Mortality Levels, Patterns and Trends at INDEPTH Sites: Work Progress Update

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• Commissioned in 2007.



Mandate

To produce a second edition of the INDEPTH Network mortality monograph.



Tasks....

- Issue call for site participation;
- Request for mortality data;
- Co-ordinate cleaning and analysis of pooled data;
- Provide sites with standardised mortality tables and indicators for site-specific chapters;
- Write up key cross-site monograph chapters and produce book draft.



Initial Response.... 1

• Disappointing up to December 2007!!



Progress hampered by poor showing;



Initial Response.... 2

- Subsequent appeals and calls issued;
- Workshop on data extraction, cleaning and analysis for participating sites – June 2010 in Accra.
- Presentation of preliminary results by Sam Clark at various for a to stir up interest.



Where are we now?

• Improved response rate!!!



- Data queries sorted / are being finalised;
- Cleaned, pooled master dataset to be produced this week.



What next?

- Analysis workshop, 1st 6th October, 2010;
- Agreed timeline:
 - Send derived mortality tables and indicators to sites - 31-10-2010;
 - Finish cross-site analyses and draft chapters 31-12-2010;
 - Receive site chapters and collate first draft of book 31-03-2011;
 - Latest date to receive book draft from INDEPTHappointed reviewers - 31-07-2011;
 - Submit for publication 01-09-2011.



The Available Data - 1

- Individual-level exposure data with the following attributes:
 - site name
 - individual identifier (anonymized)
 - sex
 - date of birth
 - date of death
 - observation start date
 - observation end date
- Possible for an individual to contribute more than one exposure interval.



The Available Data - 2

- Evaluated for validity and consistency by ensuring:
 - valid, meaningful dates;
 - valid, meaningful codes;
 - consistency across multiple records for individuals;
 - plausibility of age pattern of mortality and expectation of life at birth;
 - consistency of age pattern compared to median age pattern across the whole data set;



PART 1: Mortality levels, trends and patterns at INDEPTH Sites: Co-ordinator: Editorial Team

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Mortality and mortality research in developing countries.
- Chapter 3: Quality of DSS data and other sources of mortality data.



Section 1: Childhood Mortality: Co-ordinator: Momodou Jasseh

- Chapter 4: Levels, trends and differentials of childhood mortality at INDEPTH Sites.
- Chapter 5: Age pattern of mortality in childhood.
- Chapter 6: Causes of death in childhood.



Section 2: Adult Mortality: Co-ordinator: Ayaga Bawah

- Chapter 7: Adult mortality levels, trends and differentials at INDEPTH Sites.
- Chapter 8: Pattern of mortality in adulthood.
- Chapter 9: Causes of adult deaths at INDEPTH Sites.



Section 3: Life Table Representation of Mortality at INDEPTH Sites: Co-ordinator: Sam Clark

- Chapter 10: Life table methodology
- Chapter 11: Model life tables based on contemporary mortality experiences at INDEPTH Sites.



PART 2: Mortality experiences of INDEPTH Sites: Co-ordinator: Osman Sankoh

- Chapters 12 - 44: Site-specific mortality articles.



Other Outputs

- At least three publications in high impact journals:
 - Description of data, characterization of mortality levels and trends and cross-site comparisons:
 - In childhood;
 - In Adulthood.
 - Identification of underlying age patterns of mortality and INDEPTH model life tables.



Thank You!!!

