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Subject: Sampling clusters in relation to DHS  
Posted by [salehbaba](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2018 19:16:56 GMT  
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Hi,

I have a methodology question. In countries where they have SPA and DHS, do both collect data in the same clusters? at what level can someone link the data? Where can I find more information on methodologies and differences in methodologies in different countries?

Thanks

Saleh

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Subject: Re: Sampling clusters in relation to DHS  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 01 Nov 2018 18:12:27 GMT  
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Dear User, a response from Senior Sampler, Dr. Ruilin Ren:

Quote:

The SPA surveys and DHS surveys conducted under the DHS Program are not like surveys. These are independent surveys. So they are not conducted in the same clusters. The only way to link the data is through geographical information, GIS information is collected in both surveys. But DHS does not provide a standard method for the link, it is upon to the data users who decide how to link based on their research aims. The survey design information is usually given in chapter 1 of the final report for both surveys. For DHS surveys, the detailed survey design and methodology is given in Appendix A of the final survey report.

Thank you!

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