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Subject: Re: June 3rd Webinar Analyzing DHS Data: Weights and other adjustments for the survey design

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Dear DHS panel,

For me it is the first time to work with DHS data, so I would appreciate if you could also clarify some of the basics that need to be accounted for when using DHS data.

Working in Stata, my understanding of the DHS weights so far is, that I need to use survey (svy) commands in order to be able to use p-weights (please correct me if using p-weights is wrong).

However, it is unclear to me how to find out how to correctly svy set the data, as I do not know what the correct strata(s) and PSU and SSU would be and whether I need to use FPC. How can I find out which would be correct?

I plan to use data on several countries, can I rely on the assumption that the strata(s) and PSU will be the same for different countries?

Another questions on the weights: Can weighted data still be considered representative when looking at (sub)regions?

If representativity at the subnational scale can not be guaranteed by using the weights, are poor households systematically oversampled (or undersampled) in general, but more specifically in some regions, so that using unweighted regional data would lead to a clearly misleading picture or are sampling techniques likely "random enough" to reflect general regional patterns in the unweighted data?

Thank you very much in advance.

Looking forward to the webinar tomorrow.

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