Subject: Merging issue
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Hello!

I have Stata 12.1. For some reason I am having trouble merging the HIV dataset with the Individual dataset with Ethiopia 2011. I have merged these two types of datasets with other countries with no issues. However, after doing it with Ethiopia I get the following error message: "variable id does not uniquely identify observations in the master data".

Here is my process for merging these two datasets:
1) First I open the HIV dataset and put the code: gen long id=((1000+hivclust)*10000)+(hivnumb*100)+hivline

2) Then I save it and open the Individual dataset and put the code: gen long id=((1000+v001)*10000)+(v002*100)+v003

3) I leave the individual dataset open and put the code to merge: merge 1:1 id using "C:/Users/EthiopaHIV2011.dta"

Then I get the error message as shown above.

Why is unique about the Ethiopia Individual and/or HIV dataset compared to other country datasets where this code does not work?

Thanks for any help you can provide ahead of time!
Leo