

SEDIBENG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

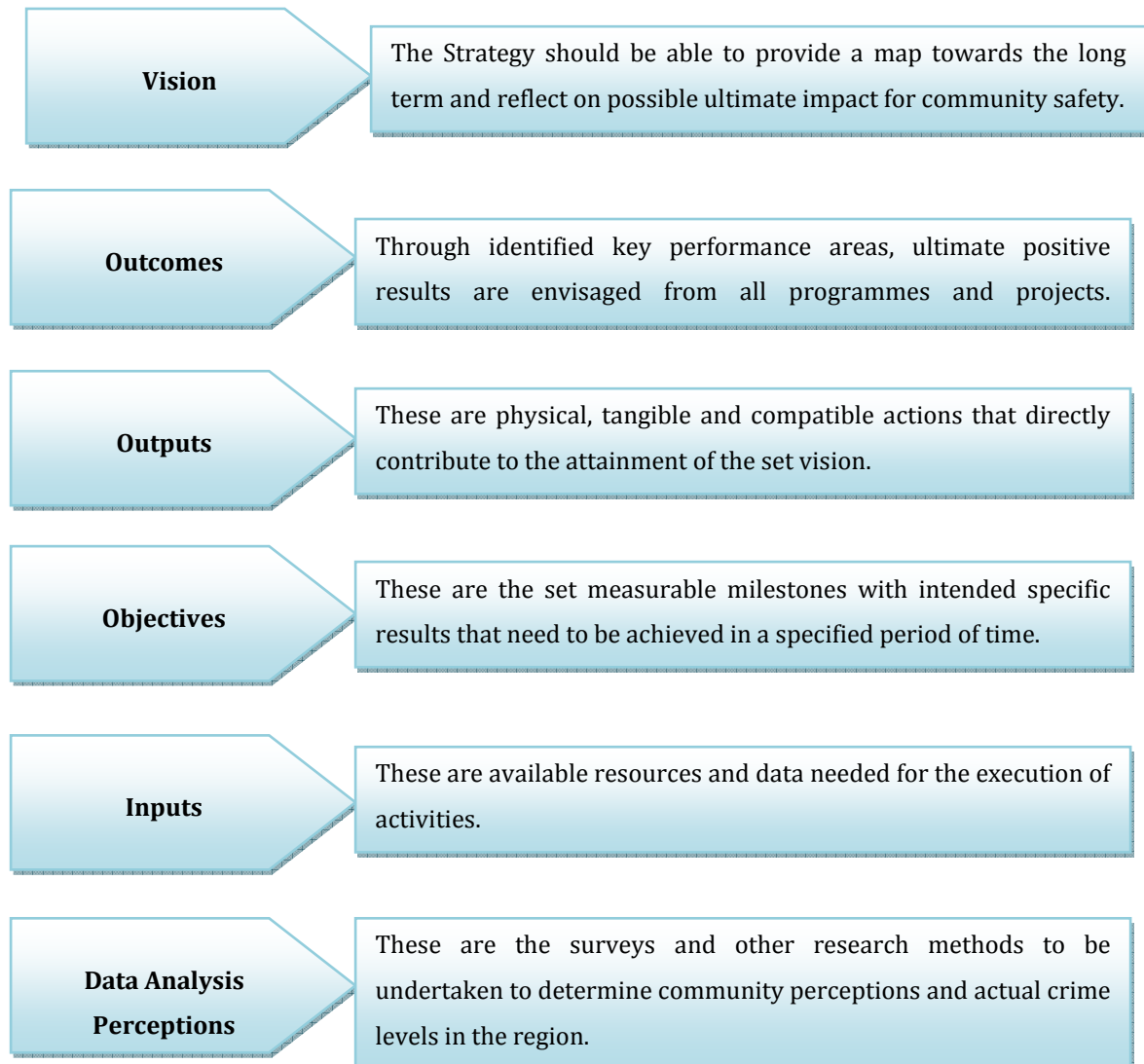
SUMMATIVE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2013 - 2017

Promote
Safe and Secure
Environment



Together
Fighting Crime
To Ensure
Better Future
For The
Community

How the Strategy is structured



Furthermore; monitoring and evaluation of the strategy will be based on indicators and results generated through adopted processes, performance and attached outputs.

