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Subject: How to handle continuous variable in constructing the index

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Hi,

I am reviewing the document by Dr. Rutstein and SPSS syntax files, and I have questions about how to handle continuous variables in constructing wealth index.

My first question is about how to handle missing values of continuous variables. May I know why we use mean instead of median? I feel that land area and number of household per sleeping room are usually skewed and thought that median might be another option.

My next question is about number of household per sleeping room. May I know why the number is obtained by rounding down to the nearest integer instead of leaving the decimals?

Faithfully,

Goro

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