value 71	Public toilet

Regarding the "other", these are response where it's possible that the interviewer didn't take enough time, or the household had more than one water source. Generally, at the time of closing the data processing activities for a survey, the "others" are analyzed and reclassified into existing categories; or into newly created ones if the number of cases for a category not included in the questionnaire is significant. There might be reasons for leaving some cases as "other".

It's suggested that you deal with "Other" by imputing the most common (modal) response in the cluster.

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Posted by [sophia.aye](#) on Wed, 06 Oct 2021 16:20:13 GMT

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Thank you very much!
