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Subject: Re: District borders

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At the time that the NFHS-5 sample design was finalized, there were 707 districts in India, and the sample included all of those districts. In NFHS-5, 132 newly created districts (79 in Phase 1 and 53 in Phase 2) were formed since NFHS-4. The 132 new districts in NFHS-5 have district codes of 801-932. The 132 newly formed districts in NFHS-5 are not comparable with the NFHS-4 districts even if some of them have the same district name in NFHS-5 and NFHS-4. We recommend limiting your comparison between NFHS-4 and NFHS-5 only to the 575 districts with district codes below 801 in NFHS-5. You are right that due to random displacement of the GPS coordinates for the primary sampling units, the GPS coordinates should not be used for the purpose you mentioned.

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