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Subject: Re: Sampling weights with value zero

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

The Pakistan 2006-07 survey DOES NOT have cases with v005=0. I believe you are looking at the Pakistan 2017-18 survey, which DOES have cases with v005=0. Two geographic areas are omitted. If you enter "tab v024, summarize(v005) means" you will see that GB (Gilgit Baltistan) and AJK (Ajad Jammu and Kashmir) are omitted. A special weight variable, sv005, applies to all areas, but estimates for All Pakistan should not include GB and AJK. The sample design is described in the final report and there have been several posts on the forum on this issue.

The Namibia 2013 survey included a subsample of women age 50-64. The age range for men (in the men's survey) was 15-64. For women age 50-64, v005 was set at 0 because the standard estimates are based on that age range. There is another weight variable, sweightw, which applies to the age range 15-64. The sample design is described in Appendix A of the final report.