



**Western Cape
Government**

RURAL SAFETY EVALUATION MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1. MANAGEMENT RESPONSE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation		Record of agreement or disagreement	Reasons for disagreement
1	Comprehensive, multi-sectoral rural safety policy	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	
2	Law enforcement capacity in rural areas	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	
3	Technology-driven crime prevention and response resolutions	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	
4	Address socio-economic drivers of crime	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	
5	Support services for victims of crime	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	
6.	Improve rural infrastructure	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	
7.	Community policing forums and farm watch programs	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	
8.	Centralised database for rural safety information	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	
9.	Surveys on rural crime and safety perceptions	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	
10.	Cross-sector collaboration and coordination	Agree, particularly as it pertain to the mandated department	

2. IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES

Recommendation 1:	Comprehensive, multi-sectoral rural safety Plan
Improvement Objective 1:	Support a comprehensive, multi-sectoral safety plan addressing crime and non-crime safety factors.
Recommendation 2:	Law enforcement capacity in rural areas
Improvement Objective 2:	Support through established safety structures e.g. District safety forums and safety agencies in rural areas as well as the technical committee on rural safety (TCRS).
Recommendation 3:	Technology-driven crime prevention and response resolutions
Improvement Objective 3	Advocate for implementation of technology-driven crime prevention and response solutions, such as CCTV systems and digital reporting platforms.
Recommendation 4:	Address socio-economic drivers of crime
Improvement Objective 4	Support initiatives to address socio-economic drivers through targeted economic development initiatives and youth employment programs.
Recommendation 5:	Support services for victims of crime
Improvement Objective 5	Enhance support services for victims of crime, particularly domestic and gender-based violence in rural areas.
Recommendation 6:	Improve rural infrastructure
Improvement Objective 6	Promote improvement of rural infrastructure, including roads, lighting and telecommunications.
Recommendation 7:	Community policing forums and farm watch programs
Improvement Objective 7	Support community policing forums and farm watch programs.
Recommendation 8:	Centralised database for rural safety information
Improvement Objective 8	Maintain a centralised database for rural safety information to facilitate sharing and coordination responses.
Recommendation 9:	Rural safety crime statistics by SAPS on rural crime
Improvement Objective 9	Inform and create awareness on rural safety crime analysis through the TCRS engagements which provides comprehensive statistics rural crime and safety perceptions.
Recommendation 10:	Cross-sector collaboration and coordination
Improvement Objective 10	Foster cross-sector collaboration and coordination in addressing rural safety challenges

3. IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Improvement Objective 1:		Provide support towards a comprehensive, multi-sectoral safety plan addressing crime and non-crime safety factors.					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
1.1 Comprehensive, multi-sectoral rural safety plan		1.1.1 Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	Shared findings	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Completed, findings shared with the Technical Committee on Rural Safety on 13 November 2024.
		1.1.2 Provide support towards the implementation of the WCDOA Safety plan and Western Cape Safety Plan 2025-2030	Progress Updates	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Inputs provided towards the WC Safety Plan. Serve on the provincial safety steering committee where ongoing support is provided in relation to the WC Safety Plan.

Improvement Objective 2:		Support through established safety structures e.g. District safety forums and safety agencies in rural areas as well as the technical committee on rural safety (TCRS).					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
2.1 Law enforcement capacity is strengthened		2.1.1 Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	Shared findings	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Completed
		2.1.2 Escalate rural safety incidents to the Technical Committee on Rural Safety.	Progress Updates	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	On-going – Needs driven

Improvement Objective 3:		Advocate for implementation of technology-driven crime prevention and response solutions, such as CCTV systems and digital reporting platforms.					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
3.1		3.1.1	Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	B. Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Completed
		3.1.2	Continuous use of ArcGIS123 mobile application to log safety incidents and the maintaining of the Rural Safety Monitoring Dashboard				
			Progress Updates	B. Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	On-going – Needs driven

Improvement Objective 4:		Support initiatives to address socio-economic drivers through targeted economic development initiatives and youth employment programs.					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
4.1		4.1.1	Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	B. Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Completed
		4.1.2	Implementation of Awareness & Information sessions in rural areas focussed on economic and youth development				
			10 Awareness & Information sessions implemented across the province.	B. Jacobs	Annually	Programme 8	Touwsranteen – 14/04/25 Callitzdorp – 15/04/25 Prince Albert – 09/07/25 Laingsburg – 10/07/25 Porterville – 14/08/25 Laingville – 02/10/25 Stuiskraai – 08/10/25 Gansbaai – 09/10/25

