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Subject: Merging IDHS and DHS household level files  
Posted by [anj\\_user](#) on Wed, 15 Apr 2015 18:32:41 GMT  
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Hello,

I am trying to link the two and am having trouble. Your info sheet asks that I use "hhid" to merge, but that does not seem to work even if I use v001 and v002 to merge. I also tried to create the "idhshid" variable in my household level sets, but could not do the same for the IDHS. How would you suggest I merge the two? Especially given that I am trying to merge household level files for all countries included in the IDHS at the moment.

Thanks!

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Subject: Re: Merging IDHS and DHS household level files  
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Fri, 17 Apr 2015 03:22:22 GMT  
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Can you let us know which surveys and datasets you are using as that can make a difference. From the variables you reference, there is perhaps an issue as hhid is a variable from the household data, but v001 and v002 are from the individual women's data (not the household data), so I wouldn't expect them to merge easily. Can you tell me which DHS dataset you are using (and which software you are using), and then which variables you selected through IDHS?

Can you also tell us if there is a reason you are trying to merge datasets from the IDHS and the regular DHS datasets? They were really designed for users to use one or the other. If you can let us know this information we should be able to direct you how to merge the datasets.

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Subject: Re: Merging IDHS and DHS household level files  
Posted by [boyle014](#) on Tue, 08 May 2018 15:05:46 GMT  
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Quick follow up to this thread... Household variables are accessible from all the units of analysis in IPUMS-DHS. (That's been true for several years.) Simply choose your unit of analysis and use the Topics drop-down menu or the Search function to find the variables that interest you. The + sign by the variable name adds it to your data extract.

The units of analysis current in IPUMS-DHS include women, children, births, and household members--known in DHS parlance as the IR, KR, BR, and PR files.

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