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Subject: Re: Estimating and Matching Under5 Mortality by cluster units  
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Thanks a million for your response.

Firstly, the most important hurdle for me to cross at this point is to generate proportion of deaths (under5, maternal and if possible, adult mortality) for different geographical units within Nigeria. That is, the risk of under5, maternal and adult mortality in area clusters/LGAs. Technically, I want to be able to generate a comparative measure of mortality for geographical areas within Nigeria and perhaps, other DHS countries. This will help me understand within-country variation in health.

I would be grateful if anyone could help suggest which recode file to use, what variables to include and how to compute these in SPSS. Merging data over time was something is not the central theme of my work. I could do away with that. It was something extra I thought I could do.

Secondly, if cluster points are not maintained across surveys, what is the best way to compare risk of dying across geographical areas for the different survey years? Is it feasible to use Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries to map the distribution of under5 mortality?. I am a geographer, it is important for me to be able to map results for the smallest area unit possible for visualization.

Regards