

Dataset on experiences of the Covid-19 pandemic on rural livelihoods and farming in one village (104 households) in the Eastern Cape, South Africa

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Description of the dataset

The dataset consists of responses to a survey with all 104 households in one village in Ingquza hill municipality, in the Eastern Cape collected from beginning of March to end of May 2022. The survey was administered in the form of a short household interview in isi-Xhosa with an adult member of the household. Responses were translated to English and responses were noted down by hand in English and subsequently typed into Excel.

The questions translated to English were as follows:

- (1) How has the two years of the Covid pandemic affected your life in this family (e.g. the disease, lockdowns etc.) and how have these affected your possibilities of making a living?
- (2) Please list three things that have been the most important effects of the Covid pandemic on your family.
- (3) Has the Covid pandemic made you change livelihood strategies (i.e. has it made you change your ways of trying to make a living? Are you doing more or less of some things?)? Please explain why.
- (4) People are planting less in the fields now than in the past. What comments do you have to make on this? Is it good? Is it bad? And what are the reasons for this, in your opinion?
- (5) Has your opinion/view of cultivation changed as a result of the Covid pandemic?
- (6) What do you think will happen with cultivation in the village if you think 10 years ahead?

Before commencing on the survey the village chief was informed and agreed to the performance of the survey study in the village. All respondents were informed about the purpose of the study and asked if they were willing to respond to some questions about their experiences of the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on livelihoods and farming. All respondents were informed

that they could refrain to answer all or any question without giving a reason. We did not ask for or record any names or other information about the respondent identity. With the respondent's permission, we recorded the age and gender of the respondent. All questions are open and in the open responses some respondents have mentioned sensitive personal information such as religion and health issues.