
Subject: Food insecurity variables
Posted by [DHS user](#) on Mon, 18 Feb 2013 23:00:41 GMT
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The Tanzania 2010 Full Report (p.29) describes some findings related to household food insecurity. However, I cannot seem to locate these variables in the data. I have downloaded the Stata versions of the household recode (TZHR60DT), individual recode (TZIR60DT), and male recode (TZMR60DT) but I cannot seem to find any variables related to food insecurity. Can you please point me in the right direction?

Subject: Re: Food insecurity variables
Posted by [ahancy](#) on Tue, 19 Mar 2013 05:19:23 GMT
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What variables of insecurity do you want?

Subject: Re: Food insecurity variables
Posted by [Kerry](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 13:28:39 GMT
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I haven't worked specifically on the Tanzania dataset, but I always refer to the country questionnaire that is published as an appendix in the final report when I have questions like these. It seems that the food intake questions (if that's what you're looking for for "food insecurity") was asked of the household respondent, so I would look for the corresponding variables in the household recode file. They were questions 116-129, so the variable naming convention likely refers to those numbers in some way. I'd use Stata's lookfor command to search for those numbers or key words in the questions, since some variation of those are used for variable labels.

Alternately, there may have been some food intake questions that were asked of individuals near the anthropometry section that would be found in the individual (woman's, man's or child) recode files, but I haven't looked, not even to see who was sampled for anthropometry in this survey.

Subject: Re: Food insecurity variables
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 22 Apr 2013 14:57:31 GMT
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The documentation which comes with the downloaded datasets contains a Word document which gives the specifics about each data set. It includes the country specific variables. In this case they are all in the Household as start with SH in the recode data file. I have attached the file. Here are the specific questions from the questionnaire, in the recode data file the variables start with SH. For example QH116 would be SH116:

QH116 Now I would like to ask you about the food your household eats How many meals does your household usually have per day?

QH117 In the past week, on how many days did the household eat meat?

QH118 In the past week, on how many days did the household eat fish?

QH119 How often in the last year did you have problems in satisfying the food needs of the household?

QH120 How far is it to the nearest health facility? (WRITE '00' IF LESS THAN ONE KILOMETRE) IF MORE THAN 95 KM, WRITE 95)

QH121 If you were to go to (NAME OF HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTRE, or HEALTH POST), how would you go there?

QH122 Did anyone in the household prepare ugali with maize flour in the past 7 days?

QH123 Where did you get the maize flour?

QH124 Where did you buy the maize flour?

QH125 What brand did you buy?

QH126 Did your household use oil to cook with in the past 7 days?

QH127 What kind of oil was it?

QH128 Where did you get the oil?

QH129 What brand did you buy?

File Attachments

1) [TZIR62.doc](#), downloaded 1633 times
