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

gen hv001 = mv001

gen hv002 = mv002

gen hv003= mv003

sort hv001 hv002 hv003

merge 1:1 hv001 hv002 hv003 using "THE NAME OF THE FILE WITH SORTED HOUSEHOLD MEMBER DATA"

keep if _merge==3

save "NEW NAME"

Please help me out.
Thank you