2.2 Design variable descriptions

This sub-process defines the variables to be collected via the
collection instrument, as well as any other variables that will be
derived from them in sub-process 5.5 (Create new variables and
units), and any statistical or geospatial classifications that will
be used. It is expected that existing national and international
standards will be followed wherever possible. This sub-process
may need to run in parallel with sub-process 2.2 (Design
collection), as the definition of the variables to be collected, and
the choice of collection instruments may be inter-dependent to
some degree. Preparation of metadata descriptions of collected
and derived variables, statistical and geospatial classification is
a necessary precondition for subsequent phases.

Quality Indicators:
- Percentage of Extent to which concepts, definitions and
classifications associated to (key) variables and populations,
are reused from other similar surveys and ACS;
- Percentage of Extent to which concepts, definitions and
classifications associated to (key) variables and populations
follow international or national standards;
- Percentage of Extent to which new concepts, definitions and
classifications are introduced (provide motivation for (i));
- Percentage of metadata adequately archived (readily
retrievable, properly labelled; retention period indicated);
- Percentage of Extent to which collected (survey and ACS)
and derived variables and classifications have metadata
descriptions.

For details, see Quality Indicators for GSIM (version 2.0).