

Your voice matters!

Using research to create a healthier nation



Take part in our national health survey and let your voice be heard

We'd love to hear what you think. You're part of a few families in your community that have been selected to take part in the upcoming national HIV and Behaviour Survey. The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) is carrying out the survey, **which is celebrating its 20th year of contributing to health policies in South Africa.** The main reason for this survey is to collect information that will help to build healthier and better communities. The survey is voluntary and your information is kept private.

***All Covid-19 protocols will be followed.**



What you need to know about the survey



- This survey is running from **November 2021** to **30 June 2023**
- You belong to one of **32 000** households from **2 144** small area layers (SALS) that have been randomly selected across South Africa to participate in the survey:
- You're part of the **100 000 participants** expected to be interviewed from all age groups
- The survey will take approximately **45 minutes** to an hour of your time
- We will conduct the survey in a **language of your choice**

If you would like to know your

HIV status during the survey:

- You will know your HIV status immediately
- You will have access to the HIV rapid testing, pre-and post-test HIV counselling, and referral to care, should you require it

Our survey questions will be based on the following



Family



Socio-demographic characteristics



Media and communication



Sexual history



HIV testing



HIV status



Tuberculosis (TB)



Social norms



HIV knowledge and attitudes



Care and treatment



COVID-19 & testing

Other health issues such as male circumcision, violence, drugs, alcohol use and mental health

In your questionnaire it is important to tell us about your life, how you live it, your **behaviour**, your **health** situation and more. This gives us very crucial information about your **HIV status**, after you have been asked to provide a **blood specimen**. The blood specimen is collected with a finger prick from a small lancet needle for later analysis in the lab. Without this blood specimen, your participation in the survey will not be complete. In some selected households we will ask for a blood specimen to test for **COVID-19 antibodies**. We are in your area for this whole week. If you would like to **book an appointment** at another time or if you have any **questions** about the survey, you are **free to contact us**.

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