Subject: Re: Matching Individual and Household Recode
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I'm not sure that I'm answering this question, but maybe these points will help.

First, households in the DHS are randomly selected from survey areas, regardless of whether they include women of childbearing age. By contrast, the IR files are limited to women of childbearing age. So there are lots of households that don't contain women of the appropriate age to link to the IR files.

Second, maybe I can save you some merging work. IPUMS-DHS, which includes all the Nigerian DHS surveys, has done some advance merging, linking household records to IR women's files and then linking the household and women's data to the KR child and BR birth files. If you want to know summary household characteristics from the household data but use women from the IR files as your unit of analysis, you can do that using IPUMS-DHS data and picking women as the unit of analysis.

We have not yet merged the women's records back to the household member or hierarchical household files, so if that was your goal, I can't help for now.

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