
Subject: Fish consumption, DHS8

Posted by [Mark_H_22](#) on Fri, 06 Sep 2024 15:43:19 GMT

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Hello,

I am wondering about fish consumption in the DHS8 questionnaire, specifically in Senegal, Mauritania and Gambia.

I know that powdered fish or fish paste can often be added to dishes, however when asking about fish consumption for women or children, the DHS8 questionnaire states:

"please do not answer 'yes' for any food or ingredient only used in a small amount to add flavor to a dish"

So I would like to know:

- 1) is using fish powder/paste common in these countries?
- 2) would this be classed as fish consumption or not, due to being in small amounts/used as flavoring?

I was wondering if anyone involved in data collection in Senegal, Mauritania, or Gambia might know and be able to clarify this.

I am working on a study related to nutrition from fish, so this detail could be very important for interpreting these data.

Thank you.

File Attachments

1) [DHS8_women-food-consumption.png](#), downloaded 137 times

Subject: Re: Fish consumption, DHS8

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 10 Sep 2024 16:31:08 GMT

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

I believe that fish powder or paste is generally an additive, to add flavor, and it would not be counted as toward fish consumption in a DHS survey. I hope other users will comment on this.
