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Subject: Re: v022, mv022, hv022 (the sample strata variables) in 2003 Burkina Faso stata dataset

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Dear DHS Forum,

I've been following the discussion on how to combine DHS data sets over time and for different countries. I however couldn't find an answer to my problem but this thread seems to be quite related to it.

I'm working with around 64 children's recode data files for different countries and different points in time and facing the problem that in some cases the strata haven't been reported (e.g., Burundi 1987) and instead there's only the v101 "region" variable, or reported as "country specific" (e.g., Burkina Faso 2010). That's why I decided to use as a strata variable the grouped "region" and "place of residence" variables (v024 and v025). It's however a very tedious work to adjust the number of regional divisions for the same country at different points in time. The regional division is important for a comparison over time. I don't know whether it would otherwise be correct to just use the "region" variable for the same country as it is at point 't' and use it as it is at point 't+1', without being interested into how many regional parts was the country split during both periods. After all, no matter the regional division, the surveys have a representative sample for the country as a whole.

One rather general question regarding the DHS recodes. I saw that for the DHS from the 80s there is only a household recode (HH) available but not a household members recode (PR). I was wondering if I still could use these to look at the years of schooling of the household members?

Thanks a lot for your help!

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