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Subject: Re: Accounting for different sampling areas over different years

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Specialists Ruilin Ren & Trevor Croft:

You need to do something to distinguish the cluster numbers (V001) that have the same value, but they actually came from different surveys. Each cluster from each survey should stand alone as a cluster in your merged file.

You can create a new cluster number as follows:

gen year =.

{ Convert Nepali years to unique survey years }

replace year=2011 if v007 == 2067 | v007 == 2068

replace year=2006 if v007 == 2062 | v007 == 2063

replace year=2001 if v007 == 2057 | v007 == 2058

egen newcluster = group(year v001)