Hello,

I am a user of the Burkina Faso 2003 and 2010 datasets. I am researching female genital cutting. I would like to use the respondent's report of whether her daughters have undergone FGC. I have a few questions about the 2010 and 2003 datasets.

2010 Dataset:
In the 2010 data, the variables g121_01, g121_02, etc... report whether the respondent's daughter(s) underwent FGC. I would assume that g121_01 would correspond to b4_01 (child's gender) and b8_01 (child's age). However, it seems that in some instances, g121_01 equals 'yes' indicating that the child has undergone FGC, while b4_01 suggests that the child is male.

Could anyone help me sort through this? Is it possible that g121_01 does not necessarily correspond to the first child listed in the b4 variables, but it does correspond to the first female child listed in the b4 variables? And similarly g121_02 corresponds to the second female child listed in the b4 variables, g121_03 corresponds to the third female child listed in b4, etc? If that is true, I can match responses between g121 and the b4 variables.

Alternatively, is it instead the case that g121_01 could correspond to the second or third female child listed in the b4 variables, such that the listing of g121_01 is somewhat random? This would make it impossible to match responses.

2003 Dataset:
This dataset is set up differently than the 2010 dataset. In this dataset, fg111 is the variable that gives the line number of the last circumcised daughter. I am not sure how to match this line number with child variables in the data. There are cases in which fg111 equals 5, for example, such that the last daughter circumcised is line number 5, however b4_05 (child gender) is equal to male.

I have never used the line number to match household members, and I am unfamiliar with how to do so. Do you have information that would walk me through this?

Thank you in advance for your help.