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Subject: combining country datasets

Posted by [Koray](#) on Mon, 09 Oct 2023 01:35:17 GMT

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I am relatively new to DHS data use. I am currently trying to work on the effect of level education on caesarean section among women in Sub-saharan Africa. I want to combine several countries' data for this project. Please How do I do it?

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Subject: Re: combining country datasets

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Mon, 09 Oct 2023 18:23:18 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: combining country datasets

Posted by [Koray](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2023 11:29:33 GMT

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I wish to use the individual recode (women data) in STATA format for all Sub-saharan african countries.

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Subject: Re: combining country datasets

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2023 17:30:06 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

You say you want to look at the effect of education on having a c-section in all SSA countries. In the KR file, in which the cases are children, m17 is the variable that says whether the delivery was by c-section (0=no, 1=yes) and v106 is the mother's level of education. I suggest that you first pick one survey to develop your methods of analysis. Then repeat for other surveys. Let us know if you have specific questions.

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