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Subject: SPA data set question

Posted by [Seba](#) on Wed, 03 Jan 2018 07:00:37 GMT

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Hello,

What is the difference between the two data sources (Facility Record and Facility Raw) within the SPA data set. I am asking this because, a variable that I need (Service Provider Sex) is found in the Facility Raw data set but not in the Facility Record data set. Can I use the Facility Raw data set?

Thank you,  
Sebawit

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I realized that I was looking for Service provider information (Service Provider Sex) in the wrong folder. I was able to find in the variable in the Provider Record folder of the SPA data set (I am looking at the SPA data set for Malawi, Tanzania and Senegal).

I have another question. Will you be able to help me identify a way of linking SPA Service Provider data set to DHS Individual Record data set for Malawi, Tanzania and Senegal?

Thank you for your help.

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Subject: Re: SPA data set question

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 05 Jan 2018 23:05:50 GMT

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Following is a response from Chief of Data Processing, Guillermo Rojas:

DHS and SPA are two different surveys based on different sampling frames and methodology. There is not a direct link between the two surveys that allow to merge them for further analysis. Nonetheless, some analysts have successfully linked these two surveys. The attached DHS report describes possible alternatives of doing this merge according to topics of analysis. You may also want to consult other references mentioned in the document.

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