

Collecting social data: adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic

Policy-relevant social sciences data in the time of COVID-19:

Use of the biNu Moya Messenger platform

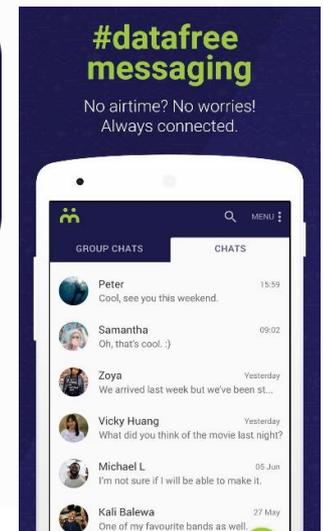
Surveying during the Covid-19 pandemic

UJ-HSRC Covid-19 Democracy Survey

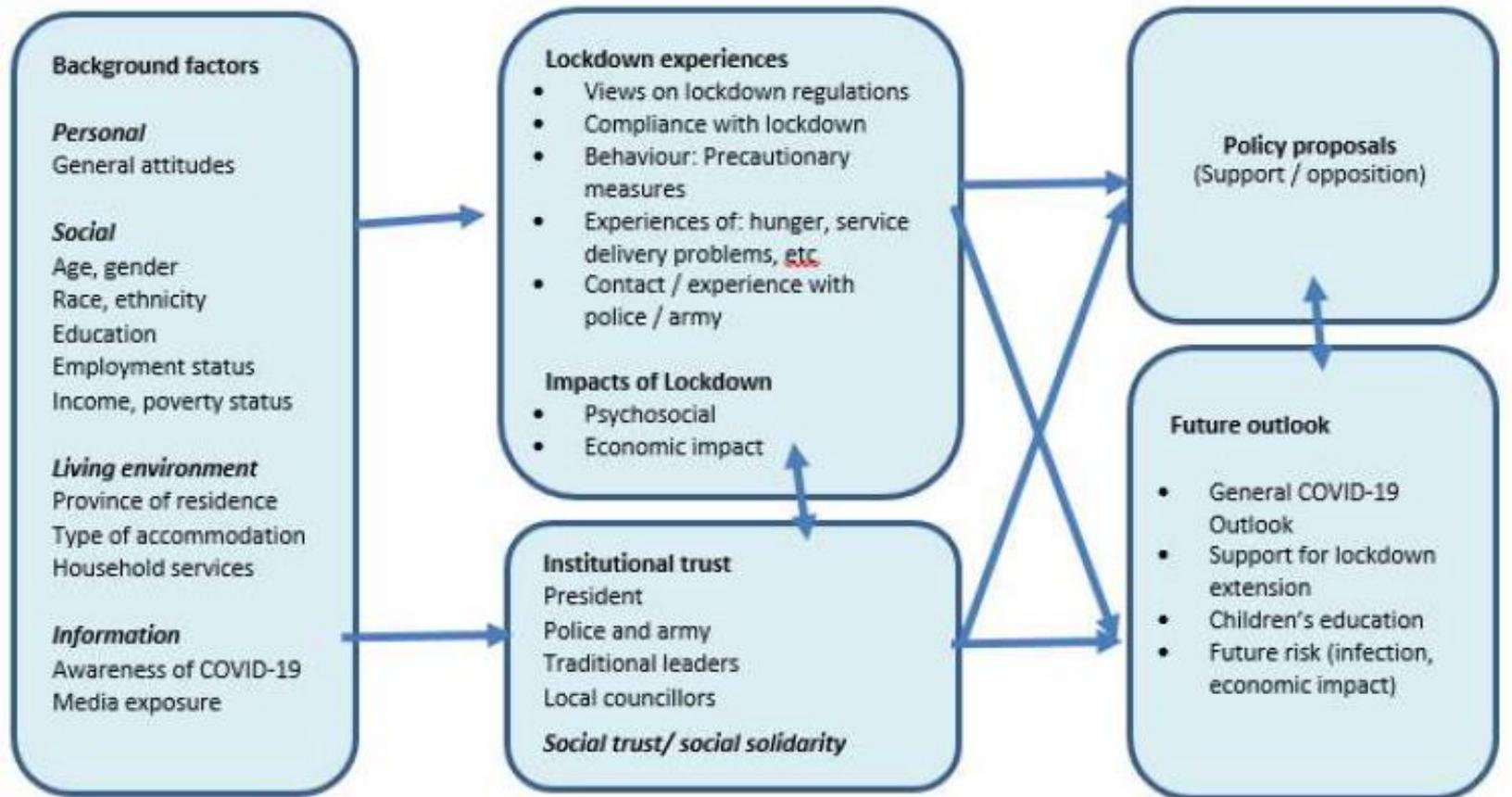
- Round 1 (Apr 13 - May 11; n=12,312)
- Round 2 (8 July – early Sep, n=9,519)
- Moya Messenger platform
- <https://hsrc.datafree.co/r/ujhsrc>
- Convenience sample: non-probability sample, respondents opt-in
- Benefits of datafree
- Representiveness: undercoverage, nonresponse = bias
- Benchmark data to StatsSA population estimates;
- Treating data as broadly indicative of adult-population (taking into account usual caveats)

