

The SSRU has been involved in a number of research projects on the request of external agencies:

A Rural Waterborne Disease Study by the Ministry of Health.

Xolile P. Guma and Vakashile R. Simelane carried out research for the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives on 'Small farmer credit and small farmer attitudes towards cooperatives'.

A Socio-Economic Survey for Mbebane Urban Extension Project will be undertaken in 1983.

A Post Secondary School Tracer Survey.

*Rural Development Research Project* The Rural Development Research Project (RDRP) was initiated at the same time as the SSRU and falls under the administrative supervision and general guidance of the SSRU. The Project (like the SSRU) is financed by the Dutch Government and its aim is to undertake research into the resource base of the rural homestead in Swaziland. The brief of the RDRP team is to investigate decision making processes in the rural homestead in Swaziland since such decision making effects the success of Swaziland's rural development programmes. It was recognised that a fairly extensive data base on the rural homestead already existed in the form of several surveys and therefore the research team first set out to review the existing knowledge and data, which it did at a Workshop in October 1982.

During the Workshop it was decided that the RDRP would concentrate its research on a study of decision making processes on the Swazi homestead with respect to the allocation of land, labour and capital resources.

*Documentation Centre* The Documentation Centre collects published and unpublished materials relevant to Swaziland on social, economic and cultural developments. During 1981/1982 the Centre collected some 1,500 volumes. It is hoped to compile an accession list of these holdings by mid-1983.

The Documentation Centre is offering a press clipping service. Articles about Swaziland are cut from the two Swaziland newspapers: *Times of Swaziland* and *Observer*.

The Centre is also working on a research bibliography on Swaziland related research conducted or compiled by staff members of the University of Swaziland.

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**SIR GEORGE BERESFORD-STOOKE**

Sir George Beresford-Stooke, Vice-Chairman of the IAI from 1954-74, died in April 1983. He was 86. An obituary will appear in a later edition of *Africa*.