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Subject: Re: DHS CLUSTERS

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

You are right. It is necessary to assign unique ID codes to the clusters--and also to the strata. If you are using Stata you can do this with the "egen group" command. First assign the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 to the respective surveys and call that code "survey". Then in the pooled file enter a line like "egen clusterID=group(survey v001)". Also enter "egen stratumID=group(survey v023)". Then in svyset you would use clusterID and stratumID as the cluster and stratum variables. If you were not using Stata, you would do something similar. For most purposes, you can leave v005 alone.

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