
Subject: Phase for survey and recode not the same
Posted by [cportner](#) on Tue, 27 Mar 2018 00:07:21 GMT
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Hello,

I was wondering why the name of some surveys indicates that they belong to one phase number, but the recode number is different? For example, the 1997 Senegal DHS is listed (and named) as phase III, but the recode is phase II. I was using the file names to automatically select which variables are kept, but that approach does not work if the phase number and recode numbers are not the same.

If the file names do not reflect the phase format that the data are in, that might be worthwhile highlighting on the page describing the naming system.

All the best,

Claus

Subject: Re: Phase for survey and recode not the same
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The phase is the contract/round under which the survey was collected (currently DHS I through DHS VII).

The recode number does not identify the phase. It's the "data structure" that was used for the recoding of the survey (currently Recode 1 through Recode VII).

Also, see variables: HV000/V000/MV000: The 1st 2 characters are an alphabetic country code and the third character indicates the format/structure of the recode data file.
