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Subject: Couples Recode and polygamy  
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Hello

I am using 7 datasets from West Africa, and looking in particular at female circumcision. I would like to know how the couples in the couples recode file are matched where the marriages are polygamous.

For example in the Couples Recode file for Mali MLCR52FL there are 2665 couples, amongst which 2,407 have answered the question G102 Respondent circumcised.

However, when I matched the male and female file for the same datasets, just looking at the first wife I got 2,768 couples (i.e. men + first wife) of whom 1,935 had answered the question G102 Respondent circumcised.

I was wondering if this discrepancy was due to the fact that I am just looking at first wife. I would like to know the criteria for including a couple where a man has more than one wife - which wife is used in the coupling?

Thank you

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