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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Communities and Justice Programme, a Safer South Africa Foundation (SSAF), community-based crime prevention initiative introduced in 2012, owes its success to numerous institutions and individuals who have embraced it as a means to contribute to the fight against crime.

The Foundation is grateful to its shareholders: Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU) and its business arm, PGC Group, for their tireless encouragement, and, for material and financial support.

Safer South Africa Foundation is a grateful beneficiary of PGC Group's support.

As a proudly South African organisation, PGC Group realise the importance of addressing the imbalances created by our past. Through their CSI programmes the company assists to strengthen community well-being through various initiatives.

PGC Group was pivotal in the identification of BK Matlala Commercial School, situated at Ga-Matlala, in Limpopo. Appreciation is extended to Workerslife, a member of the PGC Group, who stepped in and allowed Mr Nhlanhla Shabangu to take over the coordination when our regular coordinator was not available.

The constant guidance and the oversight role played by the SSAF board members is appreciated; they remain a diligent and cohesive sounding board and pillar of support for the Foundation as it criss-crosses South Africa's provinces.

Gratitude goes to the Provincial Departments of Education, the school principals, Mr. Seakamela and Mr Moyo, as well as their teams in Gauteng (JB Matabane and Kaalfontein Secondary Schools).

In Limpopo our appreciation is extended to Mrs Senosha, the principal of BK Matlala Commercial School, together with her able team of educators. We thank all of them for embracing the programme and for ensuring that its implementation was successful.

The Foundation can never thank the crucial role players in the Criminal Justice System enough. In both provinces - where the Foundation implemented the Communities and Justice Programme - the South African Police Service; Polokwane Traffic; Johannesburg Metropolitan

Police; Department of Justice and Correctional Services (National Prosecuting Authority and Department of Correctional Services) as well as the magistracy in Polokwane and Tembisa, came out in full force to empower the learners.

All supporting stakeholders accepted the programme and became valuable partners, they opened their facilities to expose the learners to internal processes of the safety and security cluster through lectures and role play.

The Foundation values the pro-bono services provided by the seconded lecturers from the various law enforcement agencies and the opportunity they have afforded the learners for the face to face interaction, with service providers who live and serve in these communities.

Recognition is extended to the parents who took a leap of faith in the Foundation and the programme and granted permission for their children to participate, after school and to be subjected to all the prerequisites.

The success of the programme would not be achieved without the commitment and keen interest demonstrated by the learners.

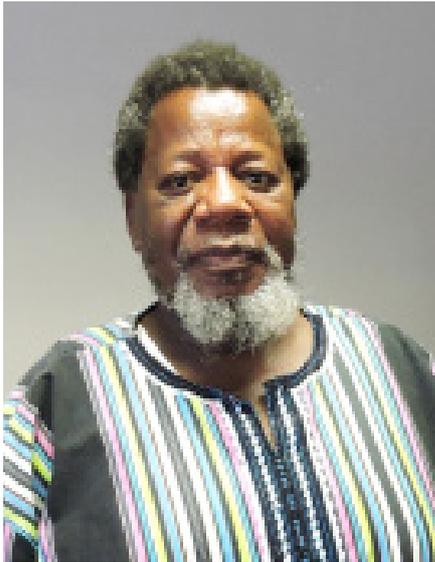
Their dedication and pride could be observed during the Certificate Award Ceremony as they celebrated their sweet victory.

Our greatest appreciation goes to the learners for the valuable inputs they make towards generating ideas on crime prevention through the well-thought and written essays that they submit at the end of each programme.

Safer South Africa Foundation is indebted to the provincial legislatures; local government authorities; traditional and community leaders, non-government organizations; community and faith-based organizations for their important role in promoting the objectives of the Communities and Justice Programme.

The Foundation believes that “the attitude of gratitude can raise your altitude.” Thank you to all for contributing to the success of our programme.

FOREWORD



The #FeesMustFall campaign, organised across institutions of higher learning in South Africa by students in the wake of 2018 and recently, has sparked a renewed conversation among law enforcement officials about criminality, community safety and security.

The campaign, noble as it is, has been marred by violence and damage of public property; and has seen a number of young people arrested. Recently, a young man, 21 years old, at Durban University of Technology, lost his life when students and campus security personnel clashed.

All this says Safer South Africa Foundation (SSAF), through its flagship, the Communities and Justice Programme, still has a lot to do in contributing towards building safer, confident and empowered communities.

The Communities and Justice Programme has grown in the past years and has progressively attained significant and notable achievements throughout.

This report outlines the SSAF's efforts in implementing the programme in the 2018/2019 financial year.

The Communities and Justice Programme has kept the Foundation true to the principle of allowing local communities to take centre stage in promoting safety and security; crime prevention; access to justice; and improