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Subject: Pakistan 2012-13 and 2017-18 regions and provinces excluded for comparability

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Dear DHS,

Can you please clarify which provinces/regions to exclude from the 2013-14 and 2017-18 Pakistan DHS survey rounds for comparability between the two surveys? I'm seeing conflicting information on this.

In the PDHS 2018-18 final report, the footnote on p. 2 reads:

Quote:

The 2017-18 PDHS presents national data totals for Pakistan that exclude Azad Jammu and Kashmir as well as

Gilgit Baltistan. To compare the current data with older data from the 2012-13 PDHS (which already excluded

Azad Jammu and Kashmir [AJK]), the data was rerun to also exclude Gilgit Baltistan [GB].

I read this, and the README on weights included with the 2017-18 data files that helpfully explains that the standard weights are set to 0 for AJK and GB, to mean that users should exclude AJK and GB from the 2017-18 DHS to be able to compare it correctly with the 2013-14 results.

When I look at both survey reports, however, it appears that the 2012-13 survey did include GB, as did the 2017-18 survey. So, it's not clear why GB should be excluded from analysis for comparability, if it was covered in both surveys.

Further, it appears from the report that the 2012-13 survey did not cover FATA, which was included in the 2017-18 survey. Yet I do not see any mention of excluding the FATA region from the 2017-18 survey for comparability with the prior round.

Can you please confirm whether or not

1. Gilgit Baltistan, and
2. FATA

should be excluded from each survey round in order to compare the two surveys? Thank you very much for your help.

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