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***2017 Niger DHS: Distribution of Data and Results Cancelled***

The data from the 2017 Demographic and Health Survey (EDS) underwent internal and external audits in 2018 and 2019 due to serious concerns about data quality. [The 2018 internal data quality assessment by The DHS Program](#) concluded that the data did not meet quality standards. In particular, several indicators of data quality, including women's interviews being completed in an improbably short period of time, suggest that data may have been made up.

A 2019 independent audit also determined that the results obtained from the survey cannot be reconciled and therefore should not be used for planning or programming purposes.

Based on these audits, The DHS Program will not be releasing data from the 2017 Niger EDS and urges those with access to the preliminary data tables to cease distribution and/or use of these data.