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Subject: Maternal mortality in Ghana

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Dear DHS Experts, bless you. Please I am Ibrahim Anane, and I am working on "The Effect of Housing Quality on Maternal Mortality in Ghana" as my final year MPhil. thesis at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

Please I would like to ask for aid as per how I could access the maternal mortality data set for Ghana. Verily, I have asked about that before, but the data I received for the corresponding project created did not include the maternal mortality for Ghana - unlike the maternal mortality variable, the data I received contained the housing attributes I could use for my intended analysis.

Thank you in advance!

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Subject: Re: Maternal mortality in Ghana

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 11 Apr 2023 20:40:49 GMT

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

I have checked, and it appears that none of the DHS surveys in Ghana have included the module for estimating maternal mortality. One way to check this is to go to <http://www.statcompiler.com>, select Ghana, and try to get adult mortality rates. You get a message saying that such information is not available.

Even in countries that include the module, it would be difficult to connect maternal deaths with the quality of housing. The adult and maternal mortality estimates refer to siblings of the respondent, and we don't know much about the siblings. We don't know anything about their housing.

Perhaps you can use other indicators of maternal health. At an aggregate level, it is known that births are safer, for both the mother and child, if they take place in a facility and skilled birth attendants are present. (However, this can be difficult to analyze because women with problematic pregnancies may be more likely to be taken to a facility.) Good luck with your research.

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