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Subject: Re: SPA 2012-2017 Senegal

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Following is a response from DHS Lead Statistician, Ruilin Ren:

The Senegal continuous SPA is a SPA survey that the data collection is continuous throughout the year and in consecutive years. Some of the health facilities will have a census in two consecutive years, such as the hospitals. The majority of the health facilities are the health posts, the design would cover all of them in five years, but the design was modified in the second year to retain a number of health posts interviewed in the previous round, this will allow a precise comparison on changes between consecutive years. However it is not designed to combine all the data collected in five years, the health facility are not identifiable beyond the immediate previous survey using the same master list for sampling. Actually it is difficult to do otherwise since the health facility master list was updated every two years, and the master lists were not linked from one to another. This makes the health facility not identifiable across updated master lists.

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