
Subject: location of child weight/height/mid arm circumference?

Posted by [DHS user](#) on Mon, 18 Feb 2013 21:42:05 GMT

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Where are the variables for child weight/height/mid arm circumference located in the data sets I downloaded? Thanks!

Subject: Re: location of child weight/height/mid arm circumference?

Posted by [Corey.sparks](#) on Tue, 19 Mar 2013 21:29:53 GMT

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in the children's recode file,
raw height is HW3,
raw weight is HW2 and I don't see an skinfold measure in the recode manual

Subject: Re: location of child weight/height/mid arm circumference?

Posted by [odary](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2014 19:41:55 GMT

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The USAID-NUT Division endorses this recommendation. We also suggest the inclusion of MUAC.

1. What is the information needed? Acute undernutrition may be underestimated if only w/h is assessed. Furthermore, MUAC is an additional indicator to validate wasting rates, which in some instances have been erroneous. Bilateral edema is important for identifying malnourished children even if the weight may be normal due to water accumulation.
 2. What questions will elicit this information? Determination of MUAC and bilateral edema by the surveyors.
 3. How will the resulting information be used? To complement and to corroborate information about wasting
 4. What is the priority? This suggestion has high priority to strengthen the validity of DHS results about wasting.
 5. Priority among several addition? NA
 6. Should the additional data be collected in all countries? Yes
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