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Subject: Re: Guinea - improved sanitation

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Following is a response from DHS Specialists: Fred Arnold & Kia Reinis.

The 2005 Guinea DHS reported on improved sanitation facilities without distinguishing whether or not the facility was shared with other households. The 2012 Guinea DHS report included in "improved sanitation facilities" only those households that did not share their facility with other households.

Note however, that since both surveys included the same question on whether or not facilities are shared, the time trends can be calculated by excluding shared facilities from the estimates in both surveys.

The 97.6% reported in Table 2.5 (that appears on page 27, not page 52) is based on households. The figure in the MDG table is based on population. The difference you are seeing is because they are based on different denominators. Differences are NOT due to weighting the sanitation tables and the MDG tables are all weighted. DHS surveys are sample surveys, so all estimates in DHS reports are weighted, unless otherwise specified. The 2012 report gives both household and population estimates in Table 2.2.

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