Subject: EDHS 2011 Questions about variables
Posted by Hanu on Mon, 11 Jul 2016 10:34:42 GMT
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Hello,

I am using the Ethiopian DHS 2011 birth Recode File, and I am having some trouble recoding the variables m71 (time after delivery postnatal check took place). The DHS guide doesn't provide any information on what numbers were used to code the time. For instance when you do "tab m71" in the first two lines it gives the frequency for the times "immediately/in first hour" and hours:1....but then it goes on to give the numbers 102-109, 112....etc, but there is no indication of what these numbers stand for and I was hoping to get some clarification on that.

Thank you,

Kind Regards,

Hanu

Subject: Re: EDHS 2011 Questions about variables
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Mon, 11 Jul 2016 16:05:11 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Data Processing Specialist, Noureddine Abderrahim:

The variable M71 in the Ethiopia DHS 2011 comes from two questions in the survey 443 units and 443 numbers. Q.443 units takes one digit and Q.443 numbers takes two digits (see the questionnaire in the final report of the survey:
https://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-FR255-DH S-Final-Reports.cfm). Both answers, units and numbers, were combined into one variable, M71. The first digit is for the digits, hours, days.. and the two following digits are the numbers of these hours, days,.. . For example, the answer to question 443 is 1 day. The units for this example is 2 and the numbers are 1. In the questionnaire, 2 followed by 1 are written in the paper questionnaire. In the recode data file, M71 is coded as follows: 201. For more information on some codes used for the variables of the recode data file, please consult the DHS Recode Manual.