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Survey Design

The survey focused on researchers from the University of Pretoria, referred to as UP Hosts. Its objective was to assess the impact of the FSNet-Africa researcher development programme on the skills and experience of the UP hosts. This was done by examining changes in their networks, visibility, skills development, performance improvement, and personal growth across eight areas of professional development. These areas included conducting integrated research, research data management, integrating gender in research, research ethics, monitoring and evaluation, disseminating research findings, and stakeholder engagement.

The methodology employed in this study was a retrospective self-assessment survey, which consisted primarily of structured questions and a limited number of qualitative open-ended questions.

A total of 19 FSNet-Africa UP hosts were invited to participate in the survey.