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TITLE: The Life Circumstances of Blind Women in the RSA, 1981-82

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ABSTRACT: The aim of the survey was to obtain a comprehensive picture of the life circumstances which white blind women experience, including their sociological and psychological disposition. The questionnaire covers factors such as accommodation and housing, social and family structure, working conditions, training, mobility, leisure activities, church involvement and sympathies, reading habits, media use and so forth. The aim of the project was to make information available to the SANCB for use in planning and evaluation of services. The investigation was conducted by the Institute for Sociological and Demographic Research of the HSRC at the request of the South African National Council for the Blind (SANCB).

METHODOLOGY: Women who were legally blind, had completed their school education, who were from 18 to 19 years old, were included in the study. Their names and addresses were obtained from the SANCB and other organisations concerned with the blind, as well as from the potential respondents themselves. Possible respondents in distant rural areas were not included. There were 173 women included in the investigation and a 100% return was achieved. Although all those who were contacted did co-operate, there is a possibility that certain people who would have met the requirements could not be traced.

DATE OF RESEARCH: October 1981 - February 1982

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

- Number of cases: 173
- Number of records: 1 038
- Number of records per case: 6
- Logical record length: 80
- Number of variables: 292
- Number of kilobytes: 70 KB

NOTE: Questionnaire contains some open-ended questions that are not documented.

PUBLICATIONS:

Esterhuysen, H M; Die lewensomstandighede van Blanke blinde vroue in die RSA: 'n Verkenningstudie/ The life circumstances of white blind women in the RSA: an exploratory study, Pretoria: RGN/HSRC, 1985, (Verslag S-113) [Original report is in Afrikaans].

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