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Subject: DHS Variable m18 and m19 values meaning

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In the Nigeria DHS data (from 2003 to 2018), there is a variable noted as m18 which signifies the size of the child at birth and the summary shows a range of 1 to 9. Unfortunately, I am unsure on what the units are for this range (pounds, lbs, inches, etc) and cant seem to find this in the documentation anywhere.

Additionally, a variable, m19(\_1,2 depending on the respective child), shows birth weight in kilograms. This ranges from 500 to 9999 which seems surprising at first glance but I believe this is represented in grams and is meant to have a decimal to indicate 0.0500 and 0.999 kg - wanted to confirm if this is the right thinking or if there is something else to note here.

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