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Subject: Merging KR to MR OR (KR, IR, MR)  
Posted by [Mukesh](#) on Sat, 18 Mar 2023 14:53:13 GMT  
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I am working on NFHS-4 (2015-16)

I want to have the following variables in one file

child health variables, sex, birth order, child age, wealth index, religion, caste, maternal/paternal education, maternal/paternal age, BMI, anaemia

I wish to share existing views in user forum

1. KR file includes all relevant variables of the mother, so is it possible to merge KR directly to MR file that includes men's sample in which father are there?  
OR

2. First, merge IR to CR for adding women's characteristics, then merge MR to CR for adding men's characteristics and Finally merge the KR with already merged CR ?

\*my regression equation be like

child outcome = child\_variables mother\_variable father\_var

Thanks!!

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Subject: Re: Merging KR to MR OR (KR, IR, MR)  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 20 Mar 2023 15:26:22 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The only way to identify the biological father of a child is with hv113-hv114 in the PR file. You can identify a male household head (in the PR file) or the partner of the mother (in the CR file) but can't be sure that person is the father.

Recently we posted a program that will combine all information about the child, mother, and father on a single record. This works from the children in the PR file, not the children in the KR file, but will include nearly all the children in the KR file who are alive and living with the mother.

#### File Attachments

1) [merge\\_children\\_mothers\\_fathers\\_do\\_14Feb2023.txt](#), downloaded 276 times

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