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Subject: Revisiting the topic of weighting data  
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Dear colleague,

I would like your advice and opinion. I accept my question has been discussed many times in this forum, and I have already read most of the replies, including the file `pool_and_reweight_surveys_do_22Ot2024.txt` written by Tom Pullum.

My point to revisit is on how to append different DHS databases and weights: let's say I want to use data from children under 5 years using KR databases from the same country and from 4 different survey years. My intention is to create a database that after adjustment for potential confounders would represent a hypothetical average population. My questions:

- 1) in the Stata routine in the txt text, what is the target population to generate the var factor? a) the total population, b) women 15-49 yo, or c) children <5yo?
- 2) would it make sense to use `weightr` as `wtr=hv005r/1000000/4` to create a kind of "average" population of the 4 years?

Thank you in advance for your help!

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