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Subject: Family Planning

Posted by [hassardsempra@gmail.com](mailto:hassardsempra@gmail.com) on Thu, 11 Aug 2022 11:32:37 GMT

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Hi Everyone, I am carrying out analysis of the calendar data for the 2011 and 2016 dataset and I am interested in the reasons of method discontinuation of each method. However, after creating the methods and reasons string variables I realised that codes do not match those in the tool. For example the contraceptive method list of codes I can see "123456789BCLMNPTW" in the data (2011) whereas the tool has "123456789JKLMXY".

Your help is welcome.

Thanks

Hassard

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Subject: Re: Family Planning

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Fri, 12 Aug 2022 20:51:10 GMT

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

For some general information about the calendar, we have the Contraceptive Calendar Tutorial at <https://www.dhsprogram.com/data/Calendar-Tutorial/index.cfm>. I assume you are familiar with that. For the interpretation of survey-specific codes, I usually am able to find them in the questionnaire. Go to the final reports on these surveys, the questionnaire in an appendix, and find the instructions for interviewers for filling in the calendar. Please let us know if this does not include the letters you are looking for.

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Subject: Re: Family Planning

Posted by [hassardsempra@gmail.com](mailto:hassardsempra@gmail.com) on Sat, 13 Aug 2022 11:05:32 GMT

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Dear Janet,

Thanks for the reply.

I am actually following the calendar data tutorial. The challenge is the codes in the calendar data to not match those in the questionnaires. When I substring the "vcal\_1 and vcal\_2" to get the method and reasons codes respectively below is what I get,

The methods and reasons codes in 2011 dataset are;

Method: 012356789BCLMNPTW ('4' is missing)

Reason: 12346789ACDFKW ('5' is missing)

The methods and reasons codes in 2016 dataset are;

Method: 012356789BCELMNPSTW ('4' is missing)

Reason: 12346789?ACDFKW ('5' is missing and ? is a code)

When you compare these codes with what in the questionnaire (see list below) they do not much.

List of codes (method and reason of discontinuation 2016)

0 NO METHOD  
1 FEMALE STERILIZATION  
2 MALE STERILIZATION  
3 IUD  
4 INJECTABLE  
5 IMPLANT  
6 PILLS  
7 CONDOM  
8 FEMALE CONDOM  
9 DIAPHRAM  
J FOAM /JELLY  
K LACTATIONAL AMENORRHEA METHOD  
L RHYTHM METHOD/MOONBEADS  
M WITHDRAW  
X OTHER MODERN METHOD  
Y OTHER TRADITIONAL METHOD

Reason for discontinuation

0 INFREQUENT SEX/HUSBAND AWAY  
1 BECAME PREGNANT WHILE USING  
2 WANTED TO BECOME PREGNANT  
3 HUSBAND/PARTNER DISAPPROVED  
4 WANTED MORE EFFECTIVE METHOD  
5 SIDE EFFECTS/HEALTH CONCERNS  
6 LACK OF ACCESS/TOO FAR  
7 COSTS TOO MUCH  
8 INCONVENIENT TO USE  
F UP TO GOD/FATALISTIC  
A DIFFICULT TO GET PREGNANT/MENOPAUSAL  
D MARITAL DISSOLUTION/SEPARATION  
X OTHER(SPECIFY)  
Z DON'T KNOW

List of codes (method and reason of discontinuation 2016)

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1 FEMALE STERILIZATION  
2 MALE STERILIZATION  
3 IUD  
4 INJECTABLE  
5 IMPLANT  
6 PILLS  
7 CONDOM  
8 FEMALE CONDOM

9 EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION  
J STANDARD DAYS METHOD/MOON BEADS  
K LACTATIONAL AMENORRHEA METHOD  
L RHYTHM METHOD  
M WITHDRAW  
X OTHER MODERN METHOD  
Y OTHER TRADITIONAL METHOD

Reason for discontinuation

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1 BECAME PREGNANT WHILE USING  
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Thanks  
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Subject: Re: Family Planning  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Thu, 01 Sep 2022 20:47:06 GMT  
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Thank you for submitting your question.

Could you please provide some more detailed information so we can better advise you?

Can you let us know:

- Which survey you are using (Include country name and year)?

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Posted by [hassardsempra@gmail.com](mailto:hassardsempra@gmail.com) on Thu, 15 Sep 2022 07:02:57 GMT  
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Dear Janet,  
Thanks for the reply. I am using UDHS (Uganda-DHS) for 2011 and 2016 data sets.

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