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Subject: Ever use of contraception  
Posted by [mledger](#) on Fri, 13 Jun 2014 14:55:00 GMT  
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Hi,

I am using both English and French DHS reports to get information about seven west African countries. I am unable to find the percentage of ever use of a modern method of contraception for women in union for Burkina Faso and Senegal. Is there anywhere else I could find this out?

I was also interested in finding out about access to household durable goods. Only Guinea records the percentage of people with no access to household durable goods. Is this because in the other countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone) everyone has access to at least some durable goods. Nigeria also doesn't record number with no media access, is that because everyone has at least some access to media?

Any information would be most welcome, thanks.

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Subject: Re: Ever use of contraception  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 17 Jun 2014 20:18:09 GMT  
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Dear User,  
We are currently researching your post and will get back to you as soon as possible.  
Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Ever use of contraception  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 17 Jun 2014 22:00:34 GMT  
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Dear User,  
Here is a response from one of our experts, Dr. Shea Rutstein:  
"As to ever use of contraception, we no longer ask it in our core questionnaire. I checked on the MICS site, and they do not ask it either.

As to whether the household has any durable goods, I can't find any question in Guinea nor in the report where it says that a household has no durable goods. Durable goods asked vary by country and so such a comparison I think is invalid.

The Nigeria 2013 survey does ask the standard media questions. Report tables 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 give the exposure to mass media for both women and men (50 percent of women and 37 percent of men with no access)."

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Subject: Re: Ever use of contraception  
Posted by [mledger](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2014 16:13:57 GMT  
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Thank you for your responses, sorry to be discussing non-contraception related topics in this section.

That would explain it, as both those surveys are from 2010.

I think I may have misinterpreted Table 2.6 in Guinea 2005 as there is a list if durable goods and at the end it says "No access to any of the above" whereas none of the other DHS reports I looked at reported this. However, you are right and I should not be trying to make a comparison of this so thank you very much for pointing this out.

I was using the report from Nigeria 2008 as I started the analysis before the 2013 report was out. I we interested in this question because the reports report on different things some say 'no exposure to any media' (Ghana 2008, Guinea 2005, Mali 2006, Senegal 2010-11, Sierra Leone) as opposed to 'access to no media at least once a week' (Burkina Faso 2010, Nigeria 2008) and I wondered if this might be because in Burkina Faso and Nigeria everyone had access to media at least once a week but I think from your response I many not be able to draw this conclusion as it is probably only comparability/reporting issue rather than in interesting difference.

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