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1. PURPOSE

- ❑ To brief the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), Provincial Legislature and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) on the progress made in implementing the National Crime Prevention Strategy by the North West Province

2.INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The National Crime Prevention Strategy was developed to assist government in addressing crime in a coordinated manner; that is, and to name a few:

- All government agencies and civil society to contribute resources towards addressing crime
- By mobilising communities to participate in crime prevention initiative, and
- Facilitating effective crime prevention programmes at provincial and local level.
- And increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice process
- Addressing Priority Crimes
- Dealing with Transnational crime and Boarder Control

3.PROVINCIAL PROGRESS

In support on the above, the Province can report some progress and activities which are implemented in realization of the Pillars of the National Crime Prevention Strategy:

- Implementing the Court Watching Brief Programme
- Implementing Crime Prevention through Environmental Design programmes (CPTED),
- Intensified Prevention of Gender Based Violence against Vulnerable Groups programmes (GBV),
- Supporting and funding Community Structures (Community Police Forums and Non-Profit Institutions) to encourage and strengthen their fight against crime and
- Created employment by appointing Community Safety Patrollers across the Province through the Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP).

3.1 COURT WATCHING BRIEF

- Aimed at increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice process, the Province is implementing the Court Watching Briefs Programme; which is aimed at promoting professional policing and reducing the number of service delivery complaints received and investigated by the Department as a result of police inefficiencies. The programme will also assist in alleviating the work load of the courts and ensuring that cases are not remanded unnecessarily as a result of the part played by the SAPS and also to reduce pressure of police detention cells and that of Correctional Services, because if a case is remanded due to failure on the side of the SAPS, some suspects are returned back to custody.
- The programme is currently implemented at Magistrates courts and is achieving its intended objective as many gaps are identified; such as, failure by the Investigating Officer to comply with the Instructions of the Prosecutor, matter removed from the roll due to incomplete investigations; impacting the accused rights to a speedy trial and witnesses not subpoenaed or their statement not obtained.

3.2 PRIORITY CRIMES

The SAPS in discharging its Constitutional mandate of preventing, combating and investigating crime through its two Annual Performance Programmes (Nationally) or the Annual Operational Plan in the Province, namely:

- Programme 2 : VISIBLE POLICING AND OPERATIONS which is responsible for proactive and partnership policing and
- Programme 3 DETECTIVE SERVICES, CRIME INTELLIGENCE AND FORENSICS which also include the DPCI all of which are charged with reactive policing.
- These two Divisions are responsible for the planning execution and monitoring of Operational Plans which include the establishment, coordination and management of the different crime combating structures such as the Provincial Crime Combating Forums, the different Priority Committees such as the Non- Ferrous Metals , Rural Safety, Stock Theft and Wildlife Crimes including Rhino Poaching, Illicit Mining, Cash -In-Transit, Extortion and Corruption at Business and Construction Sites Priority Committees.

Priority Crimes...

- Once a particular crime threat or pattern is identified, the SAPS do a Modus Operandi, Root Cause and Hotspot Analysis which informs the compilation of Intelligence led operations.
- Through this Analysis and guided by the National Crime Prevention Strategy, the National Development Plan, the National Community Policing Strategy, the SAPS also embarks on Joint Law Enforcement and Multi Agency Operations under the coordination of the PROVJOINTS.

3.3 CPTED

- In addressing crime through environmental design, the Province is collaborating with Municipalities and other key role players to eliminate identified crime hotspots where crime like rape, robbery, murder, market for stolen goods and substance abuse are taking place. Activities included but not limited to clearing of bushes, house numbering and erecting crime information boards in identified areas.
- The Province has in 2016/2017 installed twenty two (22) CCTV Cameras in the Capital City, with a purpose of contributing to crime deterrence. The Province will continue in the maintenance of the cameras.
- As part of assisting with development of Local Crime Prevention Strategies, the Province has embarked on the establishment of Community Safety Forums at District and Local Municipalities.
- In ensuring continues engagement, Technical Munimec are held on regular basis

3.4 BORDER CONTROL

- Transnational crimes are covered by the SAPS DPCI and Organized Crime working with both Regional and International Policing Agencies such as SARPCCO and Interpol.
- The Operations are normally Stabilization and Normalization Operations by Specialized Units and Dedicated Task Teams

3.5 COMMUNITY MOBILISATION AND STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION

The Province as part of maximising participation of civil society in mobilising and sustaining crime prevention initiatives, is involved in implementing programmes aimed at the reduction of crime through public education, in partnership with other key stakeholders. Programmes implemented include among others the following

- **Prevention of Gender Based Violence against Vulnerable Groups:**

Activities related to the prevention of Gender Based Violence (GBV) against Vulnerable Groups were implemented at identified areas in a form of motorcades, peaceful marches, community dialogue & engagements, school presentations and door to door activities. Media campaigns with CJS stakeholders and participation in law enforcement roadblocks were used as another platform to disseminate information

In enhancing safety of communities, the Province further distributed and installed Household Safety Gadgets and hand held personal safety alarms to identified vulnerable groups including people with disabilities, child headed households and the elderly.

COMMUNITY MOBILISATION AND STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION..

Other crime prevention activities implemented included to:

- Campaigns against Gangsterism
- School Safety Programme
- Rural Safety – Anti Property Theft and Anti-Dangerous Weapons Programmes
- Campaigns against Substance Abuse

Support and Monitoring of Community Structures(Police Fora and NPI's)

In ensuring participation of civil society and community based structures(NPOs, CBOs, FBOs, CPFs, etc) the Province has supported these structures to implement social crime prevention initiatives in identified precincts, as per priority crime trends and patterns. The following are done as part of support rendered:

- Allocation of annual transfer payment
- Ensuring establishment and Functionality monitoring
- Capacity building

The Province further appoints Community Safety Patrollers under EPWP, as part of community in blue initiative in the fight against crime. The Programme is bearing fruits despite the limited budgetary resources.

The patrollers continued to enhance police efforts in ensuring visibility to fight crime, as well as the enforcement of Covid 19 Regulations in communities

5. CONCLUSION:

The Province will continue to support the implementation of National Crime Prevention Strategy through coordination of stakeholders in the fight against crime.

Improvement is still required in the functionality of governance structures like the PJCPS , MuniMEC and others, and the Province strives to engage and resuscitate relevant structures for easy coordination

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