

## VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGIES



### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Current ECD interventions near El Kero Park include pre-school at Hope Fountain Combined School and further-flung schools in Hillbrow. The El Kero Park design also includes play spaces for younger children. Implementing improved and age-targeted support programmes, such as the play-as-you-go area in the design, will provide “children with the opportunity to interact with the different urban elements” in and around the site (Mashabane Rose, 2020). Layering fatherhood programming onto the site may support fathers’ involvement in their children’s upbringing.



### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

eKhaya Park, near El Kero, mostly caters for male-orientated recreation, such as boys’ soccer. Therefore, the new park is earmarked for more female-oriented activity – with Madulammoho and JHC building residents and Hope Fountain School learners as the nearest beneficiaries. The El Kero Park design includes a netball/multifunctional court, with security patrols to ensure girl children’s safety. Partners of eKhaya Neighbourhood Improvement District will likely provide targeted youth culture and sports programmes in the park as well.



### EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME-GENERATING DEVELOPMENT

The spatial design will allow for informal traders to operate around the park, including a car wash business in upgraded parking bays. VPUU observed that the eKhaya Neighbourhood network has the capacity to contribute to a CoJ-led Informal Trading Plan for the neighbourhood, into which trading at El Kero could be embedded. Other as-yet unfunded employment that will take place around the site will include existing security guard positions at Bad Boyz Security and cleaner positions in the MES Programme.



### COMMUNITY MOBILISATION

Identified civil society stakeholders in El Kero include: Bad Boyz, Nemisis, Hillbrow Boxing Gym, Hillbrow Theatre, Zee’s Academy, MES, Outreach Foundation, Hope Fountain Combined School, Hands of Mercy, Madulammoho Development Agency, Johannesburg Housing Company and Trafalgar. The development of the park will rely on their relationships with the eKhaya Neighbourhood Coordinator. WhatsApp groups serve as the main method of communication with community members. The main challenge to community mobilisation around El Kero is the lack of a CoJ-appointed Community Participation Consultant.



### COMMUNITY DELIVERY OF SERVICES (CDS)

eKhaya Neighbourhood’s largest CDS programme, MES, offers three-month stipend positions and skills training to 15 volunteers for public cleaning and landscaping. MES is meant to be a launchpad to permanent employment but volunteers struggle to find jobs afterwards, especially during COVID-19. The programme cannot hire more than 15 people at a time, although 200 apply for each round. Other CDS positions include live-in Housing Managers, security guards and recreational coordinators. CoJ also has local contracting policies for SMMEs and has EPWP funds for parks activation.



### URBAN MANAGEMENT

Urban management is CoJ’s responsibility, but sometimes eKhaya deploys MES to fill in where CoJ cannot. Clear stakeholders for the El Kero Area Coordinating Team (ACT) include the core team from CoJ, plus the eKhaya Neighbourhood partners who submitted to OCOB. The ACT would be a vehicle for them to coordinate implementation. To start, when JDA and the eKhaya Neighbourhood Coordinator plan for precinct management in early 2021, they must include risk mitigation; regular ACT meetings; integrated budgeting; financial sustainability; and support to informal traders.