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Subject: Merging IR and MR Kenya 2022 (2022 KDHS)  
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Hello everyone,

I am analyzing 2022 Kenya DHS. To do all women and men as unit of analysis I would like to add the women (IR) and men's (MR) data together. The IR file has straightforward DHS variable names, however; the MR files has an 'm' added in the beginning of each variables.

I have used the below Stata code.

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*mens recode
use "KEMR8BFL", replace
rename (mv001 mv002 mv003 mv005) (v001 v002 v003 v005)
sort v001 v002 v003
save "MRtemp.dta", replace
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```
*individual recode
use "KEIR8BFL", clear
sort v001 v002 v003
```

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merge v001 v002 v003 using "MRtemp.dta"
```

However, this code doesn't combine the data appropriately. What would be best approach to keep same variable names for both men and women by creating a sex variable and use survey weights appropriately?

The goal is to analyze the chronic disease indicators (chapter 14) primarily by gender and other characteristics. Although I have successfully replicated the Chapter 14 tables separately by sex, I am facing difficulty in consolidating them into one data file so that I can achieve my analysis goal.

I would greatly appreciate your insights and recommendations on the most efficient approach to address this issue.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Best regards,

Thank you!  
Muhammad