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Subject: Re: STATA code merge IR and MR into HR files  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

If you want to merge the women's and men's data onto the same record, based on their identification of each other as spouses or partners, then it will be best to download the "CR" or "couples recode" file. This can be tricky to construct on your own, and that's why it's one of the standard recode files prepared by DHS.