



PARTICIPATORY PLANNING AND URBAN DESIGN

El Kero Park fits within broader spatial frameworks, including a sports node, home-to-school routes, and the *City Transformation Plan*. The original park concept came from Madulammoho tenants who wanted a safe space for women and girls. Through OCOB, design consultancy Mashabane Rose Associates held a workshop to develop the El Kero Design Report, incorporating crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED). With a CPC, community mobilisation could be nurtured through remaining park development, ideally to encourage social interventions and children's active roles.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Risk factors at El Kero include the hijacked Vanin Court building, drugs, phone robbery, and poverty. The Bad Boyz/Nemesis Security Company are compassionate, trusted first responders to these issues, effectively patrolling public and private facilities and monitoring CCTV across Hillbrow. They join JMPD and the CPF on the Inner Jozi Safety Forum. Their relationship with SAPS is still developing. As VPUU observed in neighbouring eKhaya Park, access control measures will put public safety at odds with accessibility in El Kero Park; intentional safety through activation may address this tension.



ACCESS TO JUSTICE

SAPS provides support to victims of crimes at police stations, with social workers onsite. Multiple data sources frame legal and justice interventions, including SAPS crime statistics, data from CoJ's Customer Satisfactory Surveys and Safety Audits, and other CoJ information. Even though these frameworks exist, little has been done to improve neighborhood-level informal justice structures and legal mainstreaming and prevention. Some NGOs, including eKhaya and its partner MES, assist in the reintegration of prisoners back in to society.



PROGRAMME PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND M&E

The El Kero concept came from eKhaya Neighbourhood and partners; within the OCOB project, this consortium will carry out much of the planning and management of the park. Meanwhile, M&E will fall to CoJ, which may measure impact based on citizens' safety, according to the aims of the JCSS. CoJ acknowledges the need for ongoing tracking (carried out via surveys) and digital tools to measure, track and address grassroots-level safety issues. The JCSS includes long- and short-term outcomes to guide safety programme planning and management.



INFORMATION SHARING AND MANAGEMENT

Presently, there is no formal communications strategy for El Kero; one may be developed, based upon principles of cooperation and collaboration, within the precinct management plan. Established procedures exist to share information between CoJ and the Ward Councillor, in addition to officials' direct relationship with eKhaya Neighbourhood. Communication goes directly to the Ward Councillor, who then communicates with the community. Information is shared to the community through multiple practices, at a grassroots-level and online. WhatsApp is also used throughout Hillbrow.



RESEARCH AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

In terms of capacity-building, JMPD is committed to ongoing training for ward-based policing. This has not yet reached implementation, but CoJ recognises the need for targeted training, recruitment, ongoing community engagement and the establishment of a more personalised service. Additionally, existing research around the site includes a socioeconomic assessment of Hillbrow conducted by JDA and a study of Parks officials' community engagement conducted by CUBES at Wits. The *El Kero Design Report* also included baseline site mapping and identification of needs through a participatory workshop.