

Dear colleague

I trust this correspondence finds you well despite the uncertain times in which we find ourselves.

You may have seen that, as part of government's multipronged response to the coronavirus, the HSRC is undertaking a public survey to understand the impact of the virus on ordinary South Africans. A deeper understanding of how the virus is impacting on South Africans is important to implement effective mitigation measures and to plan for any future occurrence such as this. I am sure that you appreciate the urgency of gaining these insights as we battle against the spread of the virus.

We are now in the second phase of this study which will begin on Tuesday 7 April 2020. The first wave of the study ran from Friday 27 March to Tuesday 31 March 2020.

The second wave of the survey which will be conducted from Tuesday 7 April to Tuesday 14 April, will look specifically at the lockdown implemented from 27 March to 16 April.

The survey conducted on the social media platform Moya Messaging which can be accessed data free will look at some of the following issues:

- What type of community the respondent lives in
- The employment status of the respondent
- Knowledge about the coronavirus including preventive measures, primary concerns about the virus, does a lock-down help to prevent the spread of the virus
- Perceptions about personal risk in relation to contracting the virus
- Travel, movement and adherence to social distancing guidelines
- Access to food during the lockdown
- Water security including access to water to wash hands
- Access to sanitation
- Whether the respondent has been tested for the virus
- The socio-economic impact of the lockdown on the respondent and his/her household
- Whether the respondent was subjected to gender based violence during the lockdown
- Activities undertaken by the respondent during the lockdown.

The second part of the survey will include telephonic qualitative questions which will provide deeper responses from respondents.

To participate in the study, please click on the link below:

www.hsrc.ac.za/COVID19

or

<https://hsrc.datafree.co/r/HSRCCOVID>

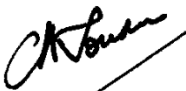
As the HSRC, we are asking if you could please share this survey with as many people as possible while also encouraging your employees to please complete the questionnaire. We have designed the survey to take as little time as possible while also not requiring any data.

Should you have any questions or need any further information, please contact the lead researcher, Professor Priscilla Reddy on 082 460 8095.

The wider the reach of the survey, the better the quality of our understanding of the impact of the virus and therefore our responses.

I want to thank you in advance for your assistance and also to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,



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