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Subject: DHS Honduras Municipalities

Posted by [teresamolin@gmail.com](mailto:teresamolin@gmail.com) on Tue, 22 Sep 2015 10:11:06 GMT

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Hello,

I'm working with Honduras survey database, 2005/6 and 2011/12. Both database include a variable named shmunic (household questionnaire), which presumably contains identifiers at the municipality level. I cannot find whether these identifiers correspond to the administrative codes used by the INE in Honduras, or if they are different. In this case the ultimate area unit, cluster number, or census segment are within municipality. Are the names of the municipalities available? or is there any documentation that explains how they were assigned?

Thanks in advance.

Teresa

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Subject: Re: DHS Honduras Municipalities

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 28 Oct 2015 00:04:27 GMT

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Dear User,

Thank you for your post. I just forwarded to our GPS team. Thank you!

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Subject: Re: DHS Honduras Municipalities

Posted by [Matt-DHS](#) on Thu, 19 Nov 2015 23:40:02 GMT

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The shmunic variable within the dataset is survey specific and does not necessarily align with any established names or values for municipalities.

For the 2011-12 survey, you can use the GPS dataset available for the survey to extract the names from a geographic shapefile of the municipality boundaries. If you choose to do this, keep in mind that our GPS data is randomly displaced to protect respondent confidentiality. More information on the displacement process is available in our SAR7 report (<http://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-SAR7-Spatial-Analysis-Reports.cfm>). Guidance on how to incorporate the GPS data into your analysis while accounting for displacement is available in our SAR8 report (<http://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-SAR8-Spatial-Analysis-Reports.cfm>).

For the 2005-06 survey, GPS data is not available, but we hope to eventually release district identifiers for that dataset. Until those are released, the lowest level at which you could conduct spatial analysis is the representative region (departments) for the survey. You can download or view a map of the DHS regions for Honduras at <http://spatialdata.dhsprogram.com/boundaries/#view=map&countryId=HN>.

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