

VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGIES



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

The Kimberley Library in the CBD offers various activities for children, including reading, storytelling and art outreach programmes for young people under the age of five. The library is always trying to do something new and interesting with the children. Some of this involves running competitions for young children in the library's hall. This offers a great opportunity for the library to be a resource centre for children to reach their developmental milestones.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Young people in Kimberley have few livelihood and recreational options and often struggle with substance abuse. The Kimberley Library seems to be a key role player in child and youth development programmes. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, they offered chess sets, outreach for homework assistance, career events, a reading club and photography workshops for youth. Through national funding, the library also provides free WIFI. With the right resources, additional opportunities for youth could expand the Peace Officer programme through the SPM LED Unit.



EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME-GENERATING DEVELOPMENT

The SPM LED unit is a key catalyst for rejuvenating local economic activity through multisectoral partnerships. They do this by facilitating relationships, encouraging investors to hire local SMMEs, and holding entrepreneurial workshops. In parallel, NOCCI promotes local businesses within civil society. Both NOCCI and SPM LED require improved relationships with informal traders, especially foreign nationals, which could be fostered through business skills, trainings offered in partnership with KABOINTA. SPM LED's proposed project of 100 Peace Officers could offer opportunities to young people through EPWP funding.



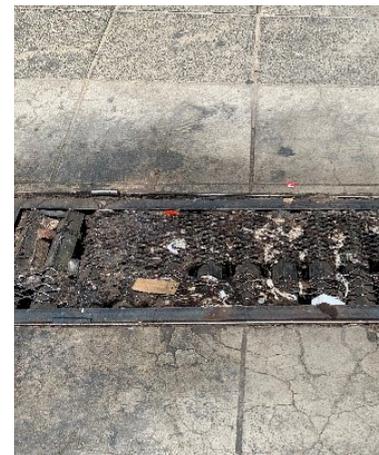
COMMUNITY MOBILISATION

The SPSCC provides a strategic framework to strategically consult and engage community structures for local planning, design, implementation and monitoring of safety-related development projects. The mobilisation of stakeholders should be in support of a common vision for the future spatial setting of the Kimberley CBD (SPM, 2019:28). Key stakeholders that SPM must engage within their policy development and service delivery processes include ward committees, informal traders, foreign nationals, NOCCI members, Wanya Tsotsi, people experiencing homelessness, NGOs, and property owners.



COMMUNITY DELIVERY OF SERVICES (CDS)

Some CDS opportunities already exist in the Kimberley CBD. Formally, SPM has hired 20 EPWP workers for a three-month cleanup programme, through collaboration between the ABM Manager and Parks Department. Informally, "Operation Wanya Tsotsi" employs community members to patrol the CBD and guard facilities. Their volunteers are paid stipends by private businesses in the area. Other opportunities for community-based operations, maintenance and management include upskilling Local Labour Forum members in security work and expanding urban management and safety programmes with more funding.



URBAN MANAGEMENT

SPM's challenges in the CBD include cleanliness, dilapidated buildings, non-adherence to trading by-laws, and COVID restrictions on renewing informal traders' permits. These challenges provide an opportunity for an Area Coordinating Team (ACT) to form, including the SPSCC's environmental working group and a NOCCI-led CID (pending SPM approval). The ACT could engage building owners and spearhead an Informal Trading Plan to improve relationships and by-law adherence. Additionally, an incident reporting app being developed by SPM could help the ACT prioritise responses to urban management issues.