
Subject: Linking SPA & DHS data
Posted by [Mercysh](#) on Mon, 04 Jan 2016 06:04:48 GMT
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Compliments of the season.

I am using sample domain linkage for linking Malawi 2010 DHS and 2013/4 SPA data. My analysis is at district level. I want to drop Likoma district, an island, and my problem is that in the DHS data is combined with Nkhata Bay, another district.

Please advise how I can go around the problem.

Thank you

Subject: Re: Linking SPA & DHS data
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 12 Jan 2016 07:48:45 GMT
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Dear User,

Thank you for your warm greetings. Your query has been submitted to our subject experts. As soon as we have a response we will post. In the meantime, you may find this post useful:

http://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&th=4464&goto=7057&S=a71cec2b8c6a9cc3d2979752a48f4393#msg_7057

Thank you!

Subject: Re: Linking SPA & DHS data
Posted by [Matt-DHS](#) on Tue, 09 Feb 2016 20:08:31 GMT
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Unfortunately the sample was designed to only provide representative indicators for the combination of those two districts, so there is no way to split Likoma from Nkhata Bay using the representative indicators. If it is feasible to drop Nkhata Bay as well, you could drop the entire combination, but not just Likoma itself. GPS data are available for the Malawi 2010 DHS and the 2013-14 SPA surveys, which may allow you to do analysis on a scale different than the representative regions used for the survey. Guidance on how to use the GPS data within your analysis is available in our SAR8 report (<http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-SAR8-Spatial-Analysis-Reports.cfm>).
