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Subject: Re: Afghanistan DHS 2015 - Zabul province data  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

I have looked at the IR file, and see that the domestic violence variables are included for Zabul (and all other provinces). The label "no data" on page 278 of the final report is misleading. A footnote to table 16.2 on page 284 says "Estimates for Zabul are not presented separately due to sample coverage issues; however, they are included in the total national estimates." On page 2 of the report there is another footnote: "Because of extreme security issues in rural areas of Zabul, only seven urban clusters could be covered. Consequently, it is not possible to provide provincial-level estimates for Zabul; however, the information collected from this province is included in national-level estimates."

If you run a command such as "tab v024 d104" in the IR file you will see that the unweighted number of cases in Zabul was only 172, by far the smallest of all the provinces. All of these cases are urban; there were no rural cases in Zabul, as stated in the footnote on page 2, even though the urban and rural areas of all the provinces were the intended strata for the survey.