

A short description of HSRC organisation

The HSRC is the largest dedicated research institute in the social sciences and humanities on the African continent, doing cutting-edge research in areas that are crucial to development. The Council conducts large-scale, policy-relevant, social-scientific research for public sector users, non-governmental organisations and international development agencies.

Research activities and structures are closely aligned with South Africa's national development priorities. The HSRC's integrated research programmes provide single points of entry – complete with a critical mass of researchers – for interdisciplinary and problem orientated research in the following areas:

- Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery
- Economic Performance and Development
- Education and Skills Development
- Human and Social Development
- Population Health, Health Systems and Innovation
- Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS, STIs and TB.

A cross-cutting entity, Research Use and Impact Assessment, seeks to extend and enhance the use and impact of scientific research from the HSRC and other sources of research; and to manage the HSRC's relationships, reputation and brand.