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## **STUDY DESCRIPTION**

**SADA 0038:**

**TITLE:** Women and the Election

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/S:**

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**ABSTRACT:**

The aim of the survey was to determine women's perceptions with regard to participation in the April elections. The survey was conducted in two phases, the first in April 1994 and the second in July 1994. Although problems were initially expected in terms of conducting a survey with a politically related theme in April just before the election, fieldwork was successful and minimum problems were encountered in both surveys.

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:** South Africa.

**IMPORTANT VARIABLES:** Knowledge of how to vote, voting in forthcoming elections, choice and support of party, women's organisations, voter education, women in government and senior positions.

**DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES:** Standard, general demographic and biographic information in Section A of the questionnaire.

**UNIVERSE:** All South African women aged 18 years and older.

**METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION – SAMPLING:** The sample was drawn countrywide. The door to door survey was conducted amongst 400 Blacks and 50 Coloureds as a supplement to the telephonic survey conducted amongst Asians, Coloureds and Whites. The Black sample was a probability sample of 400. Geographical representation was enhanced by drawing 4 visiting points per Enumerator Area (EA) rather than 8 per EA as is usually the case. The fifty (50) visiting points included face to face survey where Coloureds were interviewed, were drawn as a supplement to the Coloured sample in the telephonic survey. Female interviewers with a minimum of a matric were chosen. Preference was given to interviewers with previous experience of fieldwork. The atmosphere at the time of the first phase was tense while the second survey was conducted under more relaxed conditions. However, despite the tense atmosphere in the country during the first phase, fieldwork was conducted successfully

**FIELDWORK AGENCY:** MarkData of the Human Sciences Research Council conducted the fieldwork as described in the method of data collection above.

**TYPE OF INSTRUMENT:** Structured interview schedule/questionnaire and telephonic interview. .

**UNITS OF OBSERVATION:** One case/unit equals one person/respondent.

**WEIGHTING:** None

**DATE OF DATA COLLECTION:** Phase 1: 18-21 April 1994 and Phase 2: 11-15 July 1994

**EXTENT OF DATA COLLECTION:** 2 data files for the two phases in SPSS and machine-readable documentation and questionnaire. Project name for Phase I is gcmdlmm and for Phase II is gcocim.

Number of cases:	1598
Number of records:	1598
Number of records per case:	2
Logical Record Length:	80+
Number of Variables:	44
Number of Kilobytes:	39 KB (phase 1)
	55 KB (phase 2)

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- 1) MarkData (survey agency), Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) 1994, Fieldwork Report – Women and the Elections : Phases I and II 1994