



TO  
THE HONOURABLE  
MINISTER OF HEALTH  
DR AARON MOTSOALEDI

The South African Medical Research Council respectfully submits the Annual Report on its activities from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011. The Council acknowledges, and is very grateful for the support received from the Honourable Minister, the Deputy Minister, Director General and officials of the National Department of Health. It thanks the Ministry for its contribution to the MRC's efforts to respond to the health research needs of the nation during the current period, as well as over the past decades. The MRC, via its research portfolio, is able and willing to assist the Honourable Minister in responding to the Negotiated Service Delivery Agreement outcome of A Long and Healthy Life for all South Africans. The Council thanks all of its colleagues in the scientific community for their continued contribution to health research in South Africa. Finally, the Council wishes to state its appreciation for the work of its own members of staff and all the other researchers it supports, and expresses its gratitude for all the advice and guidance received from members of the previous and current MRC Board, committees, evaluation and review panels, and task teams.

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27 July 2011

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