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Subject: Re: Using continuous surveys

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 03 Jan 2019 23:15:48 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior Sampling Statistician, Ruilin Ren:

The Senegal continuous DHS had been modified a little in the course of the survey to incorporate needed changes. The document you cited reflects the initial design of the survey but did not integrate the modifications in the course of the survey. Actually the survey was continuous from 2013 to 2016, with the 2013 and 2014 surveys based on previous population census (2002), while the 2015 and 2016 survey were based on the new population census (2013). The main difference was the definition of urban-rural. So it is advised that you can combine the 2013-2014 surveys together, and 2015-2016 surveys together. ICF already released the pooled data sets with combined weights calculated for 2013-2014 and 2015-2016, so you do not need to do anything on the weights if you use the pooled data released by ICF. However, the 2017 survey was a standalone survey with designed representative results for each of the 14 regions.

As for the wealth quintile for the pooled data, I only know it was not recalculated based on the pooled data, but through a specific procedure. I do not have all the details. If you need the details, please let us know and we will direct the question to the appropriate expert from ICF.