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Subject: NFHS 3 PSU scrambling question  
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Hi,

I want PSU level variables and initially intended to use IPUMS variables. These are missing for NFHS 3 in IPUMS and Ivan from the IPUMS forum said this in response: "The India Standard DHS 2005-06 (NFHS-3) contained an HIV testing component that necessitated scrambling of PSU numbers in order to preserve respondent confidentiality. As a result, IPUMS DHS did not create PSU-level measures. From reviewing the documentation, it is not clear to me whether this scrambling retained the same households within each PSU or whether households were scrambled across PSU. I recommend reaching out to the DHS Program to confirm the procedure used. In the former case, you may merge an IPUMS DHS extract with a data extract from the DHS program to add PSU identifiers to your observations and calculate these variables."

Please clarify how the households were scrambled. Thank you!

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