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Subject: Re: Append IPUMS\_Merge to DHS Data  
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Dear Yawo,

Great question. There are multiple ways to do this, but this is my recommendation. I would use the IPUMS DHS data first. Once you're happy with your variables and analysis, then add in The DHS Program samples.

To add in the other samples, first find The DHS Program variable names for the variables you're using. These appear at the top of all the documentation pages at IPUMS DHS. (You get to the documentation pages by clicking on a variable's name). For example, the IPUMS DHS variable "aidgetbite" is V754JP in the original DHS Program files. Download the six additional surveys from The DHS Program website and retain the relevant variables.

In Excel, create a sheet for each variable. In the first column, include the IPUMS DHS codes and value labels; put the IPUMS DHS variable name at the top. In the second column, include the Chad codes and labels with The DHS Program variable name at the top. In the third column, include the Gabon codes and labels, and so forth. Use the Excel sheets to recode the DHS variables to match the IPUMS DHS variables. Do this within each file. Then append the revised files to your IPUMS DHS file.

This should work. Just let us know if you have any more questions.