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Subject: Question about immunization tables

Posted by [DHS user](#) on Thu, 21 Feb 2013 19:58:00 GMT

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I've been looking at the immunization tables in the DHS. Why do the tables only contain ages 12 to 24 months? I understand why you wouldn't show below a year old but is there anything wrong with the data for 3 to 4 year olds?

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Subject: Re: Question about immunization tables

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 21 Feb 2013 19:58:51 GMT

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Here is a response from one of our experts Joy Fishel, that should answer your question.

We focus on the 12-23 month group in part because the indicators for UNICEF and MDG4 use this age group. This represents the youngest cohort of children who are eligible to have received all basic immunizations (except in countries where measles is given at 12 months or later, in which case the reporting age is adjusted). Therefore, coverage among this group will be the best indicator of recent program performance. In addition, the data quality for this group is likely to be highest because (1) immunization cards will be retained for more of these children and (2) recall errors will be less since the immunizations were received most recently for this group.

We do show immunization data on all children 12-59 months, broken down by single year of age, in standard table 10.4 "Immunization in the first year of life".

I hope this helps.

Bridgette-DHS

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