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Subject: Re: Mismatch between reported and generated output on merged file  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The anthropometry variables in the PR file refer to all children in the household. Some of those children do not have a living mother in the same household. The children in the IR file will only be those whose mother is alive and in the same household. This is a slightly smaller number than the children in the PR file.

If this is not the problem, another possibility is that some mothers in the PR file did not get into the IR file. In every survey, there are some women who were identified in the household survey as being eligible for the women's survey, but in fact they were not interviewed, perhaps because they refused (or for another reason).

Another possibility relates to de jure versus de facto residence, given by hv102=1 and hv103=1, respectively. All women and children are measured, without respect to whether they are later classified as de jure or de facto. However, eligibility for the women's interview is limited to women who are de facto residents. (That's the usual DHS criterion; for MICS it is de jure residence; and it's possible for a specific survey to deviate from the norm.) The tables in the main report are mostly limited to de facto residents.