
Subject: Re: Estimating and Matching Under5 Mortality by cluster units
Posted by [Reduced-For\(u\)m](#) on Sun, 08 Nov 2015 21:56:27 GMT
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Mildred,

There is a lot to answer here, but a question first:

Do you want to estimate "cluster" (meaning Primary Sampling Unit) averages of child mortality? That will be impossible given cluster-specific sample sizes. In general, you need thousands of children to accurately estimate that rate, and there are only a handful of children per cluster (more if you go way back in time, but then you are getting cluster- and time- differences).

Also - DHS sampling units generally changes from survey to survey, so you can't usually compare them over time.

If I'm wrong about either of these assumptions regarding what you are doing, let me know. If not, I don't think this project is feasible.
