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Subject: Re: Constructing Wealth Index in IR file  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 15 Mar 2023 18:04:14 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The wealth index is calculated for households, including households that have no eligible respondents for the surveys of women and men. All the data for the index are in the HR file. If you start with the HR file and drop all the subscripted variables that refer to individuals in the household, you will have everything that is available for the principal components analysis. The DHS website gives details on what variables are used in the construction for each survey. You can work from that list, minus variables you want to omit.

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