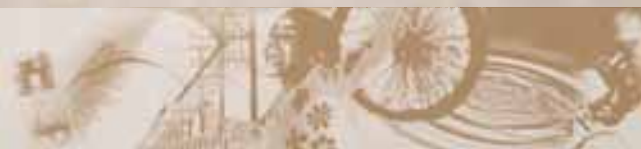




CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF HEALTH RESEARCH

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THE CONCEPT FOR THIS ANNUAL REPORT

A healthy lifestyle is a fundamental tenet of a long and happy life. It must be a basic and lifelong pursuit of all humanity and therefore, in certain respects, might even be considered as eternal and timeless.

The imagery for the concept is centred around the strong, natural elements of rock and stone. They were chosen to create iconic visual statements and project a sense of timelessness and strength.

Rock and stone are also synonymous with Africa, not only in its beautiful landscape, but in the strength and tenacity of its people.

THE MANDATE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (MRC)
IS LEGISLATED IN TERMS OF ACT 58 OF 1991:

'The objects of the MRC are, through research, development and technology transfer, to promote the improvement of the health and the quality of life of the population of the Republic, and to perform such other functions as may be assigned to the MRC by or under this Act.'

VISION

Building a healthy nation through research

MISSION

To improve the nation's health and quality of life through promoting and conducting relevant and responsive health research

VALUES

The five values of the MRC, and the keywords relating to each value, are:

- Communication: transparency, freedom to challenge.
- Accountability: responsibility, teamwork, leadership, participation.
 - Respect: dignity, honesty, fairness, integrity.
 - Excellence and innovation.
- Capacity development: reward and recognition.





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