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Subject: Merging datasets of different rounds- longitudinal  
Posted by [brammaputram@yahoo.fr](mailto:brammaputram@yahoo.fr) on Thu, 04 Aug 2016 00:12:20 GMT  
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Dear forum members,

I would like to study the trend in utilization of insecticide treated bed nets in Malawi by including data from last five surveys. I am trying to know how to merge datasets by year to see the longitudinal trends in bed net use.

I am using SPSS/Stata.

Thanks in advance for your valuable insights.

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Subject: Re: Merging datasets of different rounds- longitudinal  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 04 Aug 2016 12:12:44 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

This is not a merge. It is an append, which is much easier. In Stata, you can enter "help append". I don't know about SPSS but it should be equally easy in SPSS. There have been previous posts related to appending files.

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