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Subject: Mothers still breastfeeding variable  
Posted by [Asnrakoto](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2016 21:26:45 GMT  
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Hello team,  
I am working with the Madagascar DHS 2009.  
I am just wondering what was the question asked for the variable V404: "Mothers currently breastfeeding". Is it the index child or just a child in the household?  
Also, I just wanted to confirm that the data in the child dataset is about any child in the household that was younger than 5 years at the time of the survey, not the youngest child younger than 5 years. IS that correct?  
Thank you!  
Hasina

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Subject: Re: Mothers still breastfeeding variable  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Fri, 22 Apr 2016 22:31:11 GMT  
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A response from one of our data processing experts, Mr. Nouredine Abderrahim:

Quote: The variable V404 is extracted from the variable M4 for the last born child. Following is the code to create M4:

```
{ M4 - Duration of breastfeeding }  
if Q460 = missing then      { missing }  
    M4(i) = missing;  
elseif Q460 = 2 then        { never breastfed }  
    M4(i) = 94;  
elseif Q465 = 1 then  
    M4(i) = 95;              { still breastfeeding }  
else  
    M4(i) = Q466;  
endif;
```

Quote:

As it is shown in the coding, the information on breastfeeding is collected for all children under five years of age born to the mothers who were interviewed not from the households.

The distributed children's data file includes the children whose mothers were interviewed not the children of the households. These children could be listed in the household schedule but not all of them. The children included are dead children, children living elsewhere, in addition to the children of living in the household .

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