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Subject: Re: Appending Multi-phase Nigerian DHS Surveys  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2024 10:44:53 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The IR files for the Nigeria surveys include all women (de facto residents and age 15-49), regardless of marital status. It will be easier if you just change the weights (v005) in the IR files, using the estimated numbers of women age 15-49 in the population, regardless of marital status. THEN select the currently married women in the data files.

I think your approach is fine but is equivalent to what I describe, which is simpler. Whenever there are questions about whether to use weights A or weights B, I usually check whether the results are different. Usually there is no difference, or the difference is negligible and that's what I would expect here.