
Subject: Merging Hiv Women Men and Couples
Posted by [Micaela_A](#) on Sat, 11 Apr 2015 11:01:05 GMT

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Hello, I'm writing a paper on the impact of gender roles on the diffusion of HIV in Lesotho. I merged the hiv dataset with the IR and MR separately and then wanted to merge these two datasets to only have the couples. I know a Couples' Recode is already available but I was wondering which keys you use to know that person 1 is the partner of person 2. Because I merged the datasets and while most of the information that I got in the process was plausible, I also got that 150 couples or so had a big difference of 'age of respondent' and 'age of partner' answered by the other member of the couple. Is it believable that a couple has a 61 years of difference in actual age and age known by the partner? I checked this information on the CR and I got the same information regarding this and other individuals with less(though still big) difference...

Subject: Re: Merging Hiv Women Men and Couples
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The key variables to use are:

Women: V001 (cluster number) V002 (household number) V034 (line number of husband)

Men: MV001 (cluster number) MV002 (household number) MV003 (line number of man)

See <http://www.dhsprogram.com/data/Merging-Datasets.cfm> for more info.
