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Subject: Re: About extracting information on household characteristics

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

Household-level characteristics are the same for everyone in the same household. You can get them from the HR file, which has one record per household, or from the PR file, if you just keep one record per household, for example the household head (keep if hv101==1). You then match hv001 hv002 for the household with v001 v002 for the child's record. The approach you describe will be ok if you have just one record per household.

Note that many household-level variables have already been copied into the IR file and then into the BR file, but sometimes with different names. For example, wealth quintile is hv270 in the HR and PR files, and is v190 in the IR and PR files.

Also note that the BR file (and KR file) includes children who have died and children who are not living with their mother--that is, are in a different household. The variable b9 is 0 if the child is living with the mother. You may want to restrict to such children.

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