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Subject: Source of FP method question on Ethiopia 2000 survey

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Hello,

I am trying to determine whether the Ethiopia 2000 questionnaire includes a question on the FIRST or the CURRENT source of the respondent's current method of contraception. The only source question in the contraception section of the questionnaire reads:

319A: "Where did you obtain (CURRENT METHOD) when you started using it the last time?"

The phrasing is bit unusual--the question could be asking for either the woman's FIRST SOURCE for her method ("when you started using it") or her CURRENT SOURCE ("the last time"). Question 319A is adjacent to a question most often seen in questionnaires asking for FIRST SOURCE of the method: 319B "Where did you learn to use (CURRENT METHOD)?" [e.g. for periodic abstinence]. However, I have yet to see a DHS that does not ask for the respondent's CURRENT source of FP, so Ethiopia 2000 would be very unusual if it is asking only for FIRST source.

Finally, the Ethiopia 2000 dataset contains two variables regarding source of the respondent's current contraceptive method: v326 (last source for current users) and v3a07 (first source for current method). As only one FP source question was asked and the two variables contain the exact same responses, it seems that perhaps one variable was generated by duplicating the responses to the other.

How do others interpret the phrasing of question 319A? Is the Ethiopia 2000 survey asking for first or current source of the respondent's family planning method?

Many thanks for your help,  
Emma

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Subject: Re: Source of FP method question on Ethiopia 2000 survey

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2016 16:09:57 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Stata Specialist, Lindsay Mallick:

You are correct that the questionnaire asks in question 319A where the respondent obtained their current contraceptive the LAST time. This question should have been asked only of those who were using a modern method. I would interpret this to mean where the respondent obtained their current contraception during the most recent time, or their current source. I would not interpret question 319B to be asking about first source. This question is asked only of women using traditional or other methods, a filter from question 312. It appears the Ethiopia 2000 DHS does not ask about first source of modern method, as far as I can see.

To the second issue, v326 and v3a07 are exactly the same, except for the variable label, where v3a07 reads first source and v326 reads last source. Since there are no questions asking of first source, I believe that the label for v3a07 is incorrect.

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