## Subject: South Africa (1998): Merging Wealth Index with Individual Recode File in Stata
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I tried to merge Wealth Index file for South Africa (ZAWI31FL.DTA) with the Individual Recode file, but was unable to. I created a new variable in the IR file called whhid, from a substring of the CASEID:

gen whhid = substr(caseid,1,12)

I then tried to merge the IR and WI files:

merge whhid using "..."

I was told that "the variable whhid does not uniquely identify observations". How can I merge the WI and IR files in Stata?

I understand that the CASEID is 15 character string variable that is the household ID + 3 characters that represent the individual (CASEID = HHID + V003). I do not understand how to merge the two files given that it seems that there are no common/shared id variables.

Please provide Stata specific coding in your reply if possible!