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Subject: regions AJK and GB in PDHS (Pakistan DHS)

Posted by [chande](#) on Sat, 16 Jul 2022 02:43:30 GMT

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I am looking for the impact of WASH on child malnutrition.

Is it possible to include Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan regions from PDHS in my analysis?

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Subject: Re: regions AJK and GB in PDHS (Pakistan DHS)

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 20 Jul 2022 20:36:22 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Those two regions can be analyzed separately (an analysis for AJK and a separate analysis for GB) but you cannot pool them and you cannot pool them with the rest of Pakistan. In the IR file, for example, the usual sample weight, v005, is 0 for those regions. The correct weight variable for these two regions is sv005, and it is normalized to have a mean of 1 (or 1000000) in each of them. To repeat, you cannot pool these regions with each other or with the rest of the country. The government of Pakistan has been very clear about not wanting users to do that.

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Subject: Re: regions AJK and GB in PDHS (Pakistan DHS)

Posted by [owraza](#) on Mon, 25 Sep 2023 03:06:35 GMT

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What is the reason for not pooling these two regions? I do understand that pooling them in rest of Pakistan and doing comparison analysis with previous PDHS would be inappropriate, but what if that is not the objective? What if I'm interested in using only PDHS 17-18. Also, related to the same issue, how appropriate it would be to AJK and GB regions in geographically weighted regression analysis in which spatial weights are used and would I still need to use sampling weights?

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Subject: Re: regions AJK and GB in PDHS (Pakistan DHS)

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 27 Sep 2023 13:28:48 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The surveys are "owned" by the countries. The government of Pakistan, for political reasons, did not want to include AJK and GB in the national estimates, because these are disputed territories. We at DHS must respect that decision. If you want to include AJK and GB in a national estimate, you can do that, of course, but we will not facilitate that.

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Subject: Re: regions AJK and GB in PDHS (Pakistan DHS)

Posted by [owraza](#) on Thu, 28 Sep 2023 02:35:20 GMT

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Thanks.

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