

CANADA-SOUTHERN AFRICA MIGRATION SURVEY INFORMATION

What is SAMP?

SAMP is the *Southern African Migration Project*, a Canadian-African network of organizations founded in 1996 to promote awareness of migration-development linkages in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). SAMP conducts applied research on migration and development issues, provides policy advice and expertise, offers training in migration policy and management, and conducts public education campaigns on migration-related issues. SAMP is based at the Southern African Research Centre (SARC) at Queen's University, Kingston and the University of Cape Town.

Why is the Southern African Migration Project (SAMP) interested in connections between people in Canada and in Africa?

SAMP recently launched a new migration project, *The Diaspora Project*, which aims to investigate the relationship between migration, poverty and development. The International Development Research Centre, IDRC, a Canadian Crown Corporation, funds the project. One aspect of this new project is to establish the nature and scope of 'Diaspora engagement', i.e. the various ways in which people continue to contribute to, and engage with, their country of birth even though they no longer live in that country.

Which countries form part of 'Southern Africa'?

Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Republic of South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Is any research being done in Southern Africa?

Yes. Partners in Southern Africa are focusing on issues such as why people emigrate from the region and to other countries within the region.

What types of questions are being asked in this survey?

The questions included in the online questionnaire include the following issues:

- Why did individuals who were born in Southern Africa come to Canada and do they ever think of going back?
- What kind of education individuals have obtained and what kinds of jobs they have in Canada?
- What do they think of Canada in comparison to their country of birth in Southern Africa?
- What kinds of personal, professional and business links do they maintain with their country of birth in Southern Africa?

Who can fill out the online questionnaire?

At the time of filling out the questionnaire, respondents should:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Currently live, work or study in Canada and;
- Be born in, even if they did not grow up in, one of the Southern African countries listed above.

How else will the SAMP researchers collect information?

In addition to the online questionnaire, we will be conducting face-to-face interviews with individuals who completed the online questionnaire and non-profit organizations or charities that have a focus on Southern Africa.

These interviews will explore in greater depth the issues covered in the online questionnaire.

The SAMP researchers will also build a general picture of the history of migration from Southern Africa to Canada using statistics from the Census and from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Will everyone who completed the survey automatically be interviewed?

No. Upon completion of the questionnaire you will be directed to a separate page and asked to provide your email address if you would like to be contacted for an individual interview. Depending on the number of responses, there is the likelihood that not everyone will be contacted for an interview. Please be assured that the email address you provide will be stored separately from your questionnaire responses and can in no way be linked to your questionnaire answers.

If I complete the online survey or volunteer to be interviewed, how is my privacy protected?

The online survey is anonymous and confidential. You will not be asked to type in any information by which anyone can identify you, not even the ISP address of your computer. Data from the online survey will be stored on the secure server while the survey is active and the security measures in place can be consulted at <http://ca.studentvoice.com/views/canada>.

A SAMP Researcher will conduct the interviews. However, your identity will remain confidential and will not be made public. SAMP researchers will never publish information that could be used to identify you personally or anyone in your household

What are the risks associated with participating in the survey?

There are no known physical, psychological, emotional, or social risks associated with participating in any of the research activities. In addition, you do not have to answer any questions that make you feel uncomfortable as both the online survey and the interviews allow you to terminate your participation.

What are the outcomes of this *Diaspora Research Project*?

The project will have a number of concrete outcomes that will benefit the Southern African Diaspora in Canada, migrants from Southern Africa, and government institutions.

One set of outcomes, depending on the research results, is to encourage governments in Southern Africa and Canada to amend their migration policies to meet the needs of migrants. For example, if migrants experience difficulty when sending remittances to their families, the SAMP project will advocate for policy changes that will make this process easier.

Another set of outcomes is to make provide greater opportunities for people in Canada to become more involved in development and poverty alleviation activities and projects in Southern Africa.

SAMP researchers will publish a number of academic and non-academic publications such as Policy Briefs and journal articles. This set of outcomes will, by means of these publications, raise awareness of the issues reported by respondents during this research.

Finally, the SAMP project will train students in migration studies. Students will work on this project and gain valuable research skills while the research findings will directly inform their training.

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