Subject: Re: Struggling with merging Senegal KR data file to mother's file Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Wed, 11 Dec 2019 15:12:21 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

If you try to merge the KR file with the PR file, there are four reasons why you may appear to lose cases:

- (1) Children in the KR file will not be in the PR file if they have died (b16=.)
- (2) Children in the KR file will not be in the PR file if they are not living with the mother (b16=0)
- (3) Children in the PR file will not be in the KR file if their mother has died (hv112=.)
- (4) Children in the PR file will not be in the KR file if they are not living with their mother (hv112=0)

Have you taken these possibilities into account? They will be identified after a merge by _merge= 1 or 2 rather than 3. If this does not answer your question, please let us know.