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Subject: v001 v002 v003 doesnt uniquely identify observation  
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Hi All,

I am using Ethiopian DHS2011 for my analysis. I need to merge birth recode file (using file) with HH member recode(master file). I tried to see the DHS merging guide and related topics in the FAQ. I was aware of the fact that HIDX is the household line number and used the following STATA command to merge,

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gen gen v001= hv001
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gen v002 = hv002
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gen v003= hvidx
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sort v001 v002 v003
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merge m:1 v001 v002 v003 using "the birth recode file"
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neverthless, I could'nt succed in merging and STAT propmted me the messgae " v001 v002 v003 doesnt uniquely identify the observation in using file". would you please quickly tip me on how to merge the two recodes?

Thanks in advance,

Kal

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