Subject: "SH" Variables
Posted by evenetis on Mon, 21 Aug 2023 15:58:59 GMT
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I'm using the Household Member (PR) recode for the Rwanda 2019-2020 survey. There are a number of variables that begin with the code "sh", and I can't determine what that means. This code is not defined in the recode manual. For example,

Variable sh17b, "highest grade completed" has a total n of 42,937. While variable hv107, "highest year of education completed" has an n of 40,408. What is the difference between these two variables? What does the "sh" code mean -what respondents are/are not included in this variable?

Subject: Re: "SH" Variables
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Wed, 30 Aug 2023 20:05:41 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Most surveys include questions other than those in the core questionnaire or optional modules. Survey-specific variables from the household questionnaire have a variable name starting with "sh". "s" is used for survey-specific variables from the women's questionnaire and "sm" for survey-specific questions from the men's questionnaire.

Such questions can be preceded by a skip or filter, just like core questions. If a question is skipped, the variable gets a "Not applicable" code (a dot in Stata). For example, a question about schooling will not be asked about children who are younger than the entrance age for school.