

# Making a difference through research

## A synopsis of the HSRC's 2009/10 activities

During 2009/10 the HSRC undertook nearly 160 projects and an assortment of other initiatives in the areas of social sciences and humanities, all with the intentions of contributing to government's national priorities, and making a difference in the lives of people inside South Africa, the South African Development Community (SADC) and other African countries.

Ongoing ventures involve highly relevant issues such as crime and violence, improving the quality of education, the social aspects of HIV and AIDS, the wellbeing of families and society, governance, policy work, and developmental questions.

The pages that follow feature a selection of some of the most significant undertakings that contributed to government's national priorities.

The research is grouped under seven broad themes:

Democracy, governance and society  
Education and training  
HIV, AIDS and health  
Poverty and development  
Science and society  
The world of work  
Youth and children

Each theme showcases the work the HSRC has done in that area over the past year, highlighting both the specific focus of the project – our scientific approach – and the bigger picture, where we bridge the gap between research and action, to make a real difference.

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