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**STUDY DESCRIPTION**

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DEPOSITOR: Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

ABSTRACT: The Welfare Liaison Committee - the voluntary liaison mechanism of national welfare councils in the RSA - commissioned the HSRC's Group: Social Dynamics to assist in an investigation into private welfare services. The project was an attempt to gauge the opinions of national councils and their affiliated branches in the RSA on the present private welfare structure and policy in the RSA. The information gathered would serve as background information in the Welfare Liaison Committee's efforts at identifying future needs and modeling new structures and strategies. Information was gathered on the following matters from the respective national councils and each of their affiliated organizations/branches: a) factual information; b) vision, mission and values to be considered in the post-apartheid South Africa; c) policy matters; d) liaison with the state; e) state subsidies; f) structure and composition of welfare organizations; g) fund raising; and h) factors essential for the survival/success of a welfare organization on the long term.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: South Africa

IMPORTANT VARIABLES: Nature of programmes/projects; vision statement; mission statement; values; need for national councils; perceived functions of national councils; perceived need for specialized welfare organizations; satisfaction with state's welfare services, structure, functions and representation of the SA Welfare Council and Regional Welfare Boards; payment of state subsidies, bodies responsible for quality control; affiliation to and management of national councils and local welfare organizations; fund-raising in community; nation-wide fund raising; client fees; medical aid scheme payment; essential factors for survival and success.

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES: Areas of specialization, number of paid and volunteer employees, budget, target population group.

UNIVERSE: All national councils represented on the Welfare Liaison Committee and affiliated organizations/branches.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION: Postal questionnaire

TYPE OF DATA: Structured survey

UNITS OF OBSERVATION: National welfare councils and affiliated organizations/branches.

DATE OF DATA COLLECTION: July 1991

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

Number of Cases: 684
Number of Records: 684
Records per Case: 6
Logical Record Length: 80
Number of Variables: 249
Number of kilobytes: 291 KB

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