
Subject: Re: Merging PR onto a Combined IR, MR Dataset in SPSS

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Hi, Trevor

Thank you for your custom. I hope this time I found my saviour. There is quite a significant amount of discussion on merging datasets in this forum but I don't seem to get it. Here is my problem, I want to merge Zimbabwe DHS datasets (women, men and HIV). I know I should sort and match files, however, I don't know how to drop m prefix on the male variables. I am just wondering whether the renaming procedure you provided below in another discussion could be applicable to my situation in Zimbabwe

* Working directory.

```
cd 'C:\Data\DHS_SPSS'.
```

* Open the men's data.

```
get file='BDMR61FL.SAV'.
```

* rename men's variables to the same name as women's variables.

```
rename variables (MCASEID MV000 to MV016 MV021 to MV032=CASEID V000 to V016 V021 to V032).
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rename variables (MV801 MV802 MV803 = V801 V802 V803).
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rename variables (MV101 to MV107 = V101 to V107).
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rename variables (MV130 MV131 MV133 to MV136 MV138 = V130 V131 V133 to V136 V138).
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rename variables (MV149 to MV152 MV155 to MV159 MV167 MV168 MV190 MV191 = V149 to V152 V155 to V159 V167 V168 V190 V191).
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rename variables (MV201 to MV207 MV212 MV213 MV217 MV218 MV225 MV245 to MV252 = V201 to V207 V212 V213 V217 V218 V225 V245 to V252).
```

* ...

```
rename variables (MV714 MV716 MV717 MV719 MV721 MV731 MV732 = V714 V716 V717 V719 V721 V731 V732).
```

* ...

* Sort men's data according to ID fields.

```
sort cases by V001 V002 V003.
```

* Save the required subset of data - adapt to your needs.

```
save outfile='MRsmall.sav' /keep=caseid V001 to V032 V101 to V107 V714 V716 V717 V719 V721 V731 V732.
```

Your help will be greatly appreciated