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Subject: Missing anthropometry data for African countries

Posted by [ifeomaozo](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2018 00:15:20 GMT

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Hi there, I observed that 22 countries out of the 34 SSA countries I am working with have 50% or more of the BMI data missing for adult females. I am aware that in these countries BMI data was collected by randomly sampling a smaller subset of the larger DHS sample. However, I was wondering why fewer people were sampled for BMI in recent years. Is it due to reasons of cost or something else?

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Subject: Re: Missing anthropometry data for African countries

Posted by [fredarnold](#) on Wed, 24 Oct 2018 17:24:24 GMT

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Subsamples are used for questions or biomarkers in many DHS surveys for a variety of reasons, including cost savings, ensuring data quality by reducing the total interview time, the lack of a need of estimates of certain indicators at the lowest administrative level, or the fact that similar information was recently collected in another survey.

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