

# Making a difference through research

## A synopsis of the HSRC's 2007/08 activities

During 2007/08, the HSRC undertook a variety of almost 200 projects and an assortment of other initiatives, all with one common purpose: to do research that intends to make a difference to the lives of the people inside South Africa, the South African Development Community (SADC), and other African countries.

Ongoing ventures involve highly relevant issues such as education and skills development, the social aspects of HIV and AIDS, the well-being of our families and society, governance, policy work and developmental questions. Herewith a selection of some of the most significant undertakings, grouped together under the following five themes:

**Governance and society: Crime and violence; Democracy, governance and society**

**Youth and children: Early childhood; Youth development**

**Education and science: Education; World of work – skills and employment; Science and innovation; Capacity development**

**HIV and AIDS: HIV and AIDS and health systems**

**Poverty: Poverty and development; Social inclusion and exclusion; Service delivery**

The final section of this synopsis of the HSRC's 2007/08 activities ends with descriptions of implementation networks in Africa and demonstration projects.

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