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Prof Khangelani Zuma Human and Social Capabilities Human Science Research Council Private Bag X41 Pretoria 0001

Project Title: The Sixth South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence, Behaviour, and Communication Survey, 2021 (SABSSM VI).

Dear Prof Zuma

The application for gate-keeper's permission to conduct the above-mentioned research study in the Northern Cape Province was received and has been reviewed by the Northern Cape Department of Health.

Decision: Approval is hereby granted to conduct the above-mentioned research study in the Northern Cape (public health facilities, communities and department health offices) as indicated in your research proposal/application form.

The reference number for this research project is **NC_202106_001**, and please use this reference with all your communication with the Research Coordinator.

Please note the following:

- 1. This approval is valid for a period of one year from the date of approval.
- Should the research need a period more than one year to conclude, the researcher must apply for the extension period at the current approval period.

3. The researcher must make all necessary arrangement with each research facility manager, prior visiting each facility, thus to ensure that the provision of healthcare services is not affected when this project is being conducted.

Please note the following conditions:

- 1. The approval is limited to the research proposal as submitted on the application.
- 2. There must be no modification or amendments on the research project.
- 3. The Research Unit may monitor this research project at any time.
- 4. At the completion of this research project, a copy of the final report must be submitted to the Research Unit.
- 5. The Northern Cape Department of Health Senior Management must be briefed on the outcome of the study prior publishing.

Mr. Riaan Strydom

Acting Head of Department
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Date