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Subject: Re: Merging the child, household and wealth file for Philippines 1998

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Another response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

The reason why you were able to merge the KR file with the HR file is that the HR file has one record per household. This is a very wide file--that is, the records are very long and each record contains information about everyone in the household. The people in the household have subscripts for their individual-level information. What you did in that merge was not very useful. The merged record for each child would have attached to it all the information about all the people in the household.

A much more useful merge, and the one I thought you were trying to do, was with the KR and PR files. The PR file is long, rather than wide, with one record for each person in the household. Each record includes information about the household as a whole, such as water and sanitation, but the individual-level information is just about the one individual. For that file you need to match b16 in the KR file with hvidx in the PR file. If you do not have b16, then you are stuck. Fortunately, this was realized about 20 years ago and the KR files since then include b16.