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Subject: Re: District Codes in recode files  
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Caution is advised when reclassifying survey clusters to areas that are smaller than DHS regions, as the survey was not designed to be representative below the DHS regions level, which in most countries is the administrative unit 1 (e.g. Province, State). Some cases such as the Malawi 2011 DHS was sampled to be representative at both the district level and the province level.

You may use the GPS data to reclassify the cluster locations from each survey according to their location. The GPS datafiles contain a shapefile of the cluster locations for use in a GIS software package. QGIS (<http://qgis.org/>) is a good free software option if you do not have access to paid GIS software products. GADM (<http://www.gadm.org/>) is a good resource of administrative shapefiles that can be used in the reclassification process.

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