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Subject: Re: DHS surveys for Malawi 2004/2010/2015-2016  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The clusters are census enumeration areas--roughly villages or neighborhoods--that are selected randomly as the primary sampling units for the survey. They are definitely not the same in successive surveys. The ID codes (v001 or v021) have no relationship to the original numbering system for the enumeration areas.