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Subject: Fistula Module: Where?

Posted by [chopotin](#) on Mon, 01 Jun 2015 19:58:30 GMT

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Hello!

I am looking for the Fistula DHS module however am having some trouble. I was reading online that this has it's own module and I know this data is only collected for a subset of countries. Can someone direct me about where to go to find this module?

Thanks in advance for any help!

Leo

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Subject: Re: Fistula Module: Where?

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 01 Jun 2015 20:32:34 GMT

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Dear User,

The fistula module can be found on our website <http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsqm-dhs-questionnaires-and-manuals.cfm>

To find a list of surveys with questions on fistula or the fistula module, you can do a search from

our homepage <http://dhsprogram.com/> Under "Tools and Resources", Click on "Survey Search", Click on "Completed Surveys", Click "Select Survey Characteristics", Click on "Fistula". If you have additional questions, please feel free to post again. Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Fistula Module: Where?

Posted by [chopotin](#) on Mon, 01 Jun 2015 20:46:39 GMT

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Thanks so much Liz for such a quick reply! I will check it out and come back if I have more questions!

Leo

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Subject: Re: Fistula Module: Where?

Posted by [chopotin](#) on Tue, 02 Jun 2015 18:04:34 GMT

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Hi Liz,

Thanks for your previous help. I have another clarification question. Are the fistula questions inside the "Individual Module"?

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Can you tell if the fistula questions are in the "Individual Module" and what the variable names are in the datasets that have fistula questions?  
Thanks for all your previous and future help!

Leo

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Posted by [chopotin](#) on Tue, 02 Jun 2015 18:09:01 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Fistula Module: Where?  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 02 Jun 2015 21:36:02 GMT  
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Dear Leo,

I looked at the surveys containing fistula questions and came up with a list which is attached. If you hover over the comment's you will see the questions from the questionnaire. Currently, these variable are not assigned standard recode variables. In every case they are country specific. All our country specific (survey specific) variables start with the letter S. In most cases our country specific variables are labeled the same as in the questionnaire, except they begin with the letter S. For example: For Ethiopia DHS 2005 "Q1021 Have you ever heard of obstetric fistula (USE LOCAL TERM)? IF NO PROBE: Have you ever heard of a condition in which a woman continuously leaks urine and/or feces following childbirth?" would be called S1021 in the recode file. In general, Household country specific variables would start with SH. Woman with the letter S and Men's country specific variables with SM. I hope this helps. If you have additional questions, please feel free to post again. Thank you!

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### File Attachments

1) [Fistula\\_Completed\\_Surveys\\_2June2015\\_EB.xlsx](#), downloaded 687 times

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Subject: Re: Fistula Module: Where?  
Posted by [chopotin](#) on Wed, 03 Jun 2015 12:54:13 GMT  
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Thanks so much Liz! This is great!

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Subject: Re: Fistula Module: Where?  
Posted by [kingx025](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2018 04:00:17 GMT  
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For the 28 countries currently included in IPUMS-DHS (available at [idhsdata.org](http://idhsdata.org)), you can identify which samples included questions about fistula and what variables were included:  
[https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=fist\\_ula\\_gen](https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=fist_ula_gen)  
[https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=fist\\_ula\\_treat](https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=fist_ula_treat)  
[https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=fist\\_ula\\_signs](https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=fist_ula_signs)

These variables all had country-specific variable names in original DHS files; IPUMS-DHS has given them standard names and codes to increase comparability across samples. If you click on the name of variable, you can see detailed documentation on the variable, including codes and frequencies, who was asked the question (universe), and question wording. You can log in with your DHS email and password and make a customized dataset with the variables and samples you need for your research.

Miriam King

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