
Subject: Re: Merging DHS data in Stata

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Dear DHS experts,

Thank you once again for the guidance, however, I still seem to be having hitches with Tanzania SPSS 2011-12 datasets and the HIV datasets. I have tried to merge the two datasets using the syntax guideline you provided in the forum but they seem to merge with different case IDs, and the HIV dataset merges only as new cases with own variables with. Here is the syntax I used. Could I get further guidance. Thank you.

```
DATASET ACTIVATE DataSet4.  
SORT CASES BY hivCLUST(A) hivNUMB(A) hivLINE(A).
```

```
DATASET ACTIVATE DataSet1.  
SORT CASES BY V001(A) V002(A) V003(A).  
SAVE
```

```
RENAME VARIABLES (V001 V002 V003 =  
hivCLUST hivNUMB hivLINE).  
EXECUTE
```

```
DATASET ACTIVATE DataSet6.  
MATCH FILES /FILE=*  
/FILE='DataSet4'  
/BY hivCLUST hivNUMB hivLINE.  
EXECUTE.
```

Kind regards,
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