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TO: Gideon and Sam

The EXCEL attachment provides summary information about the data files on the CD you sent me last year. I have some questions for which I would appreciate your information and guidance. I now have a coding manual for the 562 variable dam participant files and the 372 variable for the base line interview files and the non-participant files. It will be easy to create a similar coding manual for the 562 variable dam committee files. The three digit numbers in the first column are ones I created where the first digit is a division, the second is location and the third is sub-location.

Questions:

1. 111 - There appear to be two Mbusyani files, one with 54 interviews and one with 21. Is there an explanation for this. As the 21 interview file has 562 variables, it is unlikely to be the non-participant file.
2. My starting point was Appendix II, "The Study Sample" on pages 158 to 160 in the report you sent me. You will observe that a number of sub-locations listed there have no corresponding data file (all rows with no numbers in the last two columns). Does this mean files have not been sent OR the interviews in these sub-locations were not coded because too much information was missing?
3. 221, Nzangatiki location – is the Kaluva data file the same as Nzangatki sub-location?
4. The question mark in the last column indicates these files have 563 variables. I still need to find which is the extra one and I will likely erase it.

For base line interview files:

5. Where location and/or sub-location names are repeated in the same row it merely reflects differences in spelling of the names. Which spelling should I use?
6. 331, Kanyangi location – is Ysyoma data file same as Syomunyu? Similarly for 332, is Ymandong data file same as Mandongoi?
7. 33???? In Yatta division, Kanyangi location there is a data file labeled "General" with 489 interviews. Is this a unique file with additional interviews or is it a merging of some of the other files in my list?
8. 41???? Mutomo Division, Mutha location, Mutomo sub-location file with 746 interviews. Is this a unique file with additional interviews or is it a merging of some of the other files in my list?
9. 43?? Mutomo Division, Mathima location – There is a sub-location data file Ndilili with 15 observations that does not appear in the report list. Is this an oversight in the report or is it one of the other files that appears with a different name?
10. 45???? Mutomo Division, Kibwea location – There is a U.A.E. data file with 37 interviews that does not appear in the report list. Is this an oversight in the report or is it one of the other files that appears with a different name?
11. 473, Mutomo Division, Ikanga location – is the Kiangwa data file same as Ithumula in the report list?
12. 532, Ikutha division, Kasaala location – Is Kasaala data file same as Kasaiani in the report list?

Sand Dam non-participant interviews

13. The fact that I have only two files with 40 interviews bears out your observation (Gideon) in your May 10 e-mail where you list 36 files not included on the CD you sent. Unless more files are sent, I will likely ignore this data.

The problem files are in the base line data sets and I will await your response. In the meantime I will try to merge the 795 sand dam participant interviews into one file. If SPSS can handle such a large data set, such merging will allow more in-depth analysis.
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