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Subject: What does a ".a" response indicate?

Posted by [emma](#) on Mon, 08 Sep 2014 20:40:00 GMT

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Hi,

I'm trying to create categories from the floor type, toilet quality, and water quality variables. In a number of surveys (so far Armenia 2000/2005/2010 and Bangladesh 2007/2011) I have encountered a response code of ".a" for the variables v116 (toilet) and v127 (floor). I have checked the IR MAP files for these surveys, and I cannot seem to find what ".a" represents. There are a substantial number of observations coded ".a" (up to ~10% of the sample), so I'd hate to simply recode them all to missing if it means something different.

Any advice/thoughts are appreciated. Thanks.

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Subject: Re: What does a ".a" response indicate?

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Mon, 08 Sep 2014 21:04:55 GMT

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These are missing values for women who were not usual residents of the household in which they were interviewed, but slept there the previous night (i.e. visitors to the household). If you wish to use the information about the toilet and the flooring of the household in which they were interviewed, you can find these in hv213 (flooring) and hv205 (type of toilet facility) in the household recode (HR) file.

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