

# Passionate about people



Annual Report 2010 - 2011

A close-up, high-angle portrait of a young girl with dark skin and hair, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The image is partially framed by a dark circular shape on the left and a blue curved shape at the bottom right.

Making change possible



# Vision and mission

## Vision

- To serve as a knowledge hub for research-based solutions in order to inform human and social development in South Africa, the African continent and the rest of the world.

## Mission

- The HSRC is a research organisation that advances social sciences and humanities for public use.



# New Developments

- Appointment of a new board towards the end of 2009
- Internal restructuring of the HSRC to
  - streamline the top management structure for greater efficiency and effectiveness;
  - reconfigure research programmes in order to better align the organisation's research thrusts with national priorities and
  - re-align existing units or create new units to support strategic imperatives
  - Review of the HSRC



# Mandated objectives of the HSRC

- To promote human science research of the highest quality in order to improve understanding of social conditions and the processes of social change;
- To engage in research and collaborative research networks in South Africa, Africa and globally, focusing on pressing social issues relevant to human welfare and prosperity)- (cf. Preamble to HSRC Act 17 of 2008)
- Therefore we had a very important strategic objective in our Strategic Plan:
- *To have addressed the key priorities facing South Africa through its research, and to have generated new knowledge that helps us understand the social and human environment in which we live.*





Democracy, Governance  
and Society

Education and Training

Healthcare and Health  
Systems

Poverty, Food and Security  
and Social Exclusion

Science for Society

World of Work

Young People in Focus

# Meeting mandates of the HSRC: Monitoring Policy

- Five policy briefs were published
  - energy security (South African crude oil import portfolio risks),
  - development challenges (Decisive action to achieve the MDGs),
  - quality education (Gender inequality in the mathematics and science school curriculum),
  - food security (The Gendered dimensions of food security in South Africa), and
  - skills development (Women's participation in industrial science, engineering and technology)



# Meeting mandate of the HSRC monitoring policy , cont

- Research managers and senior research staff were closely involved in work of the Presidency to inform a research-based approach towards government-wide monitoring and evaluation.)
- Regular R&D surveys undertaken by the HSRC on behalf of the Department of Science and Technology served to inform strategy and policy formulation in the Department, and monitoring of progress against targets set,





# Meeting mandates of the HSRC: dissemination

- To stimulate public debate through the effective dissemination of fact-based research results
- The *HSRC Review*. More than 6 000 copies of each edition, in printed or electronic format distributed to Parliamentarians, heads of national and provincial government departments, funding agencies, embassies, academic institutions, schools, journalists, and HSRC staff members.
- Press releases-. Value of free media coverage remains high at R81.5 million in 2010/11.
- Free downloads: The readership for on-line HSRC publications covers more than 200 different countries.
- Public seminars



# Meeting HSRC mandate: Build research capacity

- The HSRC had provided opportunities for 37 Master's, 28 PhD level interns and 18 postdoctoral fellows.
- Memoranda of understanding with some universities and government departments include provision for access to HSRC infrastructure such as library services.
- HSRC-published research is available to 50 universities in the rest of Africa, via the e-Granary Digital Library
- HSRC researchers participate in training workshops with counterparts in South Africa and other parts of the world.



# Meeting HSRC mandate: research collaboration

- Memoranda signed with International development agencies,
- International higher education
- International research NGOs
- Regional and international research networking organisations
- South African government departments, at national and local levels
- South African higher education institutions



# Meeting HSRC mandate: needs of vulnerable and marginalised groups

- Work in the area of HIV and AIDS in rural communities, including community-based intervention projects in the Sweetwaters (KZN) and Mthatha (Eastern Cape) districts
- Research on sustainable and safe water provisioning to communities in the Eastern Cape



# Meeting HSRC mandate: make available data sets

- Free access to the HRD data warehouse and results from the national R&D survey ([www.hsrc.ac.za](http://www.hsrc.ac.za) )
- Some 17 datasets were curated., eg.
  - Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS), which is now accessible to external users for review and secondary analysis. <http://www.hsrc.ac.za/Datasets-TAAMAA.phtml>