Improvement Objective 4:		Support initiatives to address socio-economic drivers through targeted economic development initiatives and youth employment programs.					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
							Saron – 11/02/26 Rawsonville – 12/02/26
		4.1.3 Multi-stakeholders Interventions, inclusive of food garden promotion and implementation	Progress Updates	Vusumzi Zwelendaba	Annually	Programme 3	On-going – Needs driven

Improvement Objective 5:		Enhance support services for victims of crime, particularly domestic and gender-based violence in rural areas.					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
5.1 Enhanced support services for victims of crime		5.1.1 Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	Shared findings	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Completed
		5.1.2 Implementation of Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention programme	1. Pella – City of Cape Town 2. Robertson – Langeberg Municipality 3. Murraysburg – Beaufort West Municipality 4. Mosselbay - Mosselbay Municipality 5. Grabouw – Theewaterskloof Municipality 6. Darling – Swartland Municipality Total = 600 beneficiaries	B Jacobs	Continuous	Programme 8	Pella/Mamre: 05 June 2025 06 June 2025 13 June 2025 Robertson/McGregor: 03 July 2025 04 July 2025 11 July 2025 Darling: 07 August 2025 08 August 2025 15 August 2025

Improvement Objective 6:		Promote improvement of rural infrastructure, including roads, lighting and telecommunications.					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
6.1		6.1.1	Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Findings to be shared with the Provincial Rural Development Forum scheduled for 11 June 2025
		6.1.2	Provide the substance abuse and prevention program provide referrals for counselling and support, if required and ongoing aftercare.				
		6.1.3	Refer clients/victims to required service	Programme 8	Continuous	Operational	On-going – Needs driven

Improvement Objective 7:		Strengthen and expand community policing forums and farm watch programs.					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
7.1		7.1.1	Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Completed
		7.1.2	Support the enhancement of policing forums and farm/neighborhood watch programs				

Improvement Objective 8:		Maintain a centralised database for rural safety information to facilitate sharing and coordination responses.					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
8.1 Centralised rural safety database		8.1.1 Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	Shared findings	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Completed
		8.1.2 Maintain the Rural Safety Monitoring Dashboard	Progress Updates	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	On-going -- Needs driven
		8.1.3 Provide relevant safety information on Eisenburg website e.g. Pocket Guide and Safety brochure	Progress Updates	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	On-going -- Needs driven

Improvement Objective 9:		Inform and create awareness on rural safety crime analysis through the TCRS engagements which provides a comprehensive statistics rural crime and safety perceptions.					
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
9.1 Rural safety crime statistics by SAPS on rural crime		9.1.1 Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	Shared findings	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Completed
		9.1.2 Regular follow up with mandated departments in terms of progress.	Progress Updates	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	On-going -- Needs driven

Improvement Objective 10:		Foster cross-sector collaboration and coordination in addressing rural safety challenges						
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress	
10.1 Cross-sector collaboration and coordination		10.1.1 Share approved findings with mandated departments to ensure implementation.	Shared findings	B Jacobs	Continuous	Operational	Findings to be shared with the Provincial Rural Development Forum scheduled for 11 June 2025	
		10.1.2 Foster cross sector collaboration through citizen-interface and RD Forum						Progress Updates

4. COMMUNICATION PLAN

Target audience	Message	Purpose	Media vehicle	Deadline	Person	Budget available	Progress
Decision makers	Findings and recommendations of evaluation and strategy	Inform & call to action	Sector related Engagements	Continuous	Jacqueline Pandaram	Operational	Ongoing
People in the Department	Findings and recommendations of evaluation and strategy	Inform management	Presentation at Management meeting	27 January 2025	Service Provider (HS Business Solution) / Byron Jacobs	Operational	Completed
Stakeholder clients	Findings and recommendations of evaluation and strategy	Inform & call to action	Presentation	Continuous	Byron Jacobs	Operational	Completed
Other departments	Findings and recommendations of evaluation and strategy	Inform & call to action	Presentation	3 June 2025	Byron Jacobs	Operational	

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General public	Findings and recommendations of evaluation and strategy	Inform	Eisenburg website - Library	Continuous	Byron Jacobs	Operational	Completed
Academic environment							
Other							

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5. SIGNOFF

It is recommended that this Management Improvement Plan is implemented

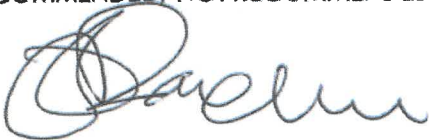


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