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Subject: ORS and Zinc

Posted by [k Morris](#) on Fri, 19 Dec 2014 20:06:27 GMT

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I am currently trying to analyze percent of children given ORS AND Zinc using DHS datasets.

I realize some reports identify ORT and Zinc, but my analysis is specifically focused on ORS and Zinc, and therefore I am trying to use DHS Stata datasets.

However, I am encountering a few issues in identifying the correct indicator

1. Which recode do we think is most appropriate here? I was trying to use Children's recode, but understand that Individual recode may be more appropriate or available
2. I have noticed that the variable h13b seems to be the indicator--but I am often trying to summarize or tabulate that data to see what it looks like, and Stata reports back this data is 0 or missing; additionally, it says h13b\_1 through h13b\_6 at times, and I cannot tell from the recode or the data itself what these mean. I was even using datasets like Bangladesh 2011, when I know there are many respondents using ORS.

Could you please advise what variables I should be using and the recode? Thank you very much for your time and assistance.

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Subject: Re: ORS and Zinc

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Fri, 19 Dec 2014 21:32:55 GMT

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1) You should work with the Children's Recode (KR) file. If you use the IR file, the variables for each child are listed separately (e.g. h13b\_1 through h13b\_6 are for up to 6 separate children).

2) h13 is the variable for Oral Rehydration Solution

h13b is for pre-packaged ORS (if they exist in the country)

h15e is whether given zinc

Search the country specific variables too. For example in Bangladesh 2011, variable s522c is "given zinc syrup" and s522d is "given zinc tablet".

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Thank you Trevor! Will let you all know how our analysis works out.

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