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Subject: Re: RWI

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

DHS includes the wealth index in all surveys. It is a household-level variable, constructed as a continuous scale and as quintiles with the same methodology in all surveys, from the first principal component of a principal components analysis using mainly variables that have the prefix "hv2" in the HR file. You can read about it on the website

(<https://www.dhsprogram.com/topics/wealth-index/index.cfm>), which gives links to several DHS methodological reports. One of these reports describes a comparative wealth index (CWI) but I am not familiar with the acronym "RWI". Let us know if you have specific questions, but the website includes descriptions of the procedure as applied to every survey, including the Pakistan surveys, and should be sufficient for your purposes. There have also been many related postings on the forum.

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