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Subject: Re: India 2019-2021 Standard DHS survey  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 20 Jun 2024 15:36:34 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The disability variables are attached to the household record in the HR file. Unfortunately, in the construction of the PR file for the NFHS-5, the disability variables were just copied onto each record in the PR file. They cannot be used in the current format. This issue came up in April and I prepared a Stata program (attached) to extract and reshape these variables from the HR file, so you can analyze them for individual household members. If you use this program, which is just a text file, you will need to change the paths. The resulting file can be merged back with the PR file so you can get the age, sex, etc., of the people with disabilities.

The cases in other DHS datasets are completely different, so you cannot MERGE the India data with the Nepal data, for example. However, you can compare the surveys.

#### File Attachments

1) [NFHS5\\_extract\\_disability\\_vars\\_do\\_24Apr2024.txt](#), downloaded 140 times

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