Subject: Re: Inquiry regarding data merging with DHS 2018 using R Posted by Janet-DHS on Fri, 10 Feb 2023 16:59:02 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

You posted two related emails but I hope this response will help with both of them.

The PR file has one record for each household member. It is just a long version of the HR file, which has one (very wide) record for each household. If you want to select certain types of household members, in your case children age 6-59 months, you do this with the PR file. Each record in the PR file retains the information about the household as a whole, such as wealth quintile (hv270).

The child's age in months is given by hc1 in the PR file. You would select the cases with hc1>=6 & hc1<=59. To repeat, no merging is needed to get these cases.