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The Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy

1. What is the ICVPS?

The Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy (ICVPS) is government's plan aimed at promoting an integrated preventative approach to addressing the root causes of crime and violence. It acknowledges that safety is not the responsibility of the SAPS alone but adopts a **“whole of government”** and a **“whole of society”** approach.

The ICVPS rests on six pillars, namely:

- ✚ Pillar 1: Effective Criminal Justice System: which talks to the efficiency, responsiveness and professionalism of the criminal justice sector in addressing people's needs and problems on issues of crime and safety.
- ✚ Pillar 2: Early Intervention to Prevent Crime and Violence and Promote Safety: which addresses issues of safety and prevention of crime and violence at an early age, making sure children from their first 1000 days are given a healthy start. Also in Early Childhood Development, children are protected and taught well, including in the schools, communities, playgrounds, and everywhere they go they should be and feel safe.
- ✚ Pillar 3: Victim Support: this talks to how each role player should be able to advocate for the victims, giving them support and care they deserve, and addressing any barriers they might be facing. The implementation of the victim's charter is crucial.

- 🌍 **Pillar 4: Effective and integrated service delivery for safety and the prevention of violence:** We must link all the people with relevant services and resources for communities to receive the help they need to be safe. This also talks to basic delivery of services, bringing programmes and services that addresses issues of poverty, unemployment, inequality and promote socio-economic development. There must be proper coordination and collaborations by all stakeholders.
- 🌍 **Pillar 5: Safety Through Environmental Design:** The proper design of our living spaces helps to promote safety and prevent crime and violence in our society. Urban and rural planning must take into consideration the safety of the people, for example, making sure that street lights are functioning well to light up areas so that people feel safe, that bushes and long grass are cut in areas to prevent crimes from taking place, and for the creation of sports and recreation facilities and community meetings. This will enhance the feelings of safety amongst communities and create a safe and conducive environment.
- 🌍 **Pillar 6: Active Public and Community Participation:** when we make communities the center for developing programmes for the prevention of crime and violence, we empower our communities and our people to take ownership of their own safety. This also means they must form part of planning for safety within their areas of residence, their work, at schools, at shopping malls, and any other spaces. The establishment of community structures gives community representatives a voice on all safety planning and prevention measures in their own communities.

2. What is my role as a community member in the Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy?

As a community member, you have to take responsibility for your safety and within the area you live in, to be alert always, report any suspicious activities within your community, know your neighbors and your fellow community members, know the services available to you from government and the role you need to play to access those services, be an advocate for the vulnerable within your community, do not be silent when observing injustices, abuse, domestic violence, criminal activities, and report all these to the relevant authority.

You need to participate in community activities and share information that will help prevent situations before these escalate to higher levels, for example, if certain hot spots for criminal activities are known in your community, or where community members are

being terrorized by gangs, you need to please report these activities to the relevant offices, police stations, and community leaders for those issues to be addressed.

3. What is the implementation plan of the ICVPS?

The ICVPS is the implementation plan. It consists of tables which outlines the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder responsible for implementing it. It requires integrated planning and budgeting and capacity building which must take place at all spheres of government, and this includes all government and society role-players coming together to do this planning. It also needs clear performance indicators for implementing, and it must have monitoring and evaluation indicators to measure improvements in crime levels.

4. How are you going to ensure the effective implementation of the ICVPS?

We will do this by measuring the impact of the ICVPS by decreasing crime levels, increase in employment and development at local areas. We are requesting DPME to include high-level indicators in the Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF/MTDP) to ensure implementation of the ICVPS and ensure each department is held accountable. Other M&E tools through the Provincial Departments of Community Safety will help check if all role players are doing that which they are supposed to do, and doing it effectively. We have established a Working Committee at national level to coordinate all planning and reporting on successes and challenges with plans to mitigate on those challenges.

5. How will you ensure that the ‘whole of government and the whole of the society’ is participating in the ICVPS

We will be utilizing the District Development Model (DDM) as a key platform for effective implementation of the ICVPS and for coordination across the three spheres of government. Provinces and local government will ensure alignment of the ICVPS with the DDM. The Offices of the Premiers are also expected to play a crucial role in terms of coordinating and facilitating implementation of the ICVPS. The successful implementation of the ICVPS relies heavily on every single member of society and government alike committing to working together in order to realize safer communities for all.