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Subject: Question about variables in Ethiopia 2016 dataset

Posted by [sdool](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2022 20:13:42 GMT

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Hi,

I am analyzing vaccination rates from the 2016 Ethiopia DHS dataset. While reviewing the data I was planning to use the h1-h80 variables, but I noticed at the end of the data set there are variable sh1-sm508va, which also contain vaccination data. I tried to reference the questionnaire to see what questions this information correlated to, but I could not find anything. Are these variables strictly related to what was documented at a health facility? Thank you so much for your help.

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Subject: Re: Question about variables in Ethiopia 2016 dataset

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2022 21:20:36 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Looking at the labels for these s\* variables, and then using keywords to search the women's questionnaire, it appears that most of the questions describe the mother and were part of the domestic violence module (for women with sviolen=1) or FGM module (for women with sfgm=1)--for example, the questions on fistula. These variables are copied from the IR file for mothers.

Many variables refer to children's immunizations, but they appear to be superfluous--that is, they match exactly with the usual variables. For example s1508b ("had BCG") is the same as h2 except that s1508b is coded NA (a dot) for most children. You would definitely want to use h2 rather than s1508b. The same applies to all the other s\* variables on immunizations.

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