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Subject: Re: Merging DHS data in Stata

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Dear DHS experts,

I am trying to merge the IR and PR file. I have read the comments on this page, about how to use m:m merge (question by owraza and reply by DHS expert). I understand the entire procedure (use hv001 & hv002 from PR and v001 v002 from IR) but towards the beginning of the explanation the DHS expert mention that is is better to perform old merge as the new m:m merge may do something we dont want it to.

I have stata verion 12 and it does not allow me to use old merge, leaving m:m merge as the only option. However, the help file on stata suggest that I may use joinby, can I do this..???

So, if I use joinby

In the PR (household file):

```
rename hv001 v001
```

```
rename hv002 v002
```

```
sort v001 v002
```

In the IR (women file):

```
sort v001 v002
```

I am lost after this point, I cant use m:m merge as that is not advised and I dont know how to proceed further. I would appreciate any help.

Thanks a lot.