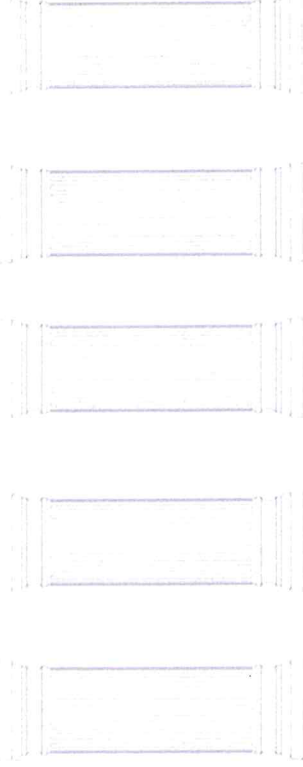


MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

FIVE-PILLAR STRATEGY FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND CITIZEN SECURITY



- Pillar One – The Effective Policing pillar focuses on strengthening the rule of law and enhancing police legitimacy with the general public. Another area of emphasis is pursuing police reform by bridging the gap between institutions and citizens through mechanisms such as community policing and incorporating in police stations support services designed to provide social services to serve the needs of the population.
- Pillar Two – In support of strengthening the rule of law and heightening the perception that justice will be administered for all offences, is the pillar Swift and Sure Justice. This pillar is geared towards enacting measures that bring more criminals to justice, with appropriate penalties, to increase the risk of getting caught and thus deter potential offenders. This pillar is located primarily within the remit of the Ministry of Justice and ought to lead through the Court Management System (CMS) investigations, prosecutions and convictions.
- Pillar Three – There are several cultural and social factors that have contributed to social and economic inequalities. The pillar Crime Prevention through Social Development addresses many of the contributing risk factors to crime and violence deriving from these inequalities, through multidisciplinary partnerships.
- Pillar Four – The structure and layout of the physical environment plays a role in the ability of the state to address crime and violence. The Situational Crime Prevention pillar undertakes measures to reduce opportunities for particular crime and violence problems through spatial interventions, such as crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) methodology and urban renewal. The basis of CPTED is that, if the physical environment is planned, designed, and managed appropriately, certain types of crimes can be reduced and the perception of safety increased (NCPCCS, 2013, p.18).
- Pillar Five – Minimising obstacles that facilitate recidivism is an important feature of any crime strategy. The pillar Reduced Re-offending aims at improving community reintegration for offenders and facilitating greater awareness and access to support services for assimilation of the deported population into society.