

THE THIRD SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL HIV, BEHAVIOUR AND HEALTH SURVEY 2008



Together we can make a difference:
Please participate if selected for this survey!

WHAT IS THIS SURVEY ABOUT?

The 2008 survey is the third national household HIV and health survey to be done in South Africa by the Human Sciences Research Council and its partners.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE 2008 SURVEY?

- ✗ To find out the levels of HIV infection in South Africa
- ✗ To learn what South Africans know, believe and feel about HIV/AIDS
- ✗ To assess behaviours that put people at risk of contracting HIV
- ✗ To assess the efforts of the National Strategic Plan
- ✗ To collect data on the health conditions of South Africans

HOW WILL IT WORK?

Each person selected will be interviewed using a questionnaire. They will also be asked to give a small blood sample obtained through a finger prick for HIV testing.

Participation in the survey is voluntary, and if your area has been selected, we urge you to participate.

WILL THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEWS AND BLOOD TESTS BE SHARED WITH OTHERS?

No names will be attached to any of the questionnaires and samples collected. The information will be kept strictly confidential.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

IF I AM ASKED TO PARTICIPATE, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

The survey will reach about 28 000 people from all parts of the country, so only some people will actually be interviewed and asked to give a blood sample. If you are approached, please help us by allowing us to prick your finger to take a sample, and answering the questions in the questionnaire. By doing this, you will help us to estimate how many people are infected with HIV in South Africa, and answer other important questions that policy makers need answered.