
Subject: Re: Complex samples

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1) IPUMS DHS data are restructured and reformatted versions of the original DHS datasets. The datasets will look a little different, but the results that you can produce from each of the datasets would be the same. The major advantage of the IPUMS datasets is when working with multiple surveys across multiple countries and years as the variable coding has been harmonized so that the coding of categories are consistent across surveys. IPUMS also permits you to create a single customized dataset of data from multiple surveys, but only of the variables that you select. If you are only working with one dataset (Ethiopia DHS 2016) there is no real advantage of using the IPUMS version.

2) You will find a simple example of using complex samples here:

https://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&goto=2767#msg_2767 and a further note here: https://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&goto=966#msg_966

3) On the IPUMS DHS website, there is a toggle that allows you to switch between IDHS variable names and original DHS variable names. Most of the variables you mentioned can be found under the Topic Technical, Identifiers.

4) Sorry, I've no experience with Multilevel Analysis in SPSS.
