

## SABSSM VI PROJECT SPECIFICATION

### 1. Background

The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) in collaboration with the with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Department of Health (NDoH) and South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) will be implementing the sixth South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence and Behaviour Survey The Sixth South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence, Behaviour and Communication Survey, (SABSSM VI). This is a population-based cross-sectional survey of households in South Africa designed to assess the prevalence and trends of key HIV-related indicators in the country.

### 2. Objective: To provide laboratory services to the HSRC during the SABSSM VI survey.

The HSC research programme is currently implementing the South African National HIV prevalence, Incidence, Behaviour, and Communication Survey (also known as SABSSM VI). The programme is looking to employ data collectors from the specific locations listed below due to the diversity and operational needs for the successful implementation of the survey. In particular, we are interested to receive applications from white individuals whose home language is Afrikaans or can speak Afrikaans fluently. We have Black African teams currently working throughout country.

Fixed Term contract - short term (March to 31 December 2022)

Job title: Data collectors/Nurses

Number of Positions                      100

Location - Town / City                      Cape Town and the Cape Peninsula; Kimberly and Upington; Durban and Pietermaritzburg; Johannesburg and Pretoria; Bloemfontein and Welkom

Location - Province                      Free State, Northern Cape, Gauteng, Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal

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**Requirements:**

- Minimum qualification of Grade 12.
- Above-average ability to read, write and speak in Afrikaans.
- Familiarity with the use of electronic tablets.
- Prior relevant working experience working in research will be advantageous.
- Willingness to work in a team.
- Willingness to travel long distances, within and outside of one's province when required.
- Willingness to visit selected households during weekends and after hours.
- Having a valid driver's license will be an added advantage.
- Proven ability to exercise discretion in dealing with confidential or sensitive matters

**Key responsibilities:**

- Successful candidates will be responsible for the implementation of the survey by collecting data in households using electronic tablets to interview selected participants.
- Attend training sessions in full (starting in March – 14 days training)
- Successful candidates will be required to work within a team.
- Provide potential participants information about the project.
- Collect dried blood spots (DBS) from children and adults.
- Ensure quality work by following processes, procedures, and steps, outlined in the training manual.
- Manage fieldwork expenses by completing reconciliations following HSRC rules and regulations.
- Manage assets provided by HSRC.