Other HSRC surveying undertaken

- Covid-19 health survey (Moya Messenger)
- Youth survey (Moya Messenger)



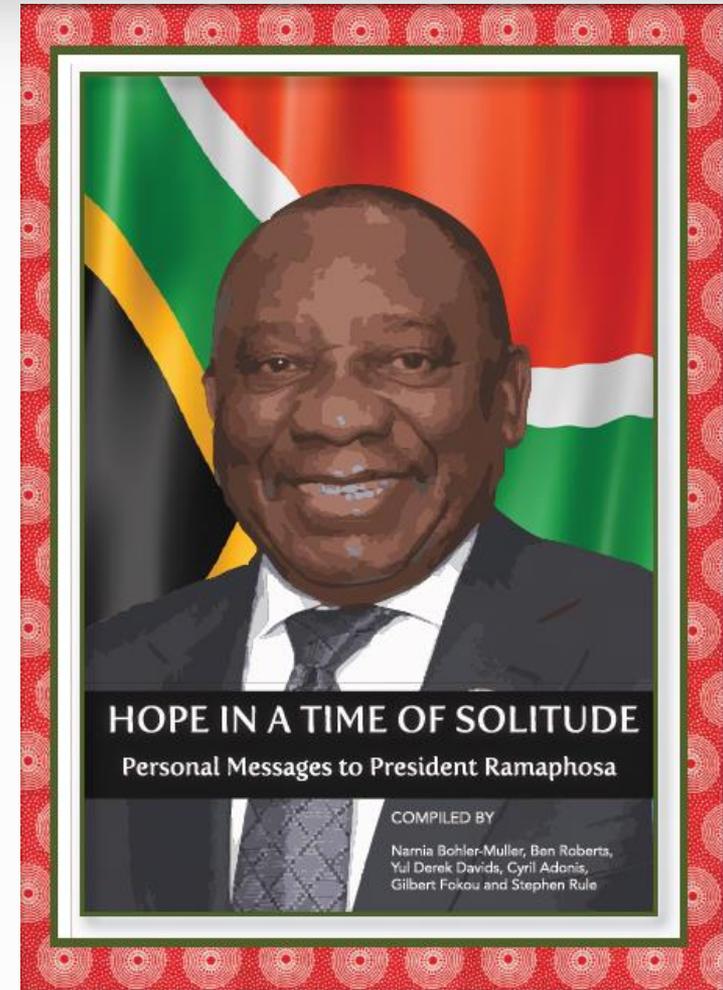
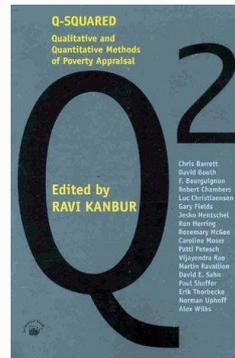
Platform for Testing Associations



Pre-coded and open-ended questions

Using open-ended responses to give more nuance to our understanding of lockdown experiences

- Allowing some element of a Q-Squared approach
- Helping us to think about factors and associations
- Coding of open-ended responses and using as an independent variable in analysis
- Providing a human feel to the cold numbers



Dissemination and Debate

Daily Maverick article series

- Round 1: 12 articles
 - Human rights sacrifice
 - Changing confidence in the handling of pandemic
- Round 2: 7 articles so far
 - Tobacco ban
 - Mask-wearing
 - Schools policy
 - Human rights sacrifice
 - Changing confidence in the handling of pandemic
 - Social solidarity

Policy engagement

Webinars

Peer-reviewed publications



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A survey was conducted in July by the University of Johannesburg and the

Moving Beyond The Great Disruption

HSRC REC: Advisory on fieldwork activities

- Resumption of previously approved clinical trials
- Other studies involving human contact must be determined on case-by-case basis
- HSRC SASAS Currently submitting REC application for return to fieldwork in Oct/Nov

Moya Messenger and beyond

- Test findings of online surveying through face-to-face representative surveying
- Determine whether findings hold true
- Also plan to pursue interesting lines of research suggested by online survey results



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