Portfolio of evidence will be built for accountability purposes, with emphasis being on the measurement of programmes impact, outcomes and efficiency levels.

Alignment with National and Provincial Strategies

The strategy seeks to provide coordination and guidance towards a multi-faceted development and implementation of community safety intervention plans and programmes in the region. This illustration below displays the various levels of interventions across various strategies.



Through the *National Outcome 03: All People in South Africa are and feel safe*; this strategy aims to achieve the under-mentioned:

- Promote and sustain a safe and secure environment for communities and visitors of Sedibeng
- Maximize societal participation in community safety intervention programs and projects
- Build and sustain strategic partnerships and networks
- Manage and improve society's perception on levels of crime and roles of law enforcement services
- Intensify focus towards the elimination of gender based violence and trio crimes in the region

- Build investor confidence and provide enabling environment for the promotion of tourism in the region

This is further supported by the National Development Plan – Vision 2013 through its Chapter 12, which seeks to *Build Safer Communities*. All these strategies are developed and implemented on the foundation of the *National Crime Prevention Strategy of 1996*, and the *White Paper on Safety and Security of 1998* which emphasis on a multi-agency approach in the fight against crime.

National Crime Prevention Strategy

The National Crime Prevention Strategy has provided a national vision and framework for crime prevention initiatives. As a result this strategy will ensure that Sedibeng is providing support to other participating stakeholder through a coordinated approach towards the implementation of community safety programs.

White Paper on Safety and Security

The White Paper on Safety and Security has put emphasis on local government to align its internal resources and objectives within a crime prevention framework. To achieve this objective, Sedibeng through this strategy's key priority one, has established a Community Safety Forum which is comprised of various stakeholders from safety and security sector. Through this structure, joint planning and joint resources are formulated to avoid duplication of resources and programs.

National Development Plan

The NDP requires that requires an effective integrated strategy to address pervasive problem of violence and crime in general. Through this strategy, an integrated approach through active community involvement will be pursuit.

Sedibeng Community Safety Strategy

To ensure that these afore-mentioned national and provincial strategies are achieved, SDM developed these customized pillars as key strategic performance areas for the development and implementation of community safety programmes in the region.

Strategic Priority Area 01: Inter-Governmental Relations

- This pillar aims to strengthen strategic partnerships and networks through which best practice models related to community safety can be acquired and implemented.

Strategic Priority Area 02: Promote Schools Safety

- Safety and security at our schools is of paramount importance to generate enabling environment for learners and educators to acquire operate within their areas of responsibility.

Strategic Priority Area 03: Advocacy for Social Crime Prevention

- The principle underlining this objective is to fight crime by exposing and addressing socio-economic factors deemed as causal and prevalent contributors of crime within our society.

Strategic Priority Area 04: Support Community Corrections Programs

- The key approach for this pillar is to promote restorative justice and re-integration processes through utilization of ex-offenders within the society.

Disaster Management Framework

Disaster Management Policy Framework is aimed at ensuring an integrated and uniformed approach to disaster management and other community safety related incidents within the region.

It is imperative to integrate, align and recognize the role of Disaster Management, Fire Rescue and Environmental Health processes within this Community Safety Strategy as it plays essential proactive and reactive roles in the implementation of community safety measures.

This Disaster Management Policy framework is aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- Prevent and/or reduce the risk of disasters
- Mitigate the severity and/or consequences of disasters
- Provide emergency preparedness
- Provide rapid and effective response to disasters, and
- Provide post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation

Multi-Agency Stakeholders

It is vital to note that the police and community safety departments at various spheres of government cannot win the fight against crime on their own. Hence; the support and active participation of other sectors as mentioned below is essential:

