1. Research Question:

Since my larger research question is around Migration and Remittance, a smaller research question is looking at the regional remittance received by combined household income in the Chitwan Valley Region to see how that related to the remittance received yearly on the national average remittance in Nepal.

The purpose for this research question is because it helps to see in a heavily agricultural based economy like Chitwan, how much remittance did they receive related to the national average and if that affects heavily on Chitwan Valley’s agricultural output.

1. Dataset sources:
   1. Chitwan Valley [Nepal] Family Study: Labor Outmigration, Agricultural Productivity and Food Security- Household Agriculture and Migration Survey. This is under THA3(filename on GITHUB)
   2. Remittance data inflow- Migration and Remittance Data, World Bank Group. This is under THA2(Filename on GITHUB)
2. In order to compile this data, set and look at the remittance received on the regional level vs the national level, I took remittance received by dataset (a) variable REM63-REM72 and aggregated those values. From the aggregation I calculated the percentage change each year in remittance. I then took dataset (b) and also calculated the percentage change in remittance. Doing this bring both variables into percentage change and thus makes it easier in compare. I did the calculations and merged the two datasets based on year and percentage change in STATA and then exported it as a EXCEL file.
3. New dataset is name Percentage\_change and the new variables I wanted to look at is as follows

Column A= Variable x= 1 (used to STATA calculation)

Column B=Year= Aggregated Remittance received in a yearly basis

Column C= REM= Aggregated Remittance income Received in Chitwan Valley in Rupees

Column D= Percent = Percentage change in Remittance in Chitwan Valley each year

Column E= NepalRemittance\_US= Total National Remittance in US$

Column F= National Percentage change in Remittance

I needed change the values to percentage to make sure the variables matched in order to merge the files.