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

A single file that includes both the women and men would be constructed with the "append" command. The following Stata lines should do this:

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* Define a workspace
cd e:\DHS\DHS_data\scratch

use ...COMR71FL.dta, clear
gen sex=1
label define sex 1 "Male" 2 "Female"
label values sex sex

* Rename variables in the MR file to match the names on the IR file
* As a minimum, this will include the mv variables but there may be others
rename mv* v*
save COMR71temp.dta, replace

use ...COIR72FL.dta, clear
gen sex=2
append using COMR71temp.dta

save COIRMR.dta, replace
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If you want a merged file, in which a woman and man in the same household are combined as a couple, you should just use the CR ("couples") file. You do not actually need to do that merge--it has already been done for you.