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Subject: Weighting variables in DHS India data (1992 and 1998)

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I am using the 1992 and 1998 DHS datasets for India. I am unable to get my head around how to re-adjust weights in both datasets due to the following reasons.

For my analysis, I have to make both datasets consistent with each other because I want to use them in the same regression. Therefore, I had to drop certain observations specified below:

- 1) The data for kids in 1998 dataset is for kids under the age of 35 months. So I had to drop data for kids greater than 35 months in the 1992 file.
- 2) Merging village files with the household and kids files in both datasets results in unmatched observations for urban towns. So I had to drop these and keep observations for only rural areas.
- 3) There are around 370 districts in both datasets. However, the 1998 dataset increased the coverage to include additional 50 districts. But I had to drop these observations to make the 2 data-sets consistent.

Can you please suggest how I should re-adjust weights in both the datasets? I am working in stata.

Many thanks

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