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Subject: Household member record

Posted by [Ebenezer](#) on Fri, 29 Mar 2013 11:32:01 GMT

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1. What criteria was used in selecting an individual for the "individual interview?"
  2. How was the age calculated for the variable "HV105" in the household member record? This variable has 0, 1 and 2 etc imputed as ages of some household members. Are these the ages of those selected for the individual interview or they belong to someone else?
  3. Is the household member record different from the individual record? If they are not, then why are there 22255 observations in the household member record and 4916 observations in the individual record?
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Subject: Re: Household member record

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 09 Apr 2013 21:43:03 GMT

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Dear User,

Are you asking about a specific country?

Here is an overview of our Standard DHS Questionnaires (from our website)

<http://www.measuredhs.com/What-We-Do/Survey-Types/DHS-Questionnaires.cfm>

DHS Questionnaires Overview

Most country surveys collect information on basic demographic and health topics. The Core Questionnaires for MEASURE DHS emphasizes basic indicators and flexibility. In a majority of DHS surveys eligible individuals include women of reproductive age (15-49) and men age (15-59), or in some cases (15-54). In some countries only women are interviewed. Individual questionnaires include information on marriage, fertility, family planning, reproductive health, child health, and HIV/AIDS.

Each survey is different, with questions that diverge from the standard. The questionnaires used in one country, while containing essentially the same information, may be different in many ways from those used in another country. It is also important to understand that model questionnaires change frequently over time. For example, the DHS questionnaires have changed significantly since the first phase (DHS I). As a result, the model questionnaire has changed with each MEASURE DHS phase.

It was also recognized that some countries have a need for special information on topics that are not contained in the core questionnaires. To accommodate this need and to achieve some level of comparability across countries that applied them, optional Questionnaire Modules were developed on a series of topics.

You will find many answers to your questions in The Guide to DHS Statistics

[http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide\\_to\\_DHS\\_Statistics\\_29Oct2012\\_DHSG1.pdf](http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide_to_DHS_Statistics_29Oct2012_DHSG1.pdf)  
and the Standard Recode Manual

[http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6\\_DHS\\_22March2013\\_DHSG4.pdf](http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6_DHS_22March2013_DHSG4.pdf)

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Subject: Re: Household member record  
Posted by [Ebenezer](#) on Thu, 11 Apr 2013 09:31:34 GMT  
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Hi,

I was referring to the Ghana DHS 2008

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Household member record  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 2013 16:50:37 GMT  
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Dear User,

"Each household selected for the GDHS 2008 was eligible for interview with the Household Questionnaire. In half of the households selected for the survey, all women age 15-49 and all men age 15-59 were eligible to be interviewed if they were either usual residents of the households or visitors present in the household on the night before the survey." P5 of the final report [http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/FR221/FR221\[13Aug2012\].pdf](http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/FR221/FR221[13Aug2012].pdf).

Yes, the household member record is different from the individual record. Individual records have information linking them to a household, but they are two different records.

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