Useful links

1. For general information on the calendar data, how it’s created, stored, its limitations, etc. see DHS Contraceptive Calendar Tutorial, particularly Modules 1 and 2: <https://www.dhsprogram.com/data/calendar-tutorial/>. A pdf copy of the tutorial is in **\staff\maryia\IPUMS\_DHS\resources\DHS-Contraceptive-Calendar-Tutorial.pdf** – check out pages 1-28.
2. Survey-specific resources. These include DHS Final reports and Individual Recode Documentation that can be obtained by downloading IR data from the DHS website directly. In addition, the following materials are available in **\staff\maryia\IPUMS\_DHS\country specific codes\:**
   1. **final reports.docx** – a document Amber has been working on that contains screenshots of calendar questionnaires from the Final Reports.
   2. **Country\_specific\_codes.txt** - known country-specific codes for vcal\_1 and vcal\_2. These codes were documented by Trevor Croft from DHS.
   3. For samples not accounted by Trevor, Amber has also been documenting country-specific codes. See **country\_specific\_cal\_vars.xlsx** and note there are two sheets – vcal\_2 and vcal\_2 in the spreadsheet.
   4. **Instructions.docx** – explains how to obtain and document country-specific codes.
3. Notes on the number of original calendar columns and inconsistencies **X:\staff\maryia\IPUMS\_DHS\resources\sample notes.docx.**
4. **X:\staff\maryia\IPUMS\_DHS\calendar\_example\Calendar variables description.docx** contains description of specific calendar columns and documents all codes used for vcal\_1 and vcal\_2, including country-specific codes. This document should be used when assigning a number (code) to a new country-specific variable. Note that for Egypt, for example, I’ve been trying to assign numbers that are consistent among the surveys.
5. Academic papers based on the DHS calendar data can be found in X:\staff\maryia\IPUMS\_DHS\Reproductive calendar lit review. Short summaries of these papers are in **Contraceptive calendar papers.docx,** in the same folder. Perhaps this is not useful for processing calendar data per se but it provides an example of how researchers have used the data.