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Subject: Re: Do strata represent distinct geographic areas within the same region?  
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Thank you so much for your reply.

Yes, I have seen the guidance in DHS on how stratification units are selected, but I hope you don't mind if I ask for further clarification.

The individuals in each strata are from the same region, and of the same type (urban or rural). I have three questions;

1) Are the urban strata taken from a range of urban areas within the same region e.g. in the case of Ethiopia 2016, strata 3 is Afar Urban, and strata 4 is Afar Rural. Are the clusters/individuals in AFar Urban from a range of urban locations within Afar, or are they from one urban location etc.?

2) Where there are more than one rural strata in a region (in Ethiopia 2016 this is the case for Amhara, Oromia and SNNPR) how are the clusters/individuals within it located? Do these strata reflect the zones/districts within the region they are in?

3) In these areas where there are more than one rural strata in the region, if they are not divided geographically or by administrative boundaries e.g. by zones/districts, is there any other grouping or selection method used?

Thanks in advance,

Janet