
Subject: Re: Weighting variables in DHS India data (1992 and 1998)

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

For #1, yes, you would add the weights. For #2, I'm not sure what the issue is. What I described did not require that the number of kids is the same in every cluster. I would never have assumed that.... For #3a, I recommend that you never use `aweight`s. Look at the help for `aweight`s. It has been years since I need them. For #3b, you can use `svyset` and then `svymean`, etc. Or you can use `v005` as an `fweight`. The means and standard deviations will be fine. If you need standard errors, just multiply the calculated standard errors by 1000 (the standard errors are inversely proportional to the square root of the sample size). For #4, I agree that the individual-level and aggregated analyses will agree if the outcome is at the individual or aggregated level and all the covariates are at the aggregated level. They will not agree if any of the covariates are at the individual level.

#2 is still unclear to me.

If you have more questions about that, please send some Stata code.... Good luck!