
Subject: Re: How to combine data from different countries for a period of years?

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- 1) If you are using DHS data for the first time and have never used survey data before, then you are probably taking on too much. I suggest learning to use a single survey dataset first and being able to reproduce published results before you try to do anything as complicated as you are suggesting.
 - 2) It is not clear that you need to combine datasets based on the aim you have stated. You can analyze each dataset individually.
 - 3) You should know that each individual dataset includes its own weight so you should be weighting data even if you are only analyzing one survey.
 - 4) If you do need to pool data, you will need to denormalize the weights and then use the denormalized weights. There are several posts on the forum related to this.
 - 5) Once you have the denormalized weights for your pooled data then you would apply weights just as you do for any other analysis, depending on the software you are using.
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