
Subject: Re: Recalculating and comparing Wealth Index for Ghana

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 17 Feb 2014 18:12:13 GMT

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Dear User,

Here is a response from one of our experts, Dr. Shea Rutstein:

1. The wealth index variables and their coefficients are attached.
2. The link between the wealth index scores files and the data files is the household identification. Each respondent in a household has the same wealth index score and quintile. To link between the household data file and the wealth index score file, you can use the HHID variable in the HH data file and the WHHID in the wealth index score file. These variables need to be in the same format (usually alphanumeric of 12 characters in length). Generally, the HHID is made up of the cluster number (HV001) and the household number (HV002). The individual identification CASEID has the household member line number of the respondent added to the household id and is generally alphanumeric of 15 characters in length. To match with individual data, you could trim the last 3 characters from CASEID or reconstruct HHID from V001 and V002. In a few surveys, an additional variable will need to be used but not in Ghana 1993 and 1998. Inspect the created variable to see if it matches the WHHID variable. You may have to add/trim spaces at the beginning or the end and the created id variable should have the same length as WHHID.

Thank you!

File Attachments

- 1) [Copy of Ghana 2003.xlsx](#), downloaded 1938 times
- 2) [Copy of Ghana 2008.xlsx](#), downloaded 2156 times
- 3) [Ghana 1993.xlsx](#), downloaded 2261 times
- 4) [Ghana 1998.xlsx](#), downloaded 2092 times
