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STUDY DESCRIPTION
TITLE: The role and function of alcohol in Eersterust, 1981

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Lee Rocha-Silva

DEPOSITOR: Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

ABSTRACT:
This is an exploratory study to research the nature, development and relation of methylated spirits to the abuse of alcohol. The specific aims of the study were 1) to explore the socio-demographic characteristics and drinking patterns of drinkers or methylated spirits; 2) the possibility of the respondents regarding the drinking of methylated spirits as deviant, and 3) the possibility that psycho-social factors identified in South African research as contributing to alcohol abuse, particularly alcoholism, could influence the consumption of methylated spirits.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: Eersterust, Pretoria

IMPORTANT VARIABLES:
How often and how much use of alcohol (wine, beer, hard liquor, home-brew), shebeen visitation and opinions on shebeens, family alcohol use/rules, opinions on alcohol abuse, alcohol use and friendship, intoxication, alcohol abuse, general attitude towards life, age/where began drinking, why drink, money spent on alcohol, alcohol use of best friend, where drink, type of shebeen visit, what goes on at shebeens, liquor sold at shebeen, length of last shebeen visit, take-away or drink at shebeen and why, opinions on shebeens, type of alcohol that is sold at shebeen, self-brew or buy, types, where buy alcohol supplies, why buy there, costs of purchases, shebeen profits, how profit spent, price of alcohol at shebeen, free drink policy, protection of shebeen, location and facilities of shebeen, entertainment, trouble with police, opinions on legalization of shebeens, opinions on alcohol use and life.

DEMographic VARIABLES:
Sex, age, home language, area of Eersterust, marital status, religion, education, type of employment, income, sex and age of persons living on income.

universe: Coloured community of Eersterust, Pretoria aged 18-59 years.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION: Face to face interviews with a structured questionnaire.

TYPE OF DATA: Survey

UNITS OF OBSERVATION: Individuals

Extent of COLLECTION: 2 data files in SPSS and hardcopy documentation and questionnaire.

Part 1:
Number of cases 400
Number of records 3 200
Number of records per case 8
Logical record length 80
Number of variables

This dataset is divided into three questionnaires:
General 137
Drinking Habits 62
Shebeen clients 110
Number of kilobytes 152 KB
Part 2:
Number of cases 105
Number of records 630
Number of records per case 6
Logical record length 80
Number of variables 311 (shebeen owners)
Number of kilobytes 62 KB

Publications:

Notes:
This study originally contained another questionnaire on menthyl spirit drinks but the data were never found. Questionnaire contains documented open- ended questions.