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Subject: SAS formatting programs

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Hello.

From January-June 2016, I used the individual and men's recode for my data analysis (Version 6). I'm using Malawi, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe (2010-2014).

I was able to read this into SAS with no problem.

However, now I must use the couples data for the same 4 countries and along with my downloads came SAS programs with formats for each data type (IR, MR, CR, etc.).

What is the purpose of these format programs? Am I using it to create a dataset that is different from what I downloaded? If so, I tried changing the libname in one of the format programs to point to where my downloaded data was located and that didn't work.

I ran my data without running the format program and I retrieved 0 observations.

Please assist as I can't find guidance on the DHS website on these programs.

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