

Eligibility in South Africa











SA faces many challenges

- ▶ 40% rural population
 - ▶ Poor access to health care
- ▶ 45.5% live below poverty line
 - ▶ Cognitive impairment from malnutrition
- ▶ 50% drop out of school
 - ▶ Fall out of the system

One of the highest number of HIV infections in the world: 35%

SOUTH AFRICAN LANGUAGES – 2011

Language	Number of speakers*	% of total
Afrikaans	6 855 082	13.5%
English	4 892 623	9.6%
IsiNdebele	1 090 223	2.1%
IsiXhosa	8 154 258	16%
IsiZulu	11 587 374	22.7%
Sepedi	4 618 576	9.1%
Sesotho	3 849 563	7.6%
Setswana	4 067 248	8%
Sign language	234 655	0.5%
SiSwati	1 297 046	2.5%
Tshivenda	1 209 388	2.4%
Xitsonga	2 277 148	4.5%
Other	828 258	1.6%
TOTAL	50 961 443**	100%

Legacy of apartheid

- ▶ Psychological testing was used to justify the system of 'bantu' education

Culture fair testing still an issue

Eligibility issues in SA

- ▶ **Access to the accepted tests**
 - ▶ Norms
 - ▶ Language
- ▶ **Payment of psychologists for testing**
- ▶ **Willingness of psychologists to test**
 - ▶ Challenge with AB sections
- ▶ **No adaptive behavior scale**
- ▶ **Very often poor collateral information**

Eligibility issues in SA

- ▶ We are working to improve the system!!
- ▶ **Developing a network of psychologists in each province that understand the testing process and are willing to help the athletes**
 - ▶ Have psychologists in most provinces, but generally on in the major cities
 - ▶ Run a number of workshops with provincial presidents and administrators to explain the system

International Eligibility Panel

- ▶ Are busy times, but generally not difficult to keep up with applications
- ▶ Most difficulties still are in Adaptive Behaviour (and developmental history/collateral information)
- ▶ Overall applications are good – but as the deciding committee rather be cautious and ask for more information if not sure