Subject: Merge single files into individual, birth, household recode
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Hi,

I am currently using the PERU DHS. I have recently started using the latest round from 2009, 2010 and 2011. For these years, the data are not combined in "recode" files like the Birth, Individual and Household recodes. I have identified which files belong to the different recode files, but I have difficulties when merging these into a recode file in SPSS. Is there a special order to merge these, do some files need to be merged together first? An example is the Individual file in which the 2004-08 file has data on a range of variables for several children (marked by the sign $ in the variable name), like the birth history. When I merge the 2009 files that go into the individual recode the list of variables are included, but not the information on each child. So I am suspecting I am doing something wrong.

Any advice on this are very much welcome.