
Subject: variables hv001 hv002 hv003 do not uniquely identify observations in the using data

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Hello,

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I am working with Nigeria 2013 DHS.

I am trying to merge male recode with household member recode in STATA. But STATA reports is as---

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This is the procedure I followed:

1. open the household member file and sort hv001 hv002 hv003 and then save this file
2. open male file and do:

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gen hv001 = mv001
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gen hv002 = mv002
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gen hv003= mv003
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```
sort hv001 hv002 hv003
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```
merge 1:1 hv001 hv002 hv003 using "THE NAME OF THE FILE WITH SORTED HOUSEHOLD MEMBER DATA"
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```
keep if _merge==3
```

```
save "NEW NAME"
```

Please help me out.

Thank you