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Subject: Re: Improved water and sanitation variable definitions

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

One way to do this is to look at final reports from different phases of DHS. They all include a Chapter 2 table that classifies sources of drinking water into improved and unimproved. For example, I just looked at the reports on the Ethiopia 2005 survey and 2011 survey, which were in DHS-5 and DHS-6. The tables on page 28 and page 14, respectively, give classifications.

DHS does not invent these classifications--they come from the United Nations, specifically WHO. Their classification is the source of the DHS classification.

Also if you look at <http://www.statcompiler.com>, for the estimates of source of drinking water across sequences of surveys in countries that have had many surveys, such as Ethiopia, Bangladesh, and Nigeria (there are many more) I believe you will find something about the classification.

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