



PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING CRIME AND BUILDING A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH TO CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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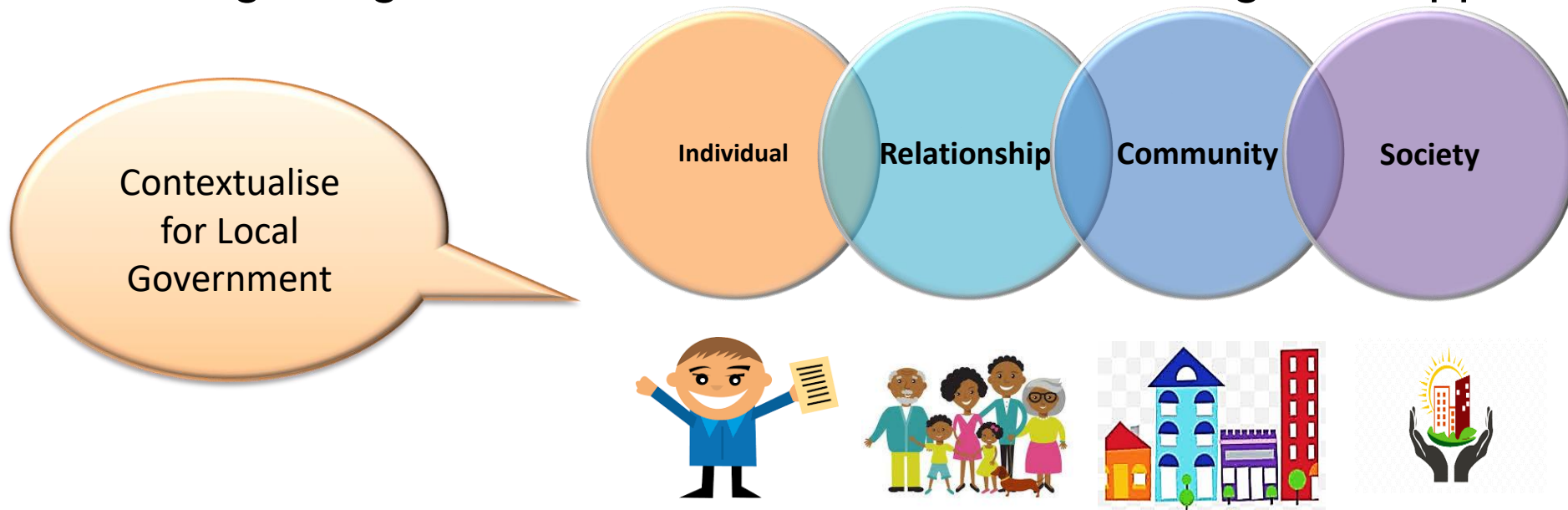
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- Chairperson of the NCOP, Honourable Masondo,
- Deputy Chairperson of the NCOP, Honourable Lucas
- Minister of Police, Honourable Cele
- Chief Whip of the NCOP of the NCOP, Honourable Mohai
- House Chairpersons
- Hon MECs
- Ladies and gentlemen

- The purpose of the presentation is to:
 - Appraise the NCOP, the Minister and the MECs on SALGA's role in influencing the National Crime Prevention Strategy at a local government level.
 - The envisaged partnership, between the Civilian Secretariat Police Services, Community Safety Departments and SALGA, that is aimed at improving implementation of crime and violence prevention strategies; and,
 - Highlight the role of local government in building safer communities;
- All these are aimed at supporting the crime fighting efforts by the law enforcement agencies in the country.

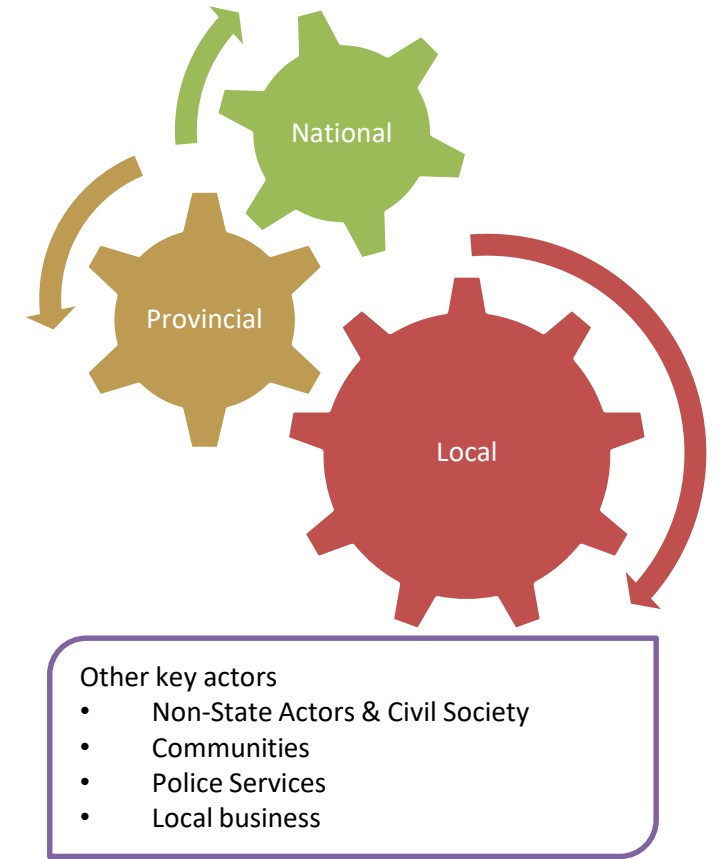
- Crime statistics indicate that majority of violent crimes occur in the homes, in areas of recreation and amongst people that know each other.
- Responses therefore have to go beyond policing and require a collaboration between law enforcement, local government and civil society.
- The CSPA developed the Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy (ICVPS) which is the implementing tool for the 2016 White Paper on Safety and Security.
- The White Paper seeks to build safe and resilient communities, ensuring safety of all is the basis for improved quality of life.
- The Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy recognises that safety is not the responsibility of the police alone, and advocates for a 'whole of government' and 'whole of society' integrated approach to crime and violence prevention.

