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Subject: child mortality and maternal education

Posted by [zhuyilinwendy](#) on Wed, 08 Apr 2015 23:41:35 GMT

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Hi,

I am writing a dissertation on child mortality and maternal education.

However, regarding maternal education, I have some concerns as I am not sure which variable I should choose...

The section 'Household:Children Height/Weight/Hemoglobin' in standard record code manual shows:

HC60 Mother's line number from woman's questionnaire

HC61 Mother's highest educational level

HC62 Mother's highest year of education

BASE: Mothers with primary, secondary or higher education (HC61<> 0 and HC61<> missing)

Also, the section 'Individual(women's questionnaire): Respondent's basic data' shows that:

V106 Highest education level attended. This is a standardized variable providing level of education in the following categories: No education, Primary, Secondary, and Higher. In some countries the educational system does not fit naturally within this scheme and a different categorization was used for the Final Report. In this case, this variable is constructed as accurately as possible from the country's own scheme and the variable used for the Final Report is included as a country-specific variable.

V107 Highest year of education gives the years of education completed at the level given in V106.

BASE: All respondents except those answering "No education" or with missing data for V106 (V106 <> 0 & V106 <> 9).

I understand that women are not necessary the mothers....Therefore, in this case, should I use HC62 as my variable?? Otherwise, could you please suggest the better idea?

Thanks a lot.

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Subject: Re: child mortality and maternal education

Posted by [zhuyilinwendy](#) on Thu, 09 Apr 2015 15:04:34 GMT

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Hi,

I realise that if I want to study the relationship between maternal education and child mortality, I have to use individual dataset...

However, I am still struggling how to find mother's years of education instead of women's education as a general???

Thanks a lot,

Yilin

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Subject: Re: child mortality and maternal education  
Posted by [Sarah B](#) on Thu, 28 May 2015 02:07:26 GMT  
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Hi Yilin,

If you want to look at the mortality of children by the education of their mothers, you will probably want to use the data file in which each child, or birth, is a unit of analysis. That is the BR (births recode) file.

Education in single years is recorded in v133. See page 37 of the Recode Manual:

Quote:"V133 Education in single years. This variable is constructed from the educational level (V106)

and the grade at that level (V107) as follows:

V106 = > V133

0 = > 0

1 = > V107

2 = > V107+x

3 = > V107+y

9 = > 99

x = years to complete primary education

y = years to complete primary and secondary education

where both x and y are country-specific."

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Subject: Re: child mortality and maternal education  
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Good morning.

I wanted to know if it's by any chance possible to find out, through the variables contained in the dataset, what was the educational level of the mother when she gave birth to the child. I'm using Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey 2011.

Thanks in advance for any reply.

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