

Towards evidenced-based interventions for the National Strategic Plan



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SANAC Research Sector

- Founded in 2007
- Represented in SANAC PIC
- Represented in SANAC plenary
- 80 researchers are part of this sector
- Supported in its work by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Committees of Research Sector

- Steering committee
- Prevention
- Treatment, Care and Support
- Surveillance and M&E Research
- Human rights, policy and stigma
- Health Systems

Role of Research Sector

- COORDINATION
 - Provide a forum for the coordination of HIV & AIDS research in SA
 - Serve as a link between the researchers and SANAC
- TECHNICAL SUPPORT
 - Facilitate the conduct of research in support of the NSP
 - Support work of other sectors through providing expert advice and independent information
 - Ensure that evidence generated by research is translated into policy and programmes

Role of Research Sector, cont

- **PRIORITIZATION**

- Assist with the development of a prioritised research agenda
- Ensure broad stakeholder input into the research agenda
- Ensure budgetary support for the essential research agenda

- **CAPACITY BUILDING**

- Facilitate capacity building of researchers, with particular focus on previously disadvantaged groups
- Assist with research capacity building of other sectors in SANAC

Sector highlights

- Development of policy guidelines for HIV testing in children
- Documentation of evidence-based practices on Routine Testing and Client Initiated Counselling and Testing
- A report on priority social and behavioral interventions (SBIs) that should be supported by SANAC
- Training programmes for project implementers and social scientists on SBIs
- Implementation of a pilot project on Positive Prevention in one province

Sector Highlights, cont

- Population-based survey on HIV: prevalence, incidence, behaviour, communication
- Creation of a bibliographic database of HIV/AIDS research in South Africa
- Compiling a synthesis paper on male circumcision.
- Build capacity of implementers in M&E and engagement with SANAC and national departments to seek ways to improve both the nature of current indicators and the feasibility of routine data collection.

Outputs

- Review/annotated bibliography on task shifting-
 - **Primary Health Care Teams for HIV: A Review of the Literature on Task Shifting with Reference to Health System Implementation of South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV and AIDS (2007-11)**
- Produce NSP indicators based on the population-based survey
- Produce 2010 UNGASS Indicators
- Produce a report on HIV among children

Meeting today

- Human Resources and the NSP challenges
- Update on SANAC M&E Framework and Indicators for NSP
- Current Research Work on positive prevention intervention
- HIV counselling and Testing in adults