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Subject: Re: WEIGHTS IN NFHS1 and NFHS2  
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To use HW70 without merging the HW files (Height and Weight Scores - WHO Child Growth Standards), you might try using IPUMS-DHS ([www.idhsdata.org](http://www.idhsdata.org)) to create your dataset. IPUMS-DHS has merged the HW data with the KR files if that information was not already included in the KR data.

To create a dataset in IPUMS-DHS:

1. Go to [www.idhsdata.org](http://www.idhsdata.org), and log in at the top of the page using your DHS username (email) and password.
2. Click SELECT DATA, and then select CHILDREN as your unit of analysis.
3. Click the SELECT SAMPLES button and choose India 1992 and India 1998. Click "SUBMIT SAMPLE SELECTIONS."
4. Under SELECT VARIABLES, select TOPICS, and click on CHILD ANTHROPOMETRY. This will bring you to a list of child anthropometric variables available in the samples you have selected. The IPUMS-DHS variable names will show up as the default. By clicking on "ORIGINAL DHS VARIABLE NAMES," you can switch to the DHS names from the DHS recode. The variable mentioned in this thread, hw70 (HWHAZWHO), is available in almost every sample in IPUMS-DHS, including all Indian samples.
5. To add a variable to your data file, click the plus sign next to it.
6. When you have added all the variables you want in your dataset, click VIEW DATA CART in the upper right of the screen. You'll see a list of the variables you've selected. There will also be some preselected variables in the list, such as sample weight.
7. Click CREATE DATA EXTRACT. The third line on the next page will read CHANGE DATA FORMAT. You will probably want to click "Change" and select "STATA." You can describe the dataset if you want, and then click SUBMIT EXTRACT. You will soon get an email saying your dataset is ready. You can then click on the link under FORMATTED DATA to download the zipped file. You will have to unzip the data to use it.

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I hope this is helpful.

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