Subject: Child gender in DHS Ethiopia 2011
Posted by M.W. on Tue, 28 Mar 2017 18:48:06 GMT
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Is there someone doing something related to the child gender in Ethiopia 2011? In the raw data, the child sex is coded as

```
b4                                                    sex of child
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            type:  numeric (byte)
           label:  b4
           range:  [1,2]              units:  1
   unique values:  2              missing .:  0/11,654
       tabulation:  Freq.   Numeric    Label
              5,987      1    male
              5,667      2    female
```

I got very unexpected results, i.e., girls are better nourished than boys, this does not agree with any former studies...
Would you help to confirm the value code? Anyone deal with child gender before?
Thank you all.

Subject: Re: Child gender in DHS Ethiopia 2011
Posted by Liz-DHS on Tue, 28 Mar 2017 19:30:24 GMT
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Dear User,
Can you please be more specific about your query. The standard recode manual labels for B4 Sex of child are correct.
1 is male
2 is female

Our Standard Recode manual can be found here:http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-DHSG4-DHS-Questionna ires-and-Manuals.cfm
We now have a series of YouTube videos to help our users https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLagqLv-gqpTMU3avlnBDodTWCazUR y4CT

The video series covers making sure you have the correct....
Video 1: Data File and Denominator
Video 2: Variables
Video 3: Recoding and Weights
Video 4: Software Specific Codes and Tabulation Commands

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Posted by M.W. on Tue, 28 Mar 2017 20:28:15 GMT

Liz,

To be specific about my query, I am working on a study to compare the malnutrition status for boys and girls and I found that girls' nutrition status is better than boys, that puzzled me, as in most developing countries, boys are usually better treated.
Just want to confirm that the label for b4 is correct, I think you have answered my question and now I need to find other explanation about my results.

Thank you very much.

M.W.

Subject: Re: Child gender in DHS Ethiopia 2011
Posted by Liz-DHS on Tue, 28 Mar 2017 22:15:53 GMT

Dear User,
I was curious about your findings so reached out to a colleague, Mr. Trevor Croft (technical expert):
Quote:

If you look at stunting and wasting in STATcompiler, boys are worse off in Ethiopia than girls in all 3 surveys.