

The model question for the variable should not be filtered by any preceding question.

The intermediate category 'fair' should be translated into an appropriately neutral term as far as possible keeping in mind cultural interpretations in the various languages.

The MEHM could be introduced to respondents using a short introduction: 'I would now like to talk to you about your health'.

The reference question is recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the wording is as follows: 'How is your health in general? Is it... very good, good, fair, bad, very bad'.