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Subject: Computing the stunting prevalence among U5 children according to the BMI of their mothers

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Dear DHS data users,

Here, I have a matter which is not solved yet. Could you help me in even if this question has already been asked?

I'm using the 2011-12 Côte d'Ivoire DHS data. My aim is to merge children's dataset and households members dataset in order to get the number of women who were underweight, normal and overweight or obese and then compute well the stunting prevalence among children under five according to the women's BMI. I don't happen to get the results of the report (page 179).

The code I used is:

```
// Household's members dataset
use "C:\CIPR61FL.dta", clear
rename V001 HV001
rename V002 HV002
rename V003 HVIDX
sort V001 V002 V003
save "C:\CIPR61FL_temp.dta", replace
```

```
// Children's recode dataset
use "C:\CIKR61FL.dta", clear
sort V001 V002 V003
save "C:\CIKR61FL_temp.dta", replace
```

```
// Merging
```

```
merge m:m V001 V002 V003 using "C:\CIPR61FL_temp.dta"
keep if _merge==3
save "C:\CIKR61FL_temp2.dta", replace
```

```
//Excluding children who didn't pass the last night in the household and who were not alive
```

```
drop if HV103==0
keep if B5==1
```

```
//Computing BMI
```

```
gen bmi=V445/100
gen bmic=1 if bmi<18.5
replace bmic=2 if bmi>=18.5 & bmi<25
replace bmic=3 if bmi>=25 & bmi!=.
drop if bmic==.
```

```
label define bm1c 1"Underweight" 2"Normal" 3"Overweight/obese"  
label values bm1c bm1c
```

```
// Excluding women with flagged height, those who were pregnant ou who were pregnant during  
the two previous months
```

```
gen b3_01=V211  
gen ht_flag=0  
replace ht_flag=1 if V438>9000  
gen preg_flag=0  
replace preg_flag=1 if V213==1  
gen months_since_last_birth=V008-b3_01  
gen recent_birth_flag=0  
replace recent_birth_flag=1 if months_since_last_birth<=1  
tab bm1c if ht_flag==0 & preg_flag==0 & recent_birth_flag==0 [iweight=V005/1000000]
```

Here, I don't get the same results as in the DHS report. How can I correct this script? Is it the right way or do I have to merge children with only individuals (women) dataset?

Thank you.

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