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Subject: Divorce and Domestic Violence

Posted by [ds1521](#) on Sat, 07 Sep 2019 03:33:18 GMT

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Hi!,

Hope someone can help me. I am working on Rwanda DHS 2010. If a divorced woman answered dv past 12months question and divorced 3 years ago for instance, are we seeing the dv in her last year of marriage? What should be interpreted for the divorced women who experienced DV 12 months ago. All of them are divorced in the last 12 months and they experienced dv in those months OR are they referring to their experience during their last year of their marriage?

Thanks!

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Subject: Re: Divorce and Domestic Violence

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 09 Sep 2019 19:28:10 GMT

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Dear User, a response from senior analyst, Dr. Kerry MacQuarrie:

"DHS questionnaires do not gather data on timing of marital dissolution. So, in your example, if a woman divorced 3 years ago, we would not know that information.

Questions DV04 and DV05 refer to the most recent husband/partner of divorced women.

Assuming the example of a woman who divorced 3 years ago, she would provide a yes answer to DV04A or DV05A (ever) if she experienced violence during the marriage, but would be coded as "not in the last 12 months" for DV04B or DV05B (how often in the last 12 months). Conversely, if a divorced woman answers "often" or "sometimes" to DV04B or DV05B, we can surmise that she was married for at least some portion of the last 12 months, but we don't know exactly when the divorce occurred."

Hope this helps.

Thank you!

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