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STUDY DESCRIPTION

SADA 0110: KwaZulu-Natal Development Indicators Household Survey-1996

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS: KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government & Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

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ABSTRACT:

This project commissioned by the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government was designed to obtain baseline data on subjective and objective development indicators. The project comprised a household survey conducted during November and December 1996. The complete survey covered at least 6 500 households across the province of KwaZulu-Natal. It followed a pilot study of perceptions of development conducted among 678 adults in October 1995. As one of the most comprehensive contributions on development indicators in the history of South Africa, it is the first large survey covering the usual “hard” indicators – such as service delivery levels – and peoples’ comments and perceptions of these services and of their governments’ development programmes and priorities. The study/project was motivated by the need to establish an information database for the preparation and monitoring of the province’s RDP business and development plans, to synthesise subjectively articulated (bottom-up) and objectively defined (top-down) approaches to the determination of needs, to modify and improve on the usefulness of the Human Development Index (HDI), to provide an opportunity for research capacity building among civil servants and thereby providing a means to effect good governance practices and, to provide a basis for the development of objective matrices, objectives-by-time-scales and, a semi-rational budgeting and planning tool.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

IMPORTANT VARIABLES: Type of dwelling, income and expenditure variables, agricultural production, toilet facility, water supply – type and proximity, standard of living, births and deaths, immunisation, literacy and development goals amongst other variables.

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES: Standard, general demographic information.

UNIVERSE: All households within the KwaZulu-Natal province.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION - SAMPLING:

The survey covered the 66 magisterial districts of KwaZulu-Natal but the two Hlabisa districts and the two Ubombo districts were each combined into single districts for the purpose of the study, thereby creating 64 “study domains”. Stratified sampling by study domain and socio-economic category was conducted. The Enumerator Area (EA), as the smallest countable area available in the 1991 census dataset, was used as the smallest spatial unit for the selection of the households. Households were clustered at the Enumerator Area (EA) level, i.e. instead of each household being sampled separately, the group of households was sampled for each visited EA. Where two or more households were found at the same visiting point, the interviewer applied simple random selection procedures to select the household at which the interview would take place.

FIELDWORK AGENCY: Medway Search CC conducted the fieldwork as described in the method of data collection above.

TYPE OF INSTRUMENT: Structured interview schedule/questionnaire including a Zulu version.

UNITS OF OBSERVATION: Two persons/respondents per household.

WEIGHTING: Three sets of weights were produced, namely a smoothing weight, a district weight

and a combined weight of the previous two weights. The smoothing weight is for use in analyses at the magisterial district level to rectify disproportions resulting from clustering of respondents into groups of five. The district weight is for use in analyses at the level of province, or for any combination of districts or sub-regions rectifying for disproportions across districts. The combined weight is for use in analyses at the provincial/sub-regional level and rectifies both the disproportions that are the result of clustering and the disproportions across districts.

DATE OF DATA COLLECTION: November and December 1996.

EXTENT OF DATA COLLECTION: 1 data file in SPSS and hardcopy documentation and questionnaire.

Number of cases:	6 505
Number of records:	6 505
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	80+
Number of Variables:	630
Number of Kilobytes:	5, 954KB

PUBLICATIONS:

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