- This approach takes into account the cumulative impact of risk factors to crime and violence on a person's life.
- It allows for the identification of protective factors on the different levels to design targeted interventions based on an integrated approach to safety.



WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT APPROACH AND WHOLE OF SOCIETY APPROACH

- Community safety cannot be delivered by a one sphere of government alone. **A whole of government approach is required.**
- Collaboration with non-state actors is required to expand into a whole of society approach
- The Constitution recognises the different spheres of government at national, provincial and local level as distinctive, yet emphasizes the interdependent and interrelated nature of government providing:
 - It provides a comprehensive approach and mechanism for an integrated response to crime and violence prevention.
 - Local government, specifically Councillors, are well placed to roll out crime and violence prevention interventions at local level.
 - The responsibility of local government in provision of safety and security as well as crime and violence prevention is derived from the key legislation and policy frameworks mentioned.



- Common themes that can be derived from these legislative and policy frameworks are:
 - Law enforcement and operations of the Criminal Justice System alone are not adequate to address high rates of crime and violence in the country
 - Efforts at prevention need to focus also on victims and potential victims
 - Activities aimed at preventing crime need to also address the fear of crime



- To ensure that the municipality is able to deliver on these roles, there must be:-
 - Political Champion (MMC for Community Safety)
 - Political buy-in and championing of community safety is critical.
 - Capacity Building and professionalisation is key.
 - Administrative “Driver” of the Programme of Community Safety
 - Facilitates the establishment and administration of the Community Safety Forums.
 - Institutionalisation of Community Safety within the municipal administration

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM AS AN IMPORTANT STRUCTURE FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATION



- The fundamental role of local government in building safer communities is establishing and supporting Community Safety Forums (CSF) to:
 - Drive integrated and collaborative planning and implementation of crime and violence prevention initiatives;
 - Be a platform for communities to identify safety challenges and develop appropriate solutions; and,
 - Enhance communication, participation and sharing of information of safety issues.
- CSF is a valuable platform for stakeholder coordination and public engagement which can support and complement community safety competencies within the municipal administration .
- Preferred option for launching safety programmes in the community and main point of engagement for public input into safety plans and the review thereof.
- Community Safety Plan to inform the CSF annual activity plan.
- CSF and its functions need to be properly institutionalised within the municipality.

- Assessment on the state of law enforcement
 - SALGA is conducting an assessment of the state of law enforcement at a local government level – development of an assessment tool.
 - This will enable SALGA, its member municipalities and government officials involved in law enforcement and crime prevention to have an improved and comprehensive understanding of how laws, under the jurisdiction of local government, are enforced in different municipalities throughout the country;
 - Assist in member municipalities developing and implementing strategic Community Safety Plans and working effectively with their respective Community Safety Forums;
 - Monitor and evaluate successes and challenges
 - Risk mitigation is key.

- Collaborating with the GIZ through the GIZ-Violent Crime Prevention partnership, to support the development of the Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy (ICVPS)
- Empowered with information, capacity and resources, Councillors can effectively implement the Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy – partnering on the Portfolio Based Councillor Induction
- Creating an enabling environment
- Establish Joint Local Government Support Programme to improve Community Safety
 - Supported by both the Technical and Political MinMec
 - CSPS must be key co-drivers with SALGA

- SALGA, together with the CSPS and Provincial Departments of Community Safety, will focus on capacitating Councillors on the following:
 - Identification and mobilisation of key partners for the establishment of CSFs;
 - How to conduct community safety audits;
 - Development of localised community safety plans that will address causes of crime, taking into consideration different needs of different communities; and
 - Implementation, monitoring and evaluation of crime and violence prevention programmes to measure their effectiveness and impact.
- A solid partnership between the Police, the Community Safety sector and SALGA will provide a great opportunity to ensure a well-coordinated implementation of crime and violence prevention strategies.



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