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Subject: merging the DV module with men's recode

Posted by [fl1](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2022 02:05:42 GMT

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Hello,

I have attempted to merge the respondent's from the domestic violence module sample from individual raecode (IR) in the Benin DHS Round 7 (BJ7) survey their partners in the Men's Recode for the same round. However, it seems like the Men's Recode is missing all partners to the women in the domestic violence module sample. Were these men excluded from the sample? I haven't been able to find this in the survey documentation.

Thank you!

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Subject: Re: merging the DV module with men's recode

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 09 Nov 2022 19:53:44 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

I think the best way to do what you want is to use the couples file, BJCR71FL.dta. It is a merge of women and men in the same household who mutually identify each other as partners, and it includes all of the DV ("d") variables. Let us know if this not what you are looking for.

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Subject: Re: merging the DV module with men's recode

Posted by [fl1](#) on Wed, 09 Nov 2022 19:58:57 GMT

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Thank you for your response! I've checked that the couple's file achieves the same outcome - no women in the DV sample are in the couple's recode. All of the values for the DV ("d") variables are missing. My question is whether this is due to an intentional choice of sampling of the men in the men's recode. I can't find this in the documentation anywhere.

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Subject: Re: merging the DV module with men's recode

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 16 Nov 2022 14:11:46 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

I should have looked at the DV variables in the CR file. I do see, now, that they are empty. I just went to the PR file and entered "lookfor select" because that will often identify the variable(s) used

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for subsampling. Sure enough, hv027 and hv044 indicate selection for the DV module and for the male interview, respectively. If you do "tab hv027 hv044" you will see that the variables are mutually exclusive.

This kind of subsampling is done at the household level. Looking at the HR file, a crosstab of hv027 and hv044 gives this:

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. tab hv027 hv044
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	household selected	household   for domestic violence	selected for   module	male interview   household	household	Total
not selected	0	7,093		7,093		
men's survey	7,063	0		7,063		
Total	7,063	7,093		14,156		

Half the households were selected for the DV module and half for the men's survey, with no overlap. This should be described in the final report, but it could be buried in the sampling appendix. I agree with you that this is an unfortunate design. We on the analysis team have often recommended against this type of subsampling.

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Subject: Re: merging the DV module with men's recode

Posted by fl1 on Wed, 16 Nov 2022 16:07:46 GMT

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Thanks so much for clearing this up! I agree that it's an unfortunate sampling choice, but glad to know that it's not something wrong with how we were working with the data.