



28 June 2021

**Prof K Zuma**  
**Human and Social Capabilities**  
**PTA**

**Dear Prof K Zuma**

**Subject: The sixth South African national HIV prevalence, incidence, behavior and communication survey 2021 (SABSSM VI).**

- Please ensure that you read the whole document, Permission is hereby granted for the above – mentioned research on the following conditions:
- Recommendation is relevant for household survey participants linkage to care, returning of viral load results through the facility and returning of HIV Drug Resistance results through the facility
- Participation in the study must be voluntary and a written consent by each participant must be obtained.
- Serious Adverse events to be reported to the Free State department of health and/ or termination of the study
- Ascertain that your data collection exercise neither interferes with the day to day running of **Selected Facilities** nor the performance of duties by the respondents or health care workers.
- Confidentiality of information will be ensured and please do not obtain information regarding the identity of the participants.
- **Research results and a complete report should be made available to the Free State Department of Health on completion of the study (a hard copy plus a soft copy).**
- Progress report must be presented not later than one year after approval of the project to the Ethics Committee of Human Science Research Council and to Free State Department of Health.
- Any amendments, extension or other modifications to the protocol or investigators must be submitted to the Ethics Committee of Human Science Research Council and to Free State Department of Health.
- **Conditions stated in your Ethical Approval letter should be adhered to and a final copy of the Ethics Clearance Certificate should be submitted to [sebeelats@fshealth.gov.za](mailto:sebeelats@fshealth.gov.za) before you commence with the study**
- No financial liability will be placed on the Free State Department of Health
- **Please discuss your study with Institution Manager on commencement for logistical arrangements see 2<sup>nd</sup> page for contact details.**
- Department of Health to be fully indemnified from any harm that participants and staff experiences in the study
- **As part of feedback you will be required to present your study findings/results at the Free State Provincial health research day**

Trust you find the above in order.

Kind Regards

**Mr. MNG Mahlatsi**  
**ACTING HEAD: HEALTH**

Date: 29/06/2021