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Subject: Merging Child Data with Maternal HIV  
Posted by [mmapingure](#) on Wed, 10 Mar 2021 18:40:44 GMT  
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I need to analyze child nutritional data by maternal HIV status. How do I merge the two (children data and HIV data)

The issue is children where included regardless of whether or not the mother was surveyed. So I need to remain with data for children whose mothers were surveyed and then merge with HIV status of the mother

Ref Zimbabwe DHS 2015-2016

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Subject: Re: Merging Child Data with Maternal HIV  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 16 Mar 2021 13:47:07 GMT  
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We have had countless postings on the topic of merging DHS datasets. If you search with keywords "merge" or "merging", you should find answers to your questions.

For additional information on merging, please see the examples in the Guide to DHS Statistics - search for "Matching and Merging Datasets". Also, please see the following page for more information on merging: <https://dhsprogram.com/data/Merging-Datasets.cfm>

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Subject: HIV status data (2014 GDHS)  
Posted by [Samie](#) on Fri, 09 Jul 2021 14:43:15 GMT  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

In my recent exploratory research using the 2014 GDHS, an academic editor requests that I replace HIV testing status with HIV status. Could you share this data with me or direct me to its source?

Best,  
Samuel

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Subject: Re: HIV status data (2014 GDHS)  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Sat, 10 Jul 2021 00:08:46 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The choice of term would depend on what you are talking about. We refer to "testing status" to mean whether the person ever had an HIV test (other than a test as part of the survey--the 2014 survey included an HIV test for eligible respondents). "HIV status" refers to whether the test done as part of the survey had a negative or positive result.

If you are analyzing the variables used in tables 13.11.1 and 13.11.2 in the main report, then it's testing status. If you are analyzing hiv03 in the AR file from the survey, then it's HIV status.

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Subject: Re: HIV status data (2014 GDHS)  
Posted by [Samie](#) on Sat, 10 Jul 2021 00:41:18 GMT  
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Dear Tom,

Many thanks for your reply.

I am analysing HIV status (negative/positive), and I was requesting help with accessing the data (since it is not part of the "general data"). I guess it is the AR file I need your assistance with getting (i.e., how/where to apply for it).

Best,  
Samuel

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Subject: Re: HIV status data (2014 GDHS)  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Sat, 10 Jul 2021 01:36:39 GMT  
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Please email [archive@dhsprogram.com](mailto:archive@dhsprogram.com) for data access questions.

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Subject: Re: HIV status data (2014 GDHS)  
Posted by [Samie](#) on Sat, 10 Jul 2021 10:17:26 GMT  
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Many thanks