**SOUTH AFRICA**



**BASIC COUNTRY DATA**

Total Population: 49,991,300

Population 0-14 years: 30%

Rural population: 38%

Population living under USD 1.25 a day: 17.4%

Population living under the national poverty line: 23%

Income status: Upper middle income economy

Ranking: Medium human development (ranking 123)

Per capita total expenditure on health at average exchange rate (US dollar): 485

Life expectancy at birth (years): 52

Healthy life expectancy at birth (years): 44

**BACKGROUND**

A number of CL cases were identified in former South-West Africa (now Namibia) in the 1970s [1]. As environmental conditions are very similar in the neighboring Northern Cape province of South Africa, it is thought that CL is likely to be present there as well.

**PARASITOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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| ***Leishmania* species** | **Clinical form** | **Vector species** | **Reservoirs** |
| Unknown | CL | Unknown | Unknown |

**MAPS & TRENDS, CONTROL, DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT, ACCESS TO CARE and ACCESS TO DRUGS**

No information available.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

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