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Subject: V001 and V002 do not uniquely identify observations in certain files?

Posted by [cp284](#) on Tue, 19 Nov 2013 02:27:14 GMT

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Hi everyone,

I'm trying to merge individual and household files for a number of countries. Per the DHS documentation on merging, I've renamed the variables HV001 and HV002 to V001 and V002 in the household files, and then merge on these two variables. This has worked for almost all of my files of interest. But for 12 household files, V001 and V002 do not uniquely identify observations. This prevents me from carrying out the m:1 merge in Stata that I have done for my other files.

V001 and V002 do not uniquely identify observations in the following files:

BOHR31FL  
CMHR31FL  
TFHR31FL  
NIHR31FL  
TGHR31FL  
MLHR41FL  
BJHR41FL  
BOHR41FL  
ETHR41FL  
SNHR44FL  
IAHR42FL  
HNHR52FL

Has anyone else come across this problem before? How have you navigated it?

Thank you!

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Subject: Re: V001 and V002 do not uniquely identify observations in certain files?

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 02 Dec 2013 14:30:04 GMT

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Here is a response from one of our Senior Data Processing Specialists, Nouredine Abderrahim.

In some surveys HV002, V002, or MV002 are not sufficient to identify the households. In some survey a household is identified by the household number and the structure within this household. In such a case, you might use the first 12 characters of the "CASEID" identification of the woman or the "MCASEID" identification of the man to match them with their respective household identified by the variable "HHID".

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