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Subject: Re: Merge BR to PR

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 07 Mar 2019 17:56:48 GMT

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

You want to match hv001 hv002 hvidx in the PR file with v001 v002 b16 in the BR file. No need to involve hhid or v003. Things to look out for: hv000/v000 is not a unique identifier of a survey; and some surveys in some countries in Francophone Africa have sub-household identifiers.

The BR file includes all the children ever born. Some of them can be 30+ years old. Children with b16=0 or b16=. have died or are not in the same household as the mother. There are MANY such children if you use the BR file.

As a secondary matter I recommend reducing the PR file to the variables you need. Otherwise you will be carrying along a lot of duplicated information.

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