Departments	Description of responsibilities
<i>Human Resources</i>	Provide knowledge and skills through training and capacity building workshops in community safety sector.
<i>Urban Design</i>	It is important that prior and during the construction of new developments, the principle of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) be recognized. Vacant and under-utilized land and buildings often becomes prey for criminals and are used hide-outs and/or storage places. Street-lighting should also be improved to provide adequate illumination at night as a deterrent measure against possible criminal activities.
<i>Marketing</i>	It is about time that community perceptions towards safety and security sector be engaged and positively improved. Not only bad publicity against these agencies should be upheld, but their achievements too should be highly publicized and promoted within communities.
<i>Emergency Services</i>	Provide emergency treatment and counseling to victims of crime and make referrals and/or disseminate relevant information to victims with regard to available processes and programs for information purposes.
<i>Local Economic Development</i>	Create and provide job opportunities and reduce unemployment and poverty levels within communities. A working society will automatically withdraw from participating in criminal activities as a means of survival tactics.
<i>Treasury</i>	Conducting forensic audits to identify corruption and oversee correct procurement processes and contract awards.
<i>Licensing Service Centres</i>	Provide and enhance security measures around licensing stations, tackle corruption and provide enabling environment for business operation.
<i>Transport, Roads, etc</i>	Commuters' safety should be upheld at all times. Necessary measures should be in place to improve in-transit and off-transit safety of commuters, especially at bus terminals and train stations.

<i>Parks</i>	They must respond positively towards reported areas deemed as contributing factors towards criminality. Thick and high vegetation, long grass often are prevalent to criminal activities. Safety of the public should be upheld at all times at the facilities.
<i>Housing</i>	Standing and vacant houses should be eliminated and avoided at all costs. It is common that unoccupied houses always attract vandalism and/or illegal occupation. House numbering is also important as it enables law enforcement and emergency medical services to find their targets much easier.
<i>Sports, Culture and Recreation</i>	Youth is associated with sports and recreation. It is therefore; essential to ensure that these facilities are made available for usage as programs that will defocus youth and children from criminal minds.
<i>Social Welfare</i>	They must provide parental, educational, treatment and counseling programs to victims of crime with special needs.

Events Safety Management Framework

Events Safety Planning is a very important component which is often neglected during plenary proceedings for events that are being held. To mitigate for possible incidents that may be detrimental to the lives and safety of people including assets at planned mass events, Ministry of Sports and Recreation developed legislation in the form of Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act No. 02 of 2010.

This Act provides provisions and stipulations which need to be complied with for every scheduled mass event. The Act requires that measures to safeguard the physical well-being and safety of persons and property at sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitions, organizational or similar events held at stadiums, venues or along a route be considered and put in place at all times.

The Act requires that Events Safety Plans be developed in accordance with the below-mentioned guidelines:

- The nature of the event – (type of planned activities)
- Nature of the venue – (fixed or temporary, open air or inside a building)
- Nature of patrons – (type of people who will be attending)
- Nature of an environment around the venue (volatile or not)
- Availability of safety and security capacity

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS PLAN

PRIORITY 01: INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS				
Key Focus Area (KPA)	Action Plans	Outcomes	Performance Measurements	Measuring & Monitoring Tools
Strengthen strategic partnerships and networks for safer communities	Enhance and sustain Community Safety Forum through regular meetings that deliberate on safety and security issues in the region	Active and effective CSF with informed general communities and stakeholders in safety and security programs and services	Number of participants at the CSF meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Registers • Minutes • Reports (Quarterly)
	Support our partners towards successful implementation of respective programs and events aimed at addressing community safety in the region.	Strong and effective partnerships	Number of external programs supported and implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Registers • Minutes
	Actively participate at local, provincial and national gatherings for the purpose of acquiring advanced skills and best practices models.	Best IGR structure in the Province which is benchmarked for best practice models	Number of external visit and/or invitation received for sharing of best practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation letters • Minutes • Presentations & Reports
	Participate in business sector platforms which promote crime prevention through economic empowerment and intervention.	Reduced crime levels that negatively impact on economic investment and growth.	% level reduction of crimes such as business robbery, shoplifting and general theft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Registers • Minutes • Reports

