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Subject: Re: missing values in prenatal care  
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I am doing a research on the effects of maternal education on child mortality, and considering other factors such as breastfeeding practice, wealth index. I am using the IR file however I found that it is not a good thing to do as current wealth index has nothing to do with child mortality if the child died long time ago. Should I be using other files to only observe the mortality in the last 5 years or should I be merging datasets (ie waves) to create panel? Essentially, I am trying to avoid using information that happened after the child dead.

The solution I came up with is to merge the ir and kr datasets to obtain a variable where I will be able to know whether a mother experienced child mortality at least once in the past 5 years. What are the commands to do this?

By now, I merged the children and women's dataset so I have mortality in the past 5 years and constructed a variable for mortality. However, I got pretty weird results. I guess I made a mistake in the merging. Meanwhile, if I use the KR file to do it, my results become 'normal'. Therefore, should I go for kr file since I am only looking into child mortality in the past 5 years (and the overlapping is not an issue). Can you please give me some advice on that? Thank you!

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#### File Attachments

- 1) [ir results after merge.PNG](#), downloaded 377 times
  - 2) [kr results.PNG](#), downloaded 372 times
  - 3) [commands.PNG](#), downloaded 366 times
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