

BRIEFING TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
“PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING CRIME, BUILDING A COORDINATED
APPROACH TO CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL”



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The purpose of the presentation is to brief the National Council of Provinces on the progress in implementing the National Crime Prevention Strategy



INTRODUCTION

- The implementation of the National Crime Prevention Strategy is not the sole responsibility of South African Police Service only, however it is also the responsibility of JCPS and other Government department (e.g. COGTA)
- We have established community policing forum to strengthen our relationship with the community
- The community safety forums are also in place in most municipalities across the country
- There is a process to move community policing forums from South African Police Service to Civilian Secretariat for Police
- We have conducted joint operation to address serious crime in the country



PILLAR 1: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES - THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS



OVERARCHING STRATEGIC APPROACH

- Strategy to synergise policing priorities with the focus to improve service delivery, internally and externally, and to address the related crimes through an integrated approach
- The SAPS has adopted an operational system called the Five Pillar Approach that has been effective in dealing with crime i.e.
 - **Pillar 1: Intelligence Gathering, Analysis and Coordination**
 - Gathers intelligence in support of the prevention, combating and investigation of crime. Collating, evaluating, analysing, coordinating and disseminating intelligence for the purpose of tactical and operational utilisation.
 - **Pillar 2: Proactive Approach**
 - Discourage all crime by providing a proactive and responsive policing service, striving towards the reduction of crime levels by instilling community confidence, enhancing community mobilisation and partnerships, encouraging victim empowerment programmes and addressing the proliferation of firearms, liquor control and closure of markets for stolen goods



OVERARCHING STRATEGIC APPROACH CONT.../

- **Pillar 3: Combat Approach**

- Provides a rapid response capability where conventional policing has been compromised, tactical response capability to resolve confirmed serious and violent crimes in progress through planned operations or specific request.

- **Pillar 4: Reactive through Detection Approach**

- Provide integrated crime scene management, investigation of cases generated including FCS, thorough analysis of the facts at hand and continuous consultation with NPA for successful prosecutions.
- Conduct Organised Crime Threat Analysis (OCTA) driven Project investigations

- **Pillar 5: Communication and Liaison**

- Continuous issue of media statements on successes, newsworthy incidents, positive and negative comments including continuous engagement and liaison with other role players for successful results.



NATIONAL OPERATIONS

- The South African Police Service has undertaken the following operation to address serious and violent crimes and proliferation of firearms
 - Operation Lockdown in the Western Cape addressing violent crimes related to gangsterism
 - KwaZulu-Natal Stabilisation operation addressing contact and violent crimes
 - Emanguzi Operation in KwaZulu-Natal addressing cross border crime
 - Cash-in Transit Operation
 - Illicit mining Operation in Limpopo
 - Investigation of political related crime



JOINT OPERATIONS

- Joint Operations are driven by the Justice Crime Prevention Security (JCPS) Cluster and coordinated by National Joints Operational and intelligence Structure (NATJOINTS) which include Departments like Home Affairs, Justice and Correctional Services, Social Development, State Security Agency, Defence and DIRCO (International Relations)
 - Illicit mining
 - Cash-in-transit
 - Theft of ferrous/non-ferrous metal
 - Wildlife trafficking
 - Maritime resources (Operation Phakisa)
 - Stock Theft
 - Extortion at Construction sites
 - Illicit tobacco and counterfeit goods
 - Pipeline and theft of fuel
 - Taxi violence
 - Damage to and theft of trucks and cargo



CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM/INTERGRATED JUSTICE SYSTEM

Justice Crime Prevention Security Cluster has embarked on :

- Integration of Systems through Integrated Justice System (IJS) programme in order to improve efficiency and flow of information across department (SAPS, NPA, DoJ&CS, DoHA and SARS)
 - Implementation of CJS/IJS programme is not finalised, once activated it will create seamless sharing of information
 - Specific programmes are undertaken annually to finalise this programme
- Trained detective to better their skills and improve investigation and deterrence of crime



PILLAR 2: REDUCING CRIME THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN



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The challenges of environmental design

- The environmental design has escalated through out South Africa
- The rate of informal settlements has increased, people are moving from urban and rural areas to informal settlements
- It is observed that there is an increase of informal settlements in Western Cape, Gauteng and Kwa Zulu Natal
- Informal Settlements have no streets and lighting which makes its residence more vulnerable to crime
- South African Police Service is currently embarking on the Safer City project with municipalities which is intended to address most of the environmental challenges



PILLAR 3: PUBLIC VALUES AND EDUCATION



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- Public education is conducted through crime awareness campaigns and Community Policing Forums
- Hosted crime dialog involving various stakeholders , particularly vulnerable groups including publicising arrests and sentences relating to GBVF and other serious and violent crimes
- As part of community mobilisation against crime we have recruited 16000 community patrollers to assist the police and to intensify visibility



PILLAR 4: TRANSNATIONAL



CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS

- Bi lateral, Tri-lateral and Multi lateral agreements are in place with SARPCCO Countries and there are joint operations underway to address inter alia :
 - Stock Theft, Stolen vehicles, Illicit Firearms and fugitives from Justice
 - Prevention of human trafficking, smuggling of minerals, illicit mining through Trans Kalahari Corridor Operations
 - Joint Cross Border operations to address stolen vehicles

Training on Crime Prevention and other operational matters to neighbouring countries and exchange of intelligence

SUCCESSSES



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- Well established partnership with Community Policing Forum(CPF), Business Against Crime(BAC), South African Banking Risk Information Centre (SABRIC) and Chapter 9 institution (Human Right Commission, Commission for Gender Equality)
- Established GBV desk in 381 police stations including the top 30 GBV priority areas
- Anti-gang Units established in four provinces (EC, WC, GP and FS) in order to combat violent crimes and drugs
- Cyber Crime bill was passed , South African Police members have initiated a process to train members in order to respond appropriately
- With the view to turn around crime, we have developed an Overarching Crime Combating Strategy and currently engaging SADC to support the implementation in as far as transnational crime is concern
- Through SAPS partnered with Department of Tourism Two thousands three hundred (2300) tourist safety monitors recruited to assist the police
- Eyes and ears project (E2)
 - SAPS partnered with Business Against Crime South Africa since 2019 and (MoU was signed to that effect)
 - SAPS and Private Security Industry undertook a project of co-sharing information in order to maximise and enhance operational response

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- Insufficient budget allocation to JCPS Departments in terms of Compensation of Employees (COEs)
- Incomplete re-alignment and synergy in the flow of Criminal Justice System (CJS) information
- The loss of members due to Covid-19 and retirement without replacement

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- SAPS has undertaken various measures to combat and prevent crime
- The integration of CJS process will assist in improving the management of cases from the station to correctional services
- Transnational crimes remains a challenge, but we are forging ahead with multilateral agreements to resolve this matter
- Our public engagement and partnership are starting to produce results
- GBVF remains a priority for South African Police Service hence we are establishing desks in all Police Station to ensure that this matter is handled properly

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