

KEY CHALLENGES

Over the next five months, the KSD core team, the CDC and community members have the opportunity to partner and begin working together on key challenges in Mthatha West.



DEVELOPING A LOCALISED SAFETY PLAN

The first challenge on which to collaborate could build upon the existing KSD *Community Safety Plan* and address high levels of crime and violence, as demonstrated by KSD's extremely high murder rate. Given that no comprehensive plans exist at the neighbourhood scale for Mthatha West, and that the municipal-level *Safety Plan* is gaining momentum amongst local government stakeholders, an established Area Coordinating Team's (ACT) first priority could effectively align these opportunities. An ACT could apply the KSD *Community Safety Plan*'s priorities at ward- or neighbourhood-level, using robust participatory processes to develop a localised plan that integrates allocated budgets and the responsibilities of stakeholders in government and civil society. Moreover, with land ownership in Mthatha West still being determined in court, a localised safety plan could strengthen institutions, overlay social programmes, and strategise spatial safety interventions for when there are fewer spatial constraints.



CAPACITATION FOR MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT

The second challenge on which to collaborate could be capacitating local leaders and residents to participate in municipal processes. This would also require capacitation for KSD to carry out stakeholder engagement. Once these actors are trained to work together and understand their respective processes, they would be prepared to put their learning into practice in the future, through the development of the localised *Safety Plan* or, through the same methodology with a broader lens, a *Community Action Plan*. A plan that sets out the vision of knowledgeable Mthatha West residents for their area, and alignment to the responsibilities of KSD and ORTDM, would lay the foundation for further data collection about the population in the area and negotiated, evidence-based development among all actors.

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