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Subject: Re: India Weights SAS and Merging  
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1) In general, we at DHS would use hv005 for an analysis limited to variables in the PR file. if you are including IR variables, use v005; if MR variables (or the CR file) use mv005; if domestic violence variables, d005; if HIV prevalence, use hiv05. These respective weights are similar but are adjusted for non-response by the different kinds of respondents.

2) Weights in DHS are normalized to the unweighted number such that the total weighted number of households, women or men are the same as the unweighted number of households, women or men when applying the appropriate weight (hv005, v005, or mv005 respectively). DHS does not estimate population counts, rather proportions of the population. If you want to calculate population counts, you can create a factor to inflate the sample by multiplying by the total population divided by the total sample of de jure household members.

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