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Subject: Looking for more details on sampling strategy for NFHS-3

Posted by [suziezed](#) on Sat, 22 Feb 2014 19:06:03 GMT

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Because I know my professors will want to know about it when I write my thesis can you tell me where I can find further details on the sampling strategies used in NFHS-3. The final report is not exactly clear. Specifically I am looking for information on:

1) in the urban sample how were households randomly chosen (by using a list of random numbers or some other method)

2) in the rural sample what was the systematic method - to start in a particular location within the village and then take the next XX adjacent houses or ??

3) finally in the eight cities with slum/non-slum CEBs what method - random or systematic - was used to select households and was it similar to how that method was implemented in 1 or 2 above?

Thanks.

Susan

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Subject: Re: Looking for more details on sampling strategy for NFHS-3

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 25 Feb 2014 16:32:31 GMT

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Following is a response from our Senior DHS Sampling Expert, Ruilin Ren.

If it is regarding the last Indian DHS 2005, the answer is as follows:

The household selection in all the cases is a systematic selection with a random start, performed in the central office with a rigorous selection program, based on the updated household listing for each CEB which was done specifically for the implementation of the DHS. This means that the interviewers just do the interviews with the pre-selected households they were given, they do not have the right to determine which households should be interviewed in the field.

This is the principle that is applied to all DHS surveys.

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