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Subject: MDD-W for Rwanda

Posted by [dennis](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2022 21:46:37 GMT

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Rwanda's 2019-2020 final report mentions that the woman's questionnaire includes "Women's minimum dietary diversity", which I assume is the MDD-W.

I can't find the data in the individual recode, where responses for questions V472\* ("Mother had...") are blank.

Were there questions asked about the foods that women ate in the survey?

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Subject: Re: MDD-W for Rwanda

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Fri, 22 Apr 2022 12:45:09 GMT

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Following is response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

I have looked at Chapter 11 on nutrition in the final report, the women's questionnaire in Appendix F, and the data file (RWIR81FL.dta). There is nothing on women's dietary diversity in any of these locations. Chapter 11 is limited to dietary diversity of children, the questionnaire only includes such questions for children, and v472\* is empty. If the final report suggests that such information was obtained, that's a mistake--but in a word search I couldn't find such a suggestion.

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Subject: Re: MDD-W for Rwanda

Posted by [dennis](#) on Wed, 27 Apr 2022 15:34:39 GMT

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In Rwanda's final report, Section 1.3 states that the Women's Questionnaire includes "Women's minimum dietary diversity".

Using the "survey search" on <https://dhsprogram.com>, The Gambia, Liberia, and Rwanda are listed as including MDD-W, but I can't find appropriate survey questions in the available data:

<https://dhsprogram.com/methodology/survey-search.cfm?sendsearch=1&selmodules=134&crt=1&listgrp=0>

Strangely, Nigeria 2018 and Tajikistan 2017 DHSs have MDD-W in their final reports, but these countries are not returned in results of the above search.

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Subject: Re: MDD-W for Rwanda

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 03 May 2022 14:06:34 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Lead Nutrition Research Associate, Rukundo Benedict:

The surveys you mentioned did not actually include the MDD questions. Thanks for asking about this--we will correct the list of survey characteristics.

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