
Subject: Sample size formula DHS survey

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I read the sampling manual of DHS ,september 2012. The sample size formula given is $deft^2 * (1/p-1) / a^2$ (without adjustment of response rate)

While usually for cross-sectional surveys we used simple asymptotic formula $deft * 1.96^2 * p * (1-p) / a^2$. Can you please explain the difference in the two.

Moreover , The sample size calculation formula for MICS survey use relative margin or error $(0.15(p))^2$ or $(0.12(p))^2$. Why is it important to use relative margin or error instead of absolute margin of error?
