Subject: Re: Regarding Variables are repeating
Posted by Trevor-DHS on Wed, 03 Sep 2014 14:05:43 GMT

Anil,

You will have to be more specific about which countries data and which dataset (with the filename) you are using. In general, you will find repeating variables when parts of the questionnaire repeat. For example if you are using the women's recode (IR) file, you will find that the birth history variables (BIDX, BORD, B0, B1, B2, B3 ...) will repeat with one entry for each birth up to a maximum of 20 births. If you are interested in analyzing births, then look at the births recode file (BR) where you will find that the unit of analysis is births and variables are not repeated.

In gneral you should work out what your unit of analysis will be and then use the appropriate dataset for that unit of analysis. The following pages on our web site can help:
 http://www.dhsprogram.com/data/Using-Datasets-for-Analysis.c fm
http://www.dhsprogram.com/data/Dataset-Types.cfm