Subject: Re: Testing for the pool-ability of DHS data
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Robert,

 As for "how to pool" - use the "append" command. It is really easy:

use DataSet1.dta
append using DataSet2.dta
etc....

  As for creating new variables, there are lots of ways. One way would be to add a "round" ID
when appending, and then use a simple, if ad hoc, method like this:

use DataSet1.dta
  gen round =1
append using DataSet2.dta
  replace round=2 if round==.
etc....

  Then you can do something like this:

gen strata = round*1000 + strata

  You can do something very similar for cluster, you just need to multiply the "round" variable by a
number with as many 0's as there are digits in the strata/cluster/whatever variable you want to
make unique.

If you have multiple countries, you can do something similar by generating a country ID number
(in the appending process) and then multiplying that by a number with an extra 0 or two (so that
your final ID would be "country number" "round number" "strata number" concatenated together.

That make sense?