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Subject: info on distance to health facility in Standard DHS?

Posted by [MBruederle](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2016 10:20:36 GMT

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Hello,

In the Standard DHS datasets I cannot find any information on distance or travel time from the household to the nearest health facility. Am I missing something or is that information really not available?

Best regards

Anna

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Subject: Re: info on distance to health facility in Standard DHS?

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 21 Dec 2016 20:51:54 GMT

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Dear User, The standard DHS questionnaires do not include this question. If you are not finding information in the data sets you have looked at, then most likely the question was not asked. I found Liberia DHS 2013 which did ask that question in the household "QH125 What is the distance from your home to the nearest health facility?". In Liberia DHS 2013 the question was recoded as a country specific variable. Most surveys will not have this question. The surveys which may have this will code as country specific. In the case of Liberia DHS 2013, QH125 was recoded as SH125. Country specific variables usually take the question of QHnn for household, Qnn for individual woman, QMnn for individual man and recode as SHnnn, Snn, SMnn where the nn is the question number in the questionnaire. Therefore, if asked in other surveys, the nn part would most likely be a different number. For example: In Liberia DHS 2013, the question was QH125 in the household questionnaire so the country specific variable is SH125. In another survey it might be QH113 so the recoded variable would be SH113. In most cases it has not been asked. I am attaching a spreadsheet with a few surveys I found related to "time and distance to health facility."

Thank you!

#### File Attachments

1) [Distance\\_to\\_Health\\_Facility\\_EB\\_09Dec2016.xlsx](#), downloaded 573 times

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Subject: Re: info on distance to health facility in Standard DHS?

Posted by [MBruederle](#) on Mon, 09 Jan 2017 15:35:02 GMT

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Thank you very much for this information, much appreciated.

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Subject: Re: info on distance to health facility in Standard DHS?

Posted by [kingx025](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2018 06:05:58 GMT

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I am seeing country-specific variables on distance to the nearest health facility in both the 2010 and the 2015 Tanzanian DHS surveys.

Miriam King

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