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Subject: Coding of Responses

Posted by [DHS user](#) on Thu, 15 Jun 2017 18:34:00 GMT

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For the DHS questionnaires I have noticed that the responses are primarily coded with numbers but some are coded with letters -- like the following question: "What do you usually do to make the water safer to drink?" Boil = A; add bleach = B, etc. Why do you use letters rather than numbers for some questions?

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Subject: Re: Coding of Responses

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 15 Jun 2017 18:34:57 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Project Director, Sunita Kishor:

Alphabets are used for multiple response questions (respondent can provide more than one answer), and numbers are used for single, unique response questions.

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