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Subject: Re: Pakistan 2014 - Using correct weights for domestic violence

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

If your units are the individual women, then you should use the individual-level weights for the women. In general this would be v005. However, for models or combinations of variables that include the DV variables, use dv005.

If you have attached cluster-level variables to the records of the individual women, then what I just said continues to hold.

If you were using clusters as units--which I doubt--then you could construct cluster-level weights by adding up the weights for the women in the cluster (e.g. with the collapse command).

You would never multiply the variables by the weights. This is not how weighting works. You use the weight option.

Use pweights when you can. If you can't, use iweights. For example, "summarize x [iweight=v005/1000000]". Otherwise, do not use iweights.