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Subject: Re: Pakistan 2012-13 and 217-18 regions and provinces excluded for comparability

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Following is a response from the Pakistan Survey Manager, Anjushree Pradhan:

Due to political dynamics, the country recommended that the 2017-18 PDHS should exclude Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Gilgit Baltistan (GB) from the national totals, so we had to comply. We collected data for these two regions, but due to the fact that they are considered separate entities, they were given separate weights.

In order to compare the national totals for Pakistan, we had to exclude these 2 regions from the 2012-13 PDHS. As AJK was not included in the survey in 2012-13 PDHS, we only had to exclude GB to get comparable figures (reference the footnote on pg.2).

Both surveys included Gilgit Baltistan, and the results for GB are presented in both. However, it is not politically correct to include GB in the national totals, which explains why it had to be excluded (from the total) for both surveys.

FATA on the other hand is part of the national total for Pakistan, but due to security issues in 2012-13, this region could not be surveyed. It was successfully surveyed in 2017-18 PDHS. Currently, FATA does not stand alone as a separate region, but is included under KPK.

On a final note, if one wants to compare the national totals for Pakistan, only AJK and GB should be excluded.

I hope this answers your questions.