
Subject: Re: A n Urgent Request: how to merge data files
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 02 Apr 2024 13:50:36 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Links to the mother and father with hv112 and hv114 are only available for children age 0-17 who are living in the same household as the parent(s). 0-17 is the definitional age range for children, established by UNICEF. Your age range of interest may be more like 15-24, or "youth".

A common pattern in parts of sub-Saharan Africa (I'm not sure about Uganda, specifically) is that children who do not have good access to secondary school locally may be fostered with kin who live in an area with better access. When this happens, and the child is not living with the parents, hv112 and hv114 will be NA (not applicable, a dot in Stata). If a child goes to a residential university, they will not be in the household population, and they will not be eligible to appear in a DHS survey.

Some studies have been done in which the education level of the household head, regardless of whether that person is a parent, is used as a predictor of the child's education.

You seem to be focused on whether the child proceeds to post-secondary education, but it will be easier if you shift to the transition to secondary education, which typically occurs before age 18.
