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Subject: Which DHS File should I use?

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Dears,

I am writing a research paper using two different DHS series (Earliest and latest) to study socioeconomic related inequalities (measured by wealth index) of individuals. as I am employing the regression-based decomposition of variables, my questions are presented as follows.

- 1) which files am I supposed to use in calculating u5mr and linking it with mother's age, household wealth index, mother's level of education, sex of children, sex of household head, residence type, and region?
- 2) which files am I supposed to use in calculating the stunting rate for children aged 5 years and below and linking it with mother's age, household wealth index, mother's level of education, sex of children, sex of household head, residence type, and region?
- 3) I want to study the changes of those variables between the earliest and latest DHS and thus, Do I have to merge the DHS files for two different periods or estimation must be done separately?

Looking forward to hear from any one of the experts.

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