



# Diverse Communities in South Africa: Qualitative Insights into Prejudice Reduction Strategies in Social Psychology

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## Abstract

Prejudice in South Africa's diverse communities is a significant social issue that requires innovative strategies for reduction. A purposive sampling strategy was employed to select participants from various ethnic backgrounds, ensuring representation of different socioeconomic statuses. Semi-structured interviews were conducted in local languages by trained psychologists. Themes emerged around community-led initiatives, intercultural dialogue programmes, and educational campaigns that significantly reduced prejudice perceptions among participants. Community-based interventions have shown promise in reducing prejudice across diverse South African communities, offering a promising approach for future research and policy development. Further longitudinal studies should be conducted to evaluate the long-term efficacy of these strategies. Policy makers should consider integrating community-led initiatives into anti-prejudice programmes.

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