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Subject: Re: Multilevel modeling in DHS-Sri Lanka  
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Following is another response by Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum

There have been a few studies using the household or mother as a level 2 unit. Conceptually, it makes sense. However, because the mean number of level 1 units (children under 5) per level 2 unit (mother) is empirically so low, I personally would not do it. I would treat clusters as the level 2 unit, rather than as a level 3 unit, but other researchers would probably treat the mother as the level 2 unit.

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