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Subject: Re: Senegal 2018 and 2019 ftype (urban / rural classification)

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Following is a response from DHS Lead Statistician, Ruilin Ren:

Thanks for your email and the question raised.

Regarding the urban-rural variable in SPA data, firstly, it is not a survey control variable because it does not exist in the health facility master list. Urban-rural is collected in the field based on the location of the facility and the urban-rural classification of the country.

Regarding the Senegal case specifically, firstly, Senegal's urban-rural classification was modified in 2017, this may affect the comparability of the urban-rural in later surveys.

Secondly, for the health huts, though they are attached to health posts in management, most of them are located in rural areas and remote areas. Their urban-rural definition can be different from that of the health post they are attached to.