PRIORITY 02: PROMOTION OF SCHOOLS SAFETY

Key Focus Area (KPA)	Action Plans	Outcomes	Performance Measurements	Measuring & Monitoring Tools
Provide safe and secure environments for both the learners and educators	Coordinate the establishment and revival process of Schools Safety Teams at all schools within Sedibeng region in partnership with Gauteng Department of Education and other stakeholders	Informed, active and effective Schools Safety Teams at various schools level.	Number of functional SST in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Registers of the SST Meetings • Minutes • Reports • Composition of the SSTs
	Conduct advocacy programs at schools to address issues of criminality, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, etc. at schools and within the general society	Crime free schools premises	% decrease of criminal activities at schools level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Visitors Registers • Letters of Confirmation of Attendance from Schools • Reports
	Support law enforcement services in efforts to eliminate and eradicate criminality at schools	Improved visible policing at and around schools premises	Number of special operations conducted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Visitors Registers • Consent letters from District Offices • Reports
	Promote Road Safety in our schools	Reduced road crashes and fatalities	Number of road crashes and fatalities recorded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accident Reports

PRIORITY 03: ADVOCACY FOR SOCIAL CRIME PREVENTION

Key Focus Area (KPA)	Action Plans	Outcomes	Performance Measurements	Measuring & Monitoring Tools
Combat crime by addressing and reducing socio-economic factors deemed as prevalent towards criminality within our society	Conduct gender based violence awareness programs through 365 days of activism on no violence against women and children principles and approach	Reduction in gender based violence, and informed communities on gender based violence issues	% reduction of gender based violence in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Registers • Photos from events held • Crime Statistical Reports
	Support community policing relations principles through utilization of Community Policing Forums structures	Improved working relations between communities and the police, including improved information sharing networks	Number of CPF stakeholders' meetings and public meetings held.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Registers of CPF meetings • Photos from events held • Crime Statistical Reports • Public Meetings
	Conduct environmental scans to identify vulnerable open spaces and unused buildings that may be vulnerable to criminality and impact negatively towards community safety.	Improved street-lightning in the townships and CBDs, and clear open spaces thereby providing conducive environment for vulnerable groups passing through these spaces	% reduction of incidents related to common robberies, rapes and murders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Street lights • Clear Open Spaces • Crime Statistical Reports
	Support law enforcement and road safety educational programs with an effort to eliminate non-compliance of traffic management regulations on our roads	Reduced road crashes and fatalities	Number of road crashes and fatalities recorded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accident Reports
	Monitor criminal, traffic, EMS and other activities through CCTV cameras in identified and unidentified areas.	Improved investments and tourism in the region as a result of crime free CBDs and other strategic areas	% reduction of crimes as a result of the existence of CCTV cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime Statistical Reports • Functional CCTV Systems • Number of Arrests made • Number of convictions achieved

PRIORITY 04: SUPPORT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS

Key Focus Area (KPA)	Activities	Outcomes	Performance Measurements	Measuring & Monitoring Tools
Promote Restorative Justice and re-integration of offenders in the communities.	Support ex-offenders by providing them with public participation and schools level platforms to render motivational talks as a proactive measure to possible criminal minds.	Informed learners on the dangers of getting involved in criminal activities	Number of schools visited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Visitors Registers • Letters of Confirmation of Attendance from Schools • Reports
	Conduct visits to correctional facilities to conduct awareness programs for incarcerated juveniles and problematic learners from various schools.	Reduction in re-offending and increased number of ex-offenders in community services awareness programs	Number of ex-offenders participating in community awareness programs Number of learners tours to correctional facilities conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Registers • Photos from events held • Reports • Letters of Confirmation from DCS
	Support community corrections programs; such as cleaning campaigns and community outreach initiatives.	Reduction of incidents such as rapes and robberies taking place at remote and open spaces	Number of incidents reported at remote and open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear Open Spaces • Photos • Crime Statistical Reports
	Conduct awareness campaigns to educate community about its role with regard to its participation in community corrections activities.	Informed communities in community corrections services, including reduction of stigma towards ex-offenders.	Number of community imbizos held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Registers • Photos from events held • Reports • Public Meetings