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Subject: Senegal data

Posted by [masinachippoh@gmail.com](mailto:masinachippoh@gmail.com) on Thu, 01 Dec 2022 04:56:20 GMT

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I tried merging two datasets for Senegal, but I had a problem because it told me there were no unique identifiers. I tried all corrective methods, but nothing worked. Any assistance would be appreciated.

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Subject: Re: Senegal data

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Mon, 05 Dec 2022 22:13:03 GMT

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Thank you for submitting your question. Could you please provide some more detailed information so we can better advise you?

Can you let us know:

- Which survey you are using (Include country name and year)?
- Which data files you are referring to?
- Which software you are using (Stata, SPSS, R, etc.)?

If you are trying to match a Table in a final report, please also indicate which table and which estimate you are trying to match.

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Subject: Re: Senegal data

Posted by [masinachippoh@gmail.com](mailto:masinachippoh@gmail.com) on Wed, 07 Dec 2022 07:28:57 GMT

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Hello Janet

Thank you for your response. Am working with Senegal data from 1997 and 2015. I was merging the household member file with another dataset I created with household head education information. Am using state. This is for my master's thesis.

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Subject: Re: Senegal data

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2022 14:37:43 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

Please specify which files you are trying to merge, with filenames such as "SNPR32FL.DTA". If you have constructed a separate file and have not copied the identifiers, you can't do a merge. The usual identifiers are hv001, hv002, hvidx in the PR file; v001, v002, v003 in the IR file, and mv001, mv002, mv003 in the MR file. You cannot merge a file from one survey with a file from another survey, but you can "append" the files, which may be what you want to do. Please provide more information.

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