

EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY STATEMENT



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The National Development Plan (NDP) vision 2030 remains a government-wide development trajectory and continues to guide the next five-year planning period. The development of our Strategic Plan 2025-2030 was informed by an iterative process which saw involvement of critical stakeholders in the sector. This had to happen, because prevention of crime and violence requires a collective effort.

The tangible outcome of this strategic engagements enabled the Department to craft a strategic posture aligned to NDP vision 2030. Over the medium-term planning period, CSPS will strive to pursue a vision of: *“A transformed and accountable Police Service that reflects the democratic values and principles of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa”* while remaining committed to the realisation of the impact of safer communities in a developmental

state. The aforesaid strategic posture augurs well with the NDP vision in Chapter 12 that asserts that “In 2030, people living in South Africa feel safe at home, at school and at work, and they enjoy a community life free of fear”. This is the commitment we will strive to achieve as a sector involving key role players such as government departments; municipalities; civil society; communities; and private sector.

Civilian Secretariat for Police Service team will be guided by its mandate from the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and report its work to the Minister of Police. To this end, the Department will develop key policies and legislation to ensure effective functioning of the South African Police Service. Where policies and legislation were found to be constitutionally non-complaint, proper legislative processes and procedures will be followed to address these.

Over the next five-year planning period, the Department will ensure that a professionalised and transformed South African Police Service remains key to building a safe and more secured communities. The Department will ensure alignment to the following Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) priorities brought about by the government of national unity which are as follows:

- *Strategic Priority 1: Inclusive Growth and Job Creation;*
- *Strategic Priority 2: Reduce Poverty and Tackle the High Cost of Living; and*
- *Strategic Priority 3: Build a Capable, Ethical and Developmental State.*

In response to the above government-wide priorities, as the Minister responsible for policing, I have provided leadership and strategic guidance to this five-year plan.

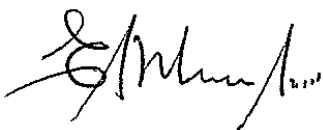
CSPS Strategic Plan was thus informed by among others the following Ministerial priorities taking a cue from MTDP commitments:

- Legislative amendments and the finalisation of key policy;
- Address high levels of violent crime and gender-based violence (GBV);
- Professionalisation of the SAPS;
- Modernisation of policing;
- Improved control of firearms; and
- Building sustainable partnerships.

This five-year plan will address the above-mentioned priorities and strive to ensure that people of South Africa feel safe and secure. The 2019–2024 Medium-Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) replaced by the Medium-Term Development Plan 2024-2029 highlighted the need for an integrated approach to halve violent crime in the next ten years. This also includes strengthening of community partnerships, increasing police visibility and working to increase levels of trust in police service. It is for this reason that a departmental outcome of strengthened implementation of the ICVPS strategy was considered as an apex outcome over the planning period. Research has proven that prevention of crime and violence in communities requires a collective responsibility. National Policing Policy will be finalised and be introduced in Cabinet for approval over the medium-term period. This policy will among others, define the police station and assist the general public about the role of police station and basic services to be offered in a station.

Crime committed by SAPS officials will not be tolerated, and as such consequences management through disciplinary mechanisms will be instituted. Similarly, criminal elements arising from communities as confirmed by high level of crime statistics in provinces like Gauteng, Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Kwa-Zulu Natal will be dealt with by professional police officers. And structures such as community policy forums will play key role in terms of being proactive in preventing crime including cooperation agreements. Cooperation agreements have already been signed with four provinces; namely, Western Cape; Eastern Cape; Gauteng and KZN. We will continue to sign these agreements with other provinces over the medium-term period, based on the implementation of the Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy. These strategic initiatives will contribute to professionalization and transformation agenda within SAPS.

The CSPS will lead the coordination and reporting of ICVPS initiatives as committed in the MTPD 2024-2029 and contribute meaningfully towards realisation of Strategic Priority 3: *Build a Capable, Ethical and Developmental State*. Finally, I have no doubt that the leadership of the Secretary for Police service supported by management and general staff will ensure effective implementation of this strategic plan over the five-year planning period.



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