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Subject: Missing "Service Availability Raw" data for Bangladesh: Standard DHS, 1999-00

Posted by [suzzon](#) on Tue, 04 Apr 2017 17:20:54 GMT

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Dear DHS experts,

Final report of BDHS 1999/2000 has a chapter on "COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS" but the "Service Availability Raw" data for Bangladesh: Standard DHS, 1999-00 is missing in the download section. How can I get the "Service Availability Raw" data file for BDHS 1999/2000?

Thank you.

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Subject: Re: Missing "Service Availability Raw" data for Bangladesh: Standard DHS, 1999-00

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 28 Apr 2017 15:57:37 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Data Processing Specialist, Keith Purvis:

The community characteristics can be found in the Bangladesh: MCH SPA, 1999 dataset: BDCO4R\*.\*.

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Subject: Re: Missing "Service Availability Raw" data for Bangladesh: Standard DHS, 1999-00

Posted by [suzzon](#) on Sat, 29 Apr 2017 06:22:57 GMT

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Thank you Bridgette and Keith Purvis for the response.

But I have some more queries regarding this issue. I want to link the community characteristics with household data for my research purpose. In BDHS 1993/94, 1996/97, 2004, 2007, 2011, and 2014 the available "Service Availability Raw" datasets can be exactly matched by cluster number and linked with household level data. But, in case of BDHS 1999/2000 the community characteristics found in the "Bangladesh: MCH SPA, 1999 dataset: BDCO4R" do not match and cannot be linked with household data set. There are more clusters available in SPA data-"BDCO4R" (cluster number variable name: "coclust") than Household level data-"BDHR41" (cluster number variable name: hv001).

So my question is how can I link community characteristics of "Bangladesh: MCH SPA, 1999 dataset: BDCO4R" with household level data of "Bangladesh: Standard DHS, 1999-00 dataset: BDHR41"?

Thank you.

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Subject: Re: Missing "Service Availability Raw" data for Bangladesh: Standard DHS, 1999-00

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 01 May 2017 17:04:16 GMT

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You are welcome.

Following is another response from Senior DHS Data Processing Specialist, Keith Purvis:

There are 341 clusters in the BDHR41 data file. The cluster numbers are not consecutive (3-500) but the total number of clusters is 341 and it should be possible to link each cluster in the BDCO4R file with data in BDHR41.

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Subject: Re: Missing "Service Availability Raw" data for Bangladesh: Standard DHS, 1999-00

Posted by [zkarar](#) on Thu, 22 Aug 2019 15:35:38 GMT

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Was this issue resolved? The DHS and SPA cluster numbers do not match (DHS is 3-500 and SPA is 6-999). Please advise on how to link the datasets.

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