Subject: Re: Weighting appended samples using different countries' KR data files. Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Thu, 16 Sep 2021 18:21:17 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Senior Sampling Specialist, Mahmoud Elkasabi:

There have been many postings about the weights in appended files. We have an FAQ about normalized weights (see #4 under weights section):

https://dhsprogram.com/data/analysis-faqs.cfm . Equations and Stata code for de-normalization have been presented in MR27: https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/MR27/MR27.pdf

Note that if you do a full denormalization, then the pooled results will be dominated by the largest country. An alternative is to give equal weight to each survey. The options are discussed in previous postings.