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Subject: Merging Female (IR) file and Male (MR) files  
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Hello all,

I am in the process of analyzing the Indian DHS data (NFHS-V (2019-21)). While looking for some references, I came across a paper titled 'Knowledge of HIV/AIDS and its determinants in India: Findings from the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21)'.

This paper merged the HIV module (respondents aged 15-49 years) female (108785) and male (93267) files of NFHS-5 (2019-21) into a single dataset. The outcome variable of the paper was Knowledge of HIV/AIDS, with gender as one of the independent variables of the analysis.

1. Is this okay to combine these files for deriving combined figures?
2. If so, what weights are to be used?

Thank you in advance.

The link of the paper is

<http://www.populationmedicine.eu/Knowledge-of-HIV-AIDS-and-its-determinants-in-India-Findings-from-the-National-Family-Health-Survey-5-2019-21>

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