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Subject: DHS phase in the 2014 Ghana DHS  
Posted by [Johanne Elgaard](#) on Fri, 14 Apr 2023 12:24:27 GMT  
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I'm having a bit of trouble figuring out which DHS phase the 2014 Ghana DHS is conducted under. The Stata file I have downloaded is called 72, indicating that is a DHS VII questionnaire. However when opening the Individual Recode Documentation attached to the data files, it says that it is a DHS-VI dataset. Can someone help me figure out the phase?

Thank you in advance

Best regards

Johanne Elgaard

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The "6" in the documentation means that this survey followed the DHS-6 standard recode, even though it is under the DHS "7" phase/contract. Many of the early surveys that have "7" as the 5th character in the filenames are actually DHS-6 surveys, in terms of the standard recode structure used. For most rounds of DHS, there is a lag of a couple of years between the beginning of a new phase/contract of DHS, which is determined by the dates of the contract with USAID, and the implementation of the new standards (recode programs) for that phase.

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Thank you so much for your reply. So I should follow the DHS VI Recode Manual?

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You are welcome. And yes, please use the DHS-VI Recode Manual.

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