Subject: Anemia

Posted by Damilola on Sun, 09 Apr 2023 14:49:55 GMT

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Hello Team,

I am writing to inquire about a potential gap in the data analysis I am conducting on hemoglobin levels using the 2015-2021 surveys. Specifically, I have noticed that the survey does not contain hemoglobin level data for children aged 10-14.

I would greatly appreciate your input on this matter. Is there a reason for this gap in the data, or could it possibly be an oversight on my part? Any advice or explanation you could provide would be most helpful.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Damilola Ibirogba

Subject: Re: Anemia

Posted by Janet-DHS on Tue, 11 Apr 2023 20:41:15 GMT

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

Users are asked to be specific about which surveys they are using. However, I can say that no DHS surveys have included hemoglobin measurements for children age 5-14. When hemoglobin is included, it's usually for children age 6-59 months and women age 15-49. Occasionally men are included, but not often.

DHS surveys contain information about child survival, schooling, household structure, and parental survival for children age 5-14, but not much else, and definitely no biomarkers.