









# THE SIXTH SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL HIV PREVALENCE, INCIDENCE, BEHAVIOUR, AND COMMUNICATION SURVEY, 2021/2022 (SABSSM VI)

To Whom it may concern

RE: Request for support for the SIXTH SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL HIV PREVALENCE, INCIDENCE, BEHAVIOUR, AND COMMUNICATION SURVEY, 2021/2023 (SABSSM VI)

As a stakeholder of this community, we would like your support to work in this community.

## Who is conducting the study?

The Human Sciences Research Council is undertaking the sixth national HIV prevalence, incidence, behaviour and communication survey, 2021/2022 (SABSSMVI) by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) in South Africa and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the USA.

## Why are we conducting the study?

We would like to learn more about people's health status and in the hope that it will assist us with developing plans to improve the health of people living in South Africa. We would like to interview members in your community to talk about health issues related to HIV. We would also like to choose one member aged 15 years and older to talk about COVID-19.

### Where are we conducting the study?

We will be collecting data from 30 585 households that have been randomly selected from all nine provinces in the country. We anticipate interviewing about 93 000 individuals of all ages. Your community has been randomly selected to participate in this survey. Our data collection teams will be working in your area in the next couple of weeks and will be available to further explain the study and identify the selected households in your area.

#### What does the study involve?

Within in each selected area known as a small area layer (SAL) 15 houses will be randomly chosen to participate in the survey and provide a blood sample and complete a questionnaire. All members in the household will be included and be invited to participate in the study.

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