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Subject: Re: Strange Issues w/ Data Formatting from DHS

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Hi Trevor, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I have been mostly able to solve the problem thanks to the help you have given me. I have one remaining challenge in order to move forward and that is the merging of the different survey data sets for each survey round. So, to be clear, I am interested in controlling for wealth in my proportional hazard. This means that I will have to combine household data and individual data, as indicators for wealth do not exist in the individual recode for Tanzania 1999 (the year I'm starting this data work with). I have read from Tom Pullum in another part of this forum that "it would be virtually impossible to merge them [individual survey] with the HR file, which has households as units. You should use the PR file, which has individual household members as units, rather than the HR file." However, it's not clear to me that wealth is included in the PR file, either. To make matters a bit more confusing, I have seen that this type of merge is possible elsewhere on the internet, for example:

[https://www.researchgate.net/post/How\\_can\\_I\\_merge\\_Household\\_database\\_to\\_Women\\_data\\_base\\_in\\_the\\_DHS\\_data\\_using\\_stata](https://www.researchgate.net/post/How_can_I_merge_Household_database_to_Women_data_base_in_the_DHS_data_using_stata)

Do you mind clarifying if it is possible to merge household and individual level data? This is the only way I will be able to control for wealth in my proportional hazards analysis. Thank you so much in advance for your time.

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