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Subject: Re: Are the caseid for IR file unique across rounds for DHS India?

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

As I said, each survey has different clusters, households, and individuals. However, v024 (region) has codes 1, 2, 3, etc. Within each value of v024, v001 (cluster) has codes 1, 2, 3, etc. Within each value of v001, v002 (household) is numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Within each value of v002, v003 (line number) is 1, 2, 3, etc. (I am giving variable names in the IR file, they will be different in the PR and MR files.)

I think you are making this more complicated than necessary. The numbering system will lead to people in different surveys (in the same country or different countries) having the same ID code. The ID codes are not like passport numbers that are connected with specific individuals. They are simply a device for distinguishing different cases within the same survey.