Subject: Re: Opening DHS data on STATA 13
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There is now a workaround to this problem. If you use IPUMS-DHS at www.idhsdata.org, you can create a single fully harmonized and integrated dataset from multiple surveys. It will have far fewer than 2048 variables, so it can be opened in Stata/IC. Students can get a 6-month Stata/IC license for $45 right now, so instructors may find IPUMS-DHS especially appealing.

IPUMS-DHS is a tool to make comparative and over-time analysis with DHS surveys simpler. It includes the original DHS data. Instead of downloading multiple files, harmonizing the variables, and then appending them though, IPUMS-DHS allows you to select just the variables, countries, and years that interest you. You can login to IPUMS-DHS with your regular DHS username and password.

As of this post, IPUMS-DHS includes most of the African surveys and the Indian surveys and data from the IR, KR, or BR files. By summer 2018, it will include the MR and PR files, as well as more countries.

Too late for this user, but hopefully future users will benefit.

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