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Subject: Re: Maternal Mortality

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Thu, 24 Aug 2023 17:58:47 GMT

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

Thanks for refreshing my memory. The file "LBSR7AFL.dta" has one record for each sibling of the women in the IR file, LBIR7AFL.dta. You say you want to merge with the PR file.

It sounds like you want to attach, to the siblings, information about the household that the respondent lives in. You can do that, but the siblings usually live (or lived, if they have died) in different households than the respondent. You should be careful in how you interpret any associations. To do such a merge, you would open the PR file, reduce it to one record per household (keep if hv101==1), reduce it to the household-level variables (keep hv0\* hv2\*), and then match hv001 hv002 in this file with v001 v002 in the SR file. I do not know the SPSS code to do that, but it should not be difficult.

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