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A work programme going forwards

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Next steps

- There are many ways in which this research can be taken forward and some examples are listed here.
- They would all help to inform debates around thresholds of adequacy in relation to wages, social security and the social wage.



Develop budgets for a decent standard of living

- Extend the MIS pilot to include the whole range of goods, services and activities required by Ms B/Mr B for a decent standard of living.
- Undertake a full MIS project across South Africa to construct budgets.
- Explore the extra costs of special groups.
- Comparative analysis



Update and extend the work on relationship between #DSL and income

- Analyse module in the 2014/15 LCS about possession (or enforced lack) of the set of 36 SPNs.
- Set this alongside the income data in the LCS to update the analysis of the relationship between income levels and possession of SPNs.
- Convene expert groups to collate information on current statutory minimum standards (where relevant).



Refresh the SPNs

- Conduct focus groups to validate/calibrate the SPN ‘thresholds of adequacy’ established by the 2006 SASAS module, e.g. water-related items, from tap in yard through to swimming pool.
- Repeat the module about socially perceived necessities in a forthcoming round of the HSRC’s South African Social Attitudes Survey in order to update the set of SPNs for inclusion in the next LCS.