# Alignment with national priorities, 2009 Medium-term Strategic Framework

<i>National priority area listed in MTSF</i>	<i>Research programme</i>
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Education	ESD, HSD
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Health	HAST, PHHSI
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Rural development and land reform	EPD, DGSD
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Creating decent work	EPD, ESD
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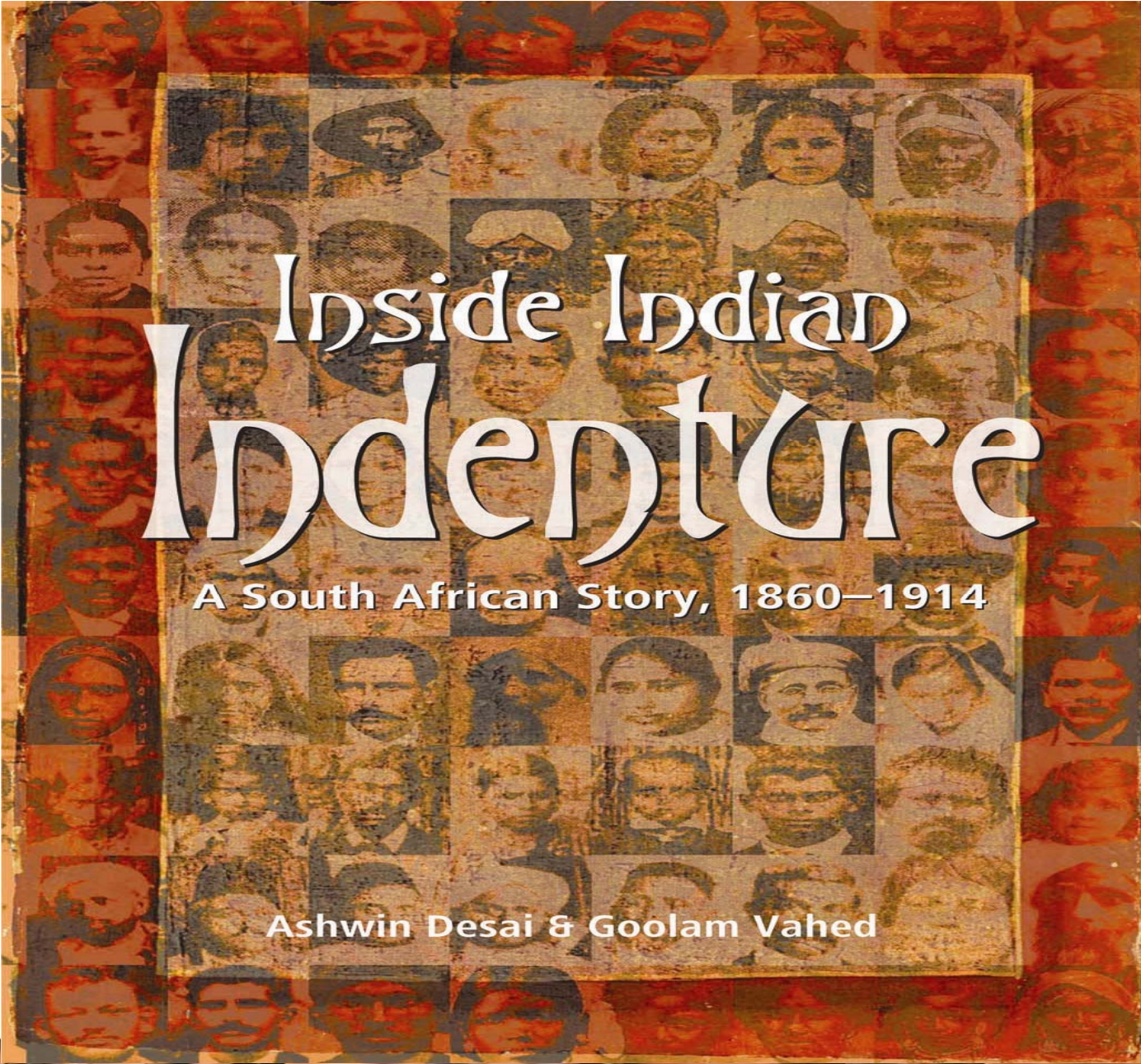
Fighting crime	DGSD, HSD
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# The top ten bestsellers

1. Inside Indian Indenture (2 939 copies sold in the period)
2. Education and Poverty Reduction Strategies
3. Growing Up in the New South Africa
4. Trade Unions and Party Politics
5. Constructing a Democratic Developmental State in South Africa
6. The Race to Transform
7. The Struggle over Land in Africa
8. The Zuma Administration
9. Development and Dreams – legacy of the Soccer World Cup
10. Gender, Modernity and Indian Delights





# Inside Indian Indenture

A South African Story, 1860–1914

Ashwin Desai & Goolam Vahed





# EDUCATION AND POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES

ISSUES OF POLICY COHERENCE

COLLOQUIUM PROCEEDINGS

Edited By Simeon Maile



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Imke Gooskens  
Lauren Kahn  
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Jeremy Seekings

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CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE IN POST-APARTHEID CAPE TOWN



# Trade Unions & Party Politics

Labour movements in Africa



Edited by Björn Beckman, Sakhela Buhlungu and Lloyd Sachikonye



constructing  
a democratic  
developmental  
state in  
south africa

potentials  
and challenges

edited by  
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# THE RACE TO TRANSFORM

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SPORT IN POST-APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA 

Edited by  
**Ashwin Desai**



# THE STRUGGLE OVER LAND IN AFRICA

CONFLICTS, POLITICS & CHANGE

EDITED BY WARD ANSEEUW & CHRIS ALDEN



# The Zuma Administration Critical Challenges

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DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE  
RESEARCH PROGRAMME



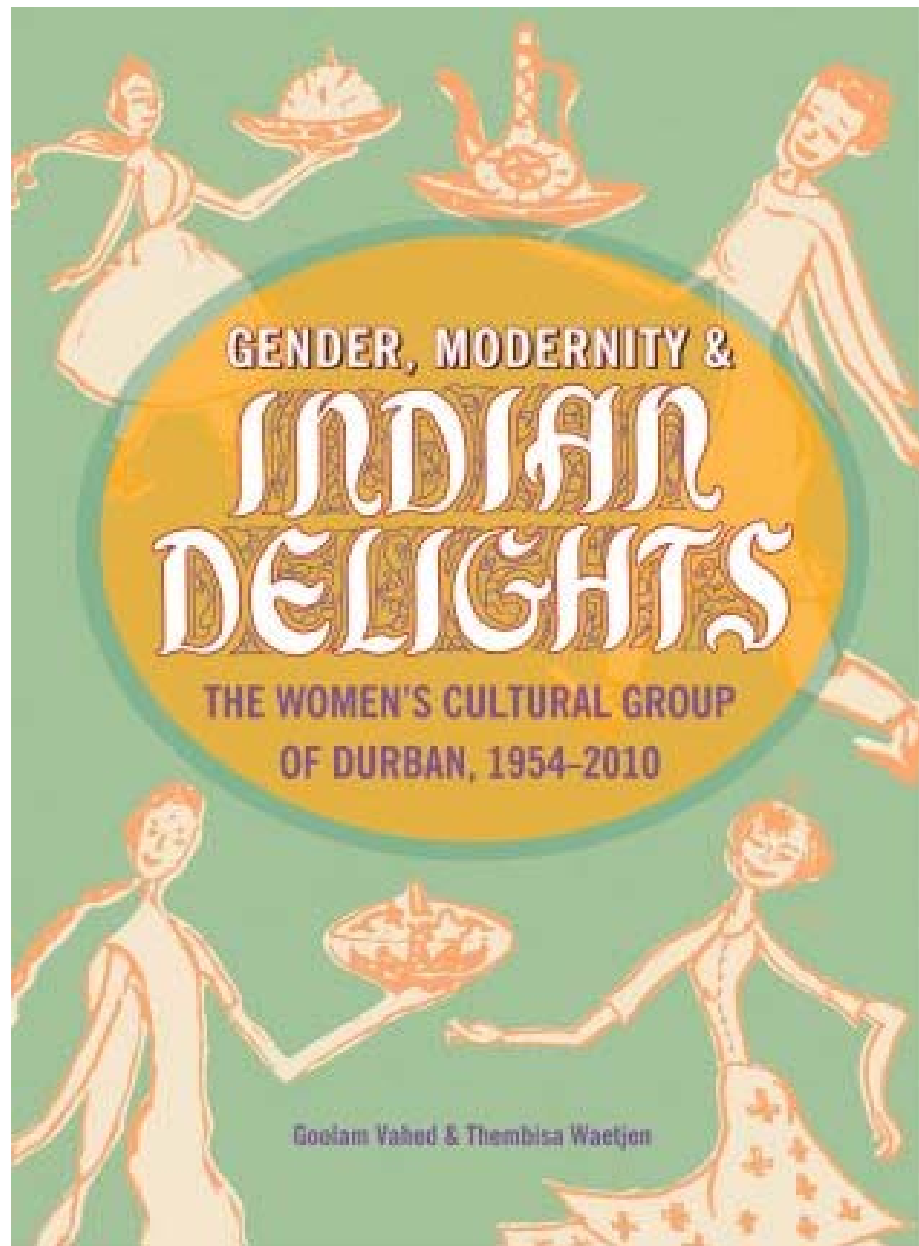
# DEVELOPMENT AND DREAMS

## THE URBAN LEGACY OF THE 2010 FOOTBALL WORLD CUP

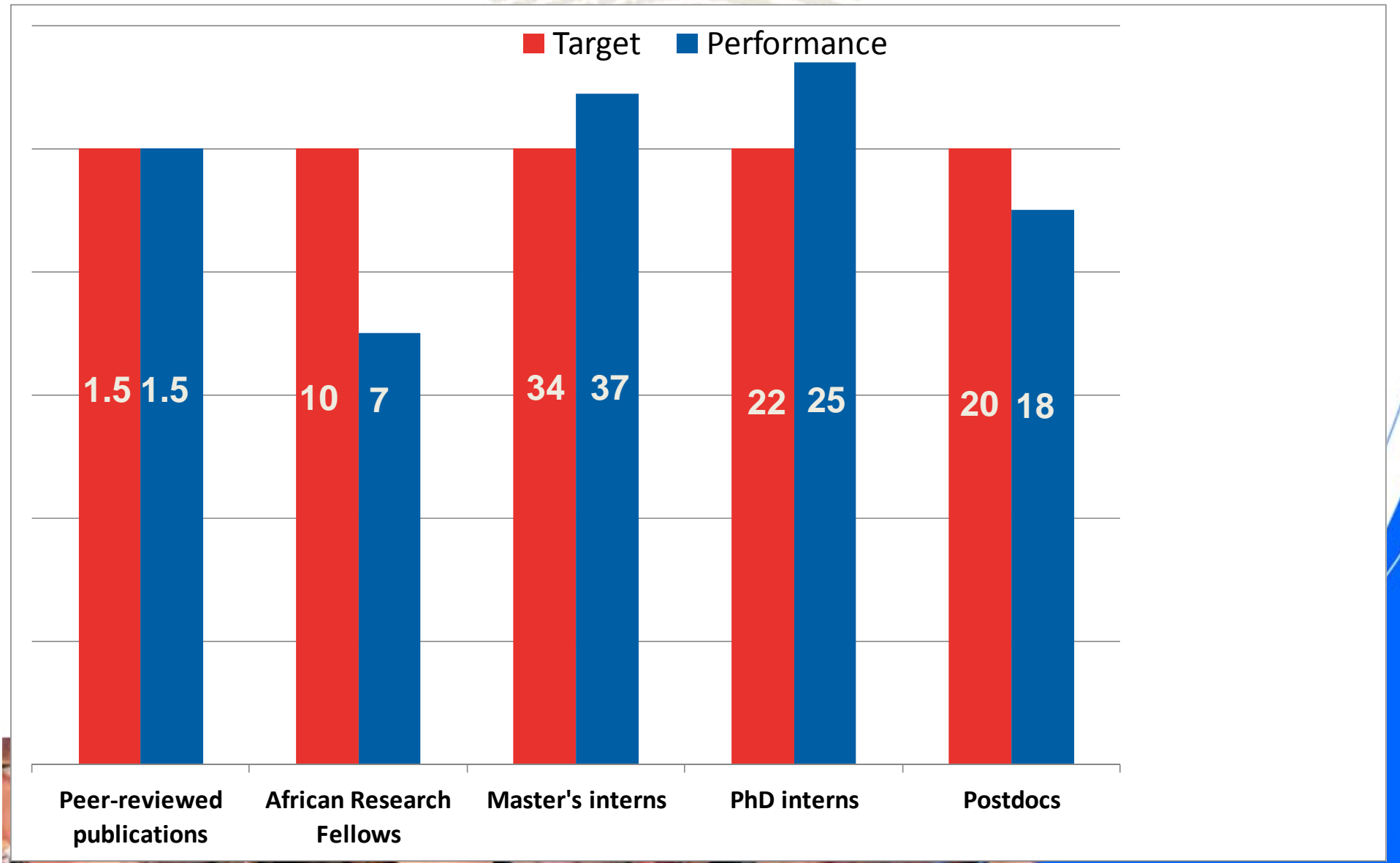
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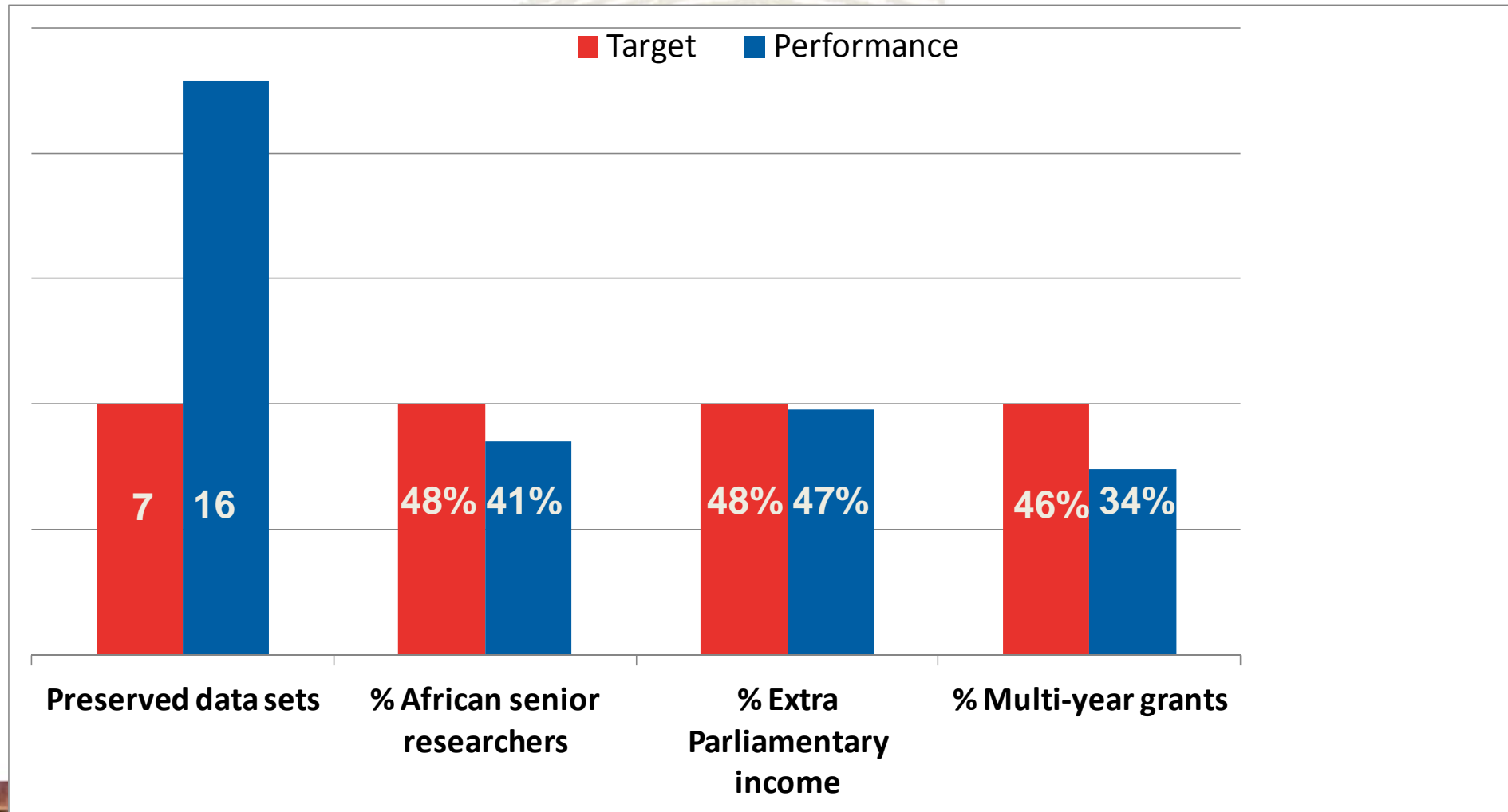




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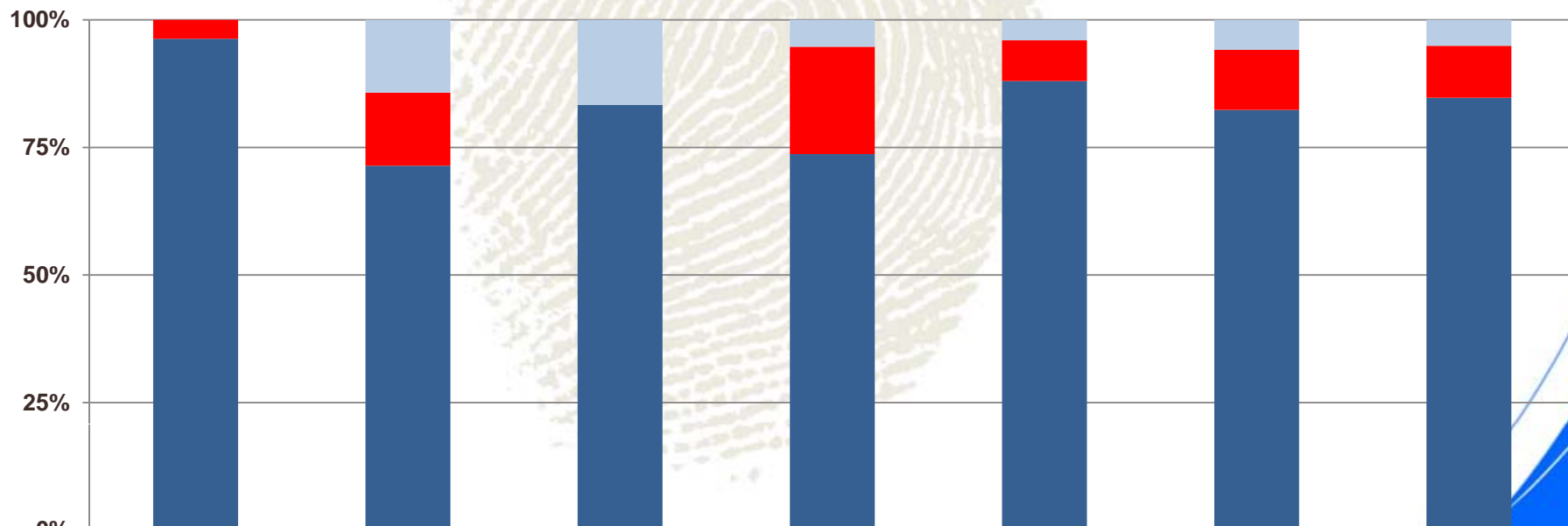


# Research Capacity

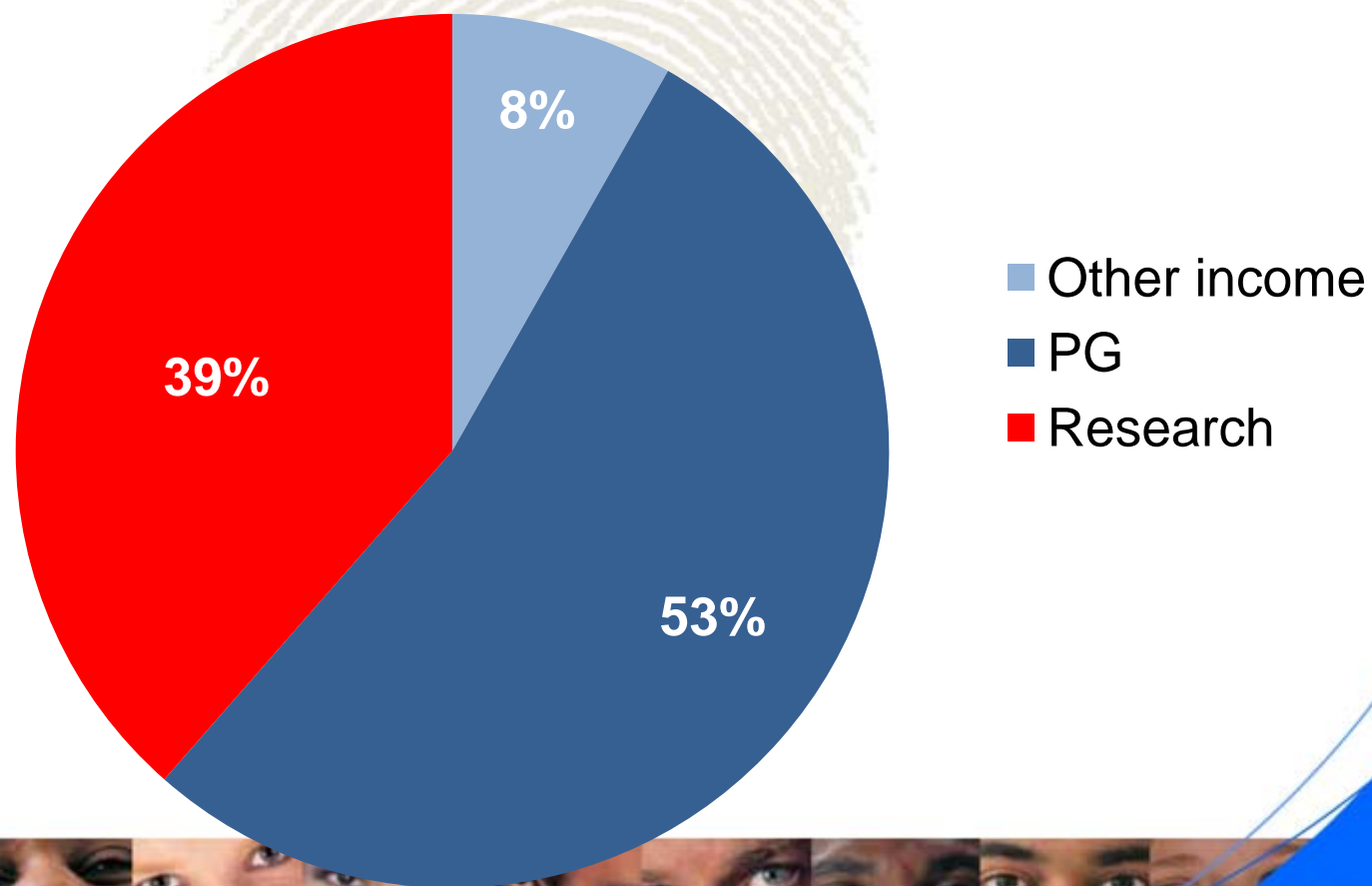
- Developing research capacity in the social sciences and growing new researchers

## Highest qualification of senior researchers

■ Doctoral degree ■ Master's degree ■ Honours degree

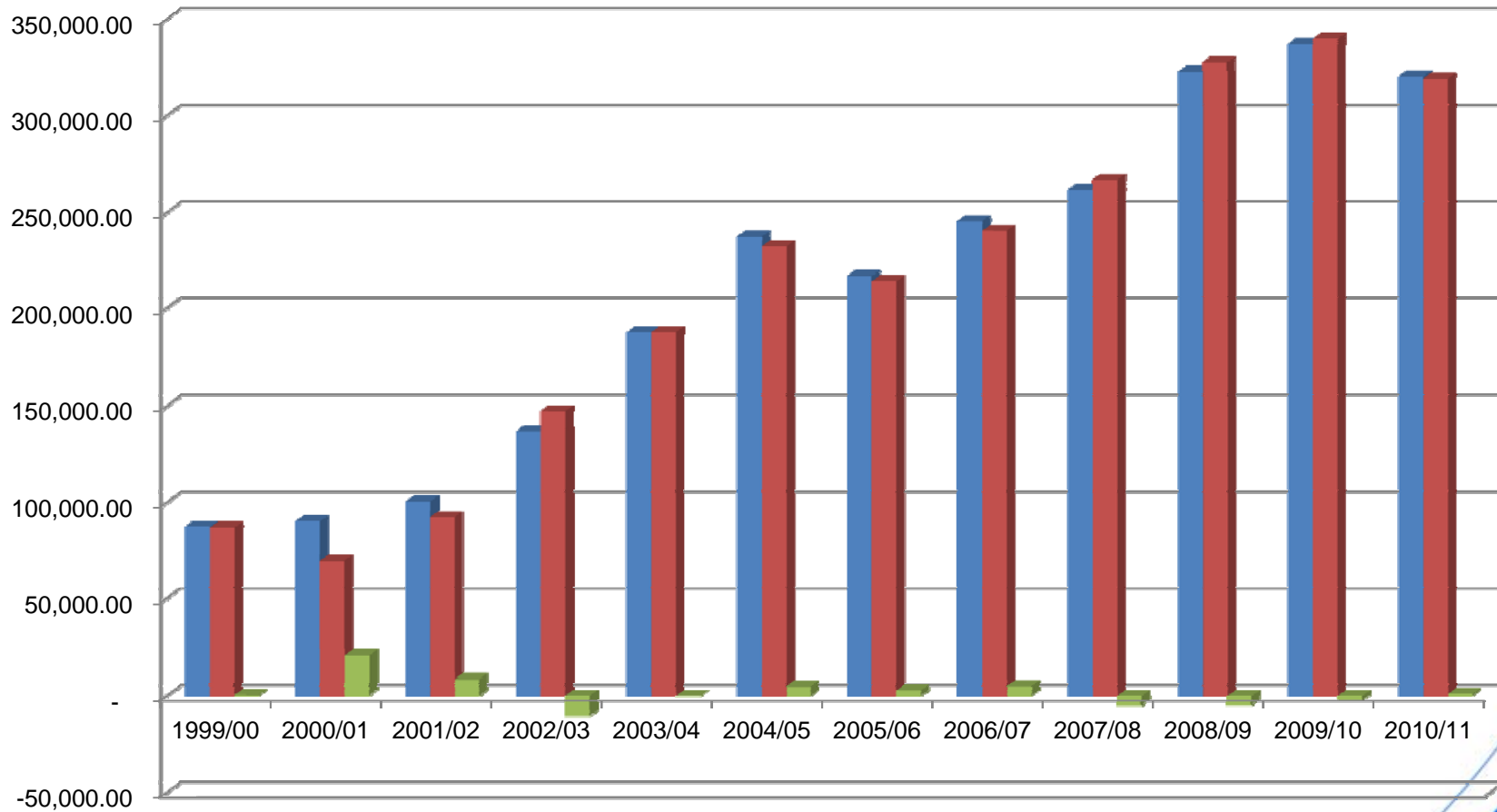


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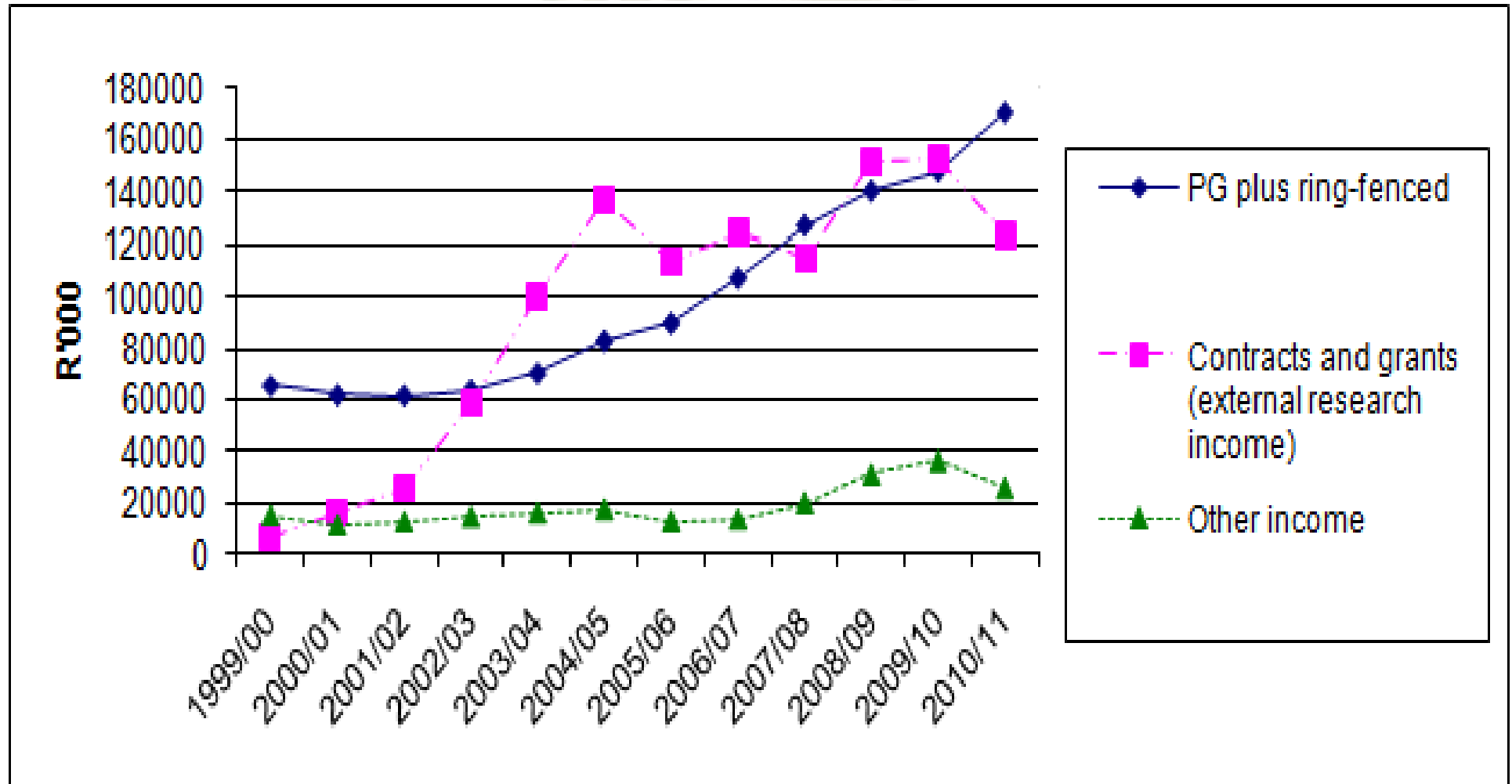


# Income Statements

■ Income ■ Expenses ■ Surplus / (Deficit)



# HSRC research earnings over time (nominal ZAR)



# Conclusion

- Hectic year, but also a good year:
- Implementing new strategic plan, new indicators
- Internal restructuring, leading to realignment, repositioning, new senior appointments at DCEO level
- Some challenges in terms of reporting, internal controls – all addressed with support from Board and AG
- Global context: challenges and opportunities (economy, world cup, national pride)
- BUT
- HSRC remaining true and committed to mandate, strategic objectives
- Support for national, continental, global priorities
- Building on statistics, beyond census – helping to gain better and deeper understanding, prioritise, plan





# Appreciation

- Minister and Deputy Minister
- Department of Science and Technology – all levels
- Portfolio committee on S&T
- Board and Board subcommittees
- Auditor-General South Africa
- Ministers and senior officials – related government departments
- Donors and funders – financing, technical support, implementation networks
- Research collaborators and service providers
- HSRC senior management and each member of staff

