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Subject: Re: Pooled country analysis weighting

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

There have been many postings on using "egen group" to distinguish the clusters and strata in the different surveys and construct svyset. I won't repeat here.

I recommend that you look at trends in each of these countries separately, and then compare them. You CAN pool all the surveys from all these countries but there will be lots of heterogeneity. If you look at each country separately, you can stay with the original weights. If you combine countries you will have to alter the weights, or else the large surveys and countries (especially India) will completely dominate the small countries (especially Maldives).

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