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Subject: question on postnatal care in Ethiopia 2016 DHS  
Posted by [Yohannes2017](#) on Tue, 22 Aug 2017 09:03:40 GMT  
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Which variable in the 2016 Ethiopian DHS is used to estimate women's postnatal care, or check up after delivery? In the older surveys, this was m50\_1, but this variable is no more in the new data set. Please advise. Thank you!  
Yohannes

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Subject: Re: question on postnatal care in Ethiopia 2016 DHS  
Posted by [gizachew](#) on Thu, 24 Aug 2017 00:55:24 GMT  
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I am adding a question on this,

As Yohannes pointed out here, the variable m50\_1 is not available this time. However, there appears to be a variable m71\_1 as "time after delivery postnatal check took place" yet, I can replicate the findings reported in the EDHS 2016 report. This time I am getting lesser than 17%. Also, I am not quite sure, if m66\_1 (respondent's health checked after discharge/delivery at home) can serve to define the postnatal care. the latter seemed that it did not show those clients who gave birth at facility.

Gizachew

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Subject: Re: question on postnatal care in Ethiopia 2016 DHS  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 24 Aug 2017 14:33:21 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Specialist, Ladys Ortiz:

As part of the changes of the DHS woman questionnaire for phase 7, variables m50, M51 and M52 were removed. Woman's postnatal checkup information can now be found in variables M62 and M66. M62 had information for women with delivery at a health facility and M66 for women with delivery at home.

Concerning the numbers you can't replicate, it will be very useful if you'd make reference to the table number (s) you are trying to match in the final report.

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Subject: Re: Postnatal care and timing in Ethiopia 2016 DHS

Posted by [gizachew](#) on Fri, 25 Aug 2017 00:39:27 GMT

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Thanks Bridgette and Ladys Ortiz,

Thanks for your quick responses. I have now created the postnatal care variable by combining m62 and m66. I have got a bit closer finding with the EDHS report, but not exactly the same. While the EDHS has reported a sample of 4308 for those women who gave birth in the last 2 years, I have found 4489 samples after doing (drop if v222>=25).

I am also not sure which variable can be used for postnatal timing. I am presuming that m71 is for the newborns although it does have only few observations. I am observing a total of 632 women with a information for "time after delivery postnatal check took place". Would you assist please.

Here is the code I am intending to use for postnatal care services

```
gen pnc=.
replace pnc=0 if m62_1==0|m66_1==0
replace pnc=1 if m62_1==1|m66_1==1
lab var pnc "pnc services"
lab def pnc 0 "no PNC" 1 "Yes PNC"
lab val pnc pnc
ta pnc [iw=wt]
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Thanks,  
Gizachew

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Subject: Re: Postnatal care and timing in Ethiopia 2016 DHS

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 25 Aug 2017 12:11:14 GMT

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You are welcome! Please specify the table number(s) that you are trying to replicate, so Ladys can better assist you.

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Subject: Re: question on postnatal care in Ethiopia 2016 DHS

Posted by [gizachew](#) on Fri, 25 Aug 2017 13:59:32 GMT

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I am dealing with Table 9.12

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Subject: Re: question on postnatal care in Ethiopia 2016 DHS

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 25 Aug 2017 15:10:57 GMT

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Following is another response from Senior DHS Specialist, Ladys Ortiz:

Please use variable B19 to filter children in the last 2 years. B19 is an addition (new variable) to the DHS 7 recode data.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: question on postnatal care in Ethiopia 2016 DHS

Posted by [gizachew](#) on Sat, 26 Aug 2017 13:29:15 GMT

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Thanks so much,

However, my filter using b19 has provided the same result with v222. I have got a weighted sample of 4889 despite 4308 sample have been reported in EDHS 2016.

I would also appreciate if you be able to address my concerns about the Postanata timing

Best,  
Gizachew

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Subject: Re: question on postnatal care in Ethiopia 2016 DHS

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2017 14:51:20 GMT

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Following is another response from Senior DHS Specialist, Ladys Ortiz:

Your number of children does not match with the report because you are selecting children 0-24 months old, instead of children 0-23 months.

The timing is coming from M63 and M67.

The provider is coming from M64 and M68.

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Subject: Re: question on postnatal care in Ethiopia 2016 DHS

Posted by [gizachew](#) on Mon, 04 Sep 2017 05:18:21 GMT

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Thanks so much for the guidance

Best

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