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Subject: Re: Strange Issues w/ Data Formatting from DHS  
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Mon, 13 May 2024 14:59:54 GMT

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Hi

I'm a little confused by a couple of things in your message"

1) In the example you are using I can see that hv000 is ZW7, which means you are using the Zimbabwe 2015 dataset. However, there is no WI file for this survey as the wealth index is already in variable hv270 (and hv271 for the scores). So, I assume you are incorrectly matching to a different survey's wealth index data. That I think explains why you see the gap in the hhid fields in one file but not the other. WI data files exist for surveys DHS2-4 and a few from phase 5, but the wealth indices are included in the main data files for phases 6-8 and not of phase 5.

2) You say that you want to merge the GPS and WI data without needing the HR data. But it makes no sense to use just the WI and GPS data - surely you are using other DHS variables too, in which case you can link to that file directly.

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