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Subject: Re: Which variable I can use for community level from SADHS

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Yes, users often treat the sample cluster as a community, although this practice has been criticized. It is actually a census enumeration area but it does correspond roughly with a village or a neighborhood. You can construct compositional variables from the individual data within a cluster--for example, the cluster-level contraceptive prevalence rate. (Such estimates have considerable sampling error.) You can also attach geo-coded data. For this survey, I see two spatial data files. ZAGC72DT.dta has "dhsc" as the cluster ID code. ZAGE71FL.dta has "\_ID" as the ID code (which matches v001). You can merge the information in these files onto any of the other standard recode files. Let us know if you have difficulty finding those files.

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