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Subject: Re: Egypt Women's Status 1995 Cluster Number  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

It is easiest to do this merge using the respective variables for cluster, household, and line number. The following Stata code works for me. Good luck!

\* Merge IR and WS files for Egypt 1995 DHS

\* specify workspace  
cd e:\DHS\DHS\_data\scratch

\* Prepare the WS file  
use "...EGWS39FL.DTA", clear  
gen cluster=psuseg  
gen hh=hnumber  
sort cluster hh line  
save WStemp.dta, replace

\* Prepare the IR file  
use "...EGIR33FL.DTA", clear

\* restrict to women who completed the women's status interview  
tab swstatus  
tab swstatus, nolabel  
keep if swstatus==1

gen cluster=v001  
gen hh=v002  
gen line=v003  
sort cluster hh line

\* Merge the files  
merge cluster hh line using WStemp.dta  
tab \_merge

\* all cases merge ok  
drop \_merge