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Subject: Concerning some variables

Posted by [Rwenge](#) on Wed, 28 Aug 2024 16:37:38 GMT

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I have encountered problems using the DHS data on antenatal care.

What are the variables corresponding to these questions in the most recent DHS databases? In the DHS carried out in Cameroon and Chad, I could not find them.

How many times did you have a tetanus injection during this pregnancy?

During this pregnancy, have you had an injection in your arm to prevent the to prevent the baby from having tetanus, i.e. convulsions, after birth?

Have you ever had a tetanus injection before this pregnancy?

How often did you have a tetanus injection before this pregnancy?

Many thanks for your help.

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Subject: Re: Concerning some variables

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Thu, 05 Sep 2024 12:30:21 GMT

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

The easiest way to find these variables is to open the KR file (for example, CMKR81FL.dta) in Stata and enter "describe m\*" . The ANC variables usually begin with the prefix "m". You can find them in the IR file as well, but with subscripts \_1, \_2, etc., for the child's value of bidx (bidx=1 for the most recent birth, etc.). You could also find them with keywords such as "lookfor tetanus" or "lookfor visits".

I see that the tetanus variables are "NA" in the latest Cameroon survey (I did not check Chad). That means "Not Applicable"; the questions were dropped from the survey, but the variables are included with only a code of "." in the data files. The decision to omit tetanus and some of the other usual questions would have been made by the country staff, not by DHS staff.

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