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Subject: Re: MERGING INDIVIDUAL RECORD WITH MEN'S RECORD

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

I use Stata, not SAS, but will describe the logic of this. We are talking about the IR (women's) file and the MR (men's file). I don't know quite what you mean by "merge". Are you thinking of the household as the unit of analysis, and you want to combine all the men and all the women who live in that household into a single record? For women, the household is identified by v001 v002, and for men by mv001 mv002. Something could be done but there can be several women and several men in the same household and it would be difficult to combine all those records.

If you want a single file that includes both women and men, but they can be on separate records, then "append" is the command we would use in Stata. You would, say, change the mv prefix in the men's data to a v prefix, add a code sex=1 to the men's file, add sex=2 to the women's file (using the same codes as hv104), and then add one file to the other. You have to be careful with the weights, especially if the men were sub-sampled.

If you want coresident women and men partners/spouses on a single record, then (as you note) you just use the couples file. I don't know what other options there may be. Perhaps other users can suggest something else.