## Subject: Merging BR & IR Files PDHS 2017-18 (STATA 13)
Posted by shujaat.smc@gmail.com on Sat, 05 Dec 2020 16:02:39 GMT
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Dear DHS representative,

In your response to my question about how to generate the Mother's Age at most recent birth, I used the IR file and create the variable accordingly. (STATA 13)


I watched a video on youtube in which the merging of two DHS files was done on v001 & v002. The tutor said, there should be no duplicates when we use these two variables simultaneously ie: (my stata command as the example below)

merge 1:m v001 v002 AgeofMOOm using "file location to be mereged"

However, before merging I checked for duplicates for V001 & V002 simultaneously (as taught in that tutorial) and found that there are duplicates.


On my attempt to do so using the following command:  merge 1:m v001 v002 using "/Users/syed Hussain/Documents/Workig Directory for Stata/All Neonatal Data Asse sment/Merging Files /Merge Parent BR PK 6 Region Data .dta"


I got this message from STATA:

"variables v001 v002 do not uniquely identify observations in the master data"


Question: Kindly tell me how I should merge the mother's age at the time of most recent birth present in the IR file to my main file on which I am doing analysis (BR file) in presence of duplicates in v001 & v002.


Waiting for your response.


Best Regards

Dr. Hussain


## Subject: Re: Merging BR & IR Files PDHS 2017-18 (STATA 13)
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Mon, 07 Dec 2020 19:08:42 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

You do not need to do a merge. The KR and BR files include the mother's age and her cmc of birth (v011).  At the time of the child's birth (b3) the mother's age in months is b3-v011. You can convert that to single years of age with int((b3-v011)/12).

Subject: Re: Merging BR & IR Files PDHS 2017-18 (STATA 13)
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Dear Tom Pullum,

Thanks a lot.

Best Regards

Dr. Hussain