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Subject: Village codes for educational facility in 1992 and 1998

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I am currently working on the 1992 and 1998 DHS survey data for India. In 1992, in the village file, there is a variable v15 - education facilities in village (Yes/No) and v15D - Distance nearest facility kms.

I need the equivalent variables in the 1998 dataset. In the 1998 village file, there is just 1 variable v13A, which is distance to Education Facility (Primary school). When I tabulate this variable, I am unable to understand the meaning of the coded numbers used.

e.g Of the 2550 villages, 1,959 are coded as 95. The label says 95 = facility in village. I am not sure what 95 actually means and couldn't find documentation on this either. What does facility in village mean for a variable that specifies distance to education facility? Further, 0 is also coded as facility in village. Are these 2 equivalent to 0 = No primary school and 95 = yes primary school present? If that is the case, then what does answers e.g 1, 2,...29, 40, 45, ...64, 90, 94 mean here? I have pasted the tabulated table below.

Please clarify.

Many thanks

Ragini

Note:

0: facility in village

95: facility in village

Dist to educ fac.

(primary school) freq

0 238

2 86

3 31

4 16

5 25

6 5

7 1

8 2

9 1

10 6

11 1

12 6

13 1

15 3

16 1

18 1

25 1

29 2

40 1

45 1  
53 1  
54 2  
62 1  
90 7  
94 1  
95 1,959  
98 1  
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Total 2,550

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Following is a response from Senior Data Processing Specialist, Nouredine Abderrahim:

The village questionnaires in India 1992 and 1998 are not the same. In 1992, the education facilities are all called V15. However, the index that accompany the variable V15 indicates which education facility is concerned. V15\$1 is primary school (V13A in 1998), V15\$2 is middle school (V13B in 1998), ...

The distance asked is the distance from the village to the facility, which might be in another location than the village interviewed. 1 is 1 km from the village, 29 is 29 km from the village,... 95 and 0 mean the same thing: that the facility is located inside the village not outside. They both mean 0 km from the village.

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