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Subject: Re: Merging IR and HR files for Bangladesh  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Your IR / HR merge does not work because a woman in the IR file is not necessarily the first person in the household in the HR file. Usually, she is NOT. Also, there can be more than one woman in the household. The IR / HR merge should only merge on hv001 hv02, matched with v001 v002. More important, it's not clear why you would want to merge the HR file with the IR file. Such a merge attaches, to each woman, all the information about the household AND about all the individuals in the household. The merged file would be difficult to use. Probably the IR / PR merge will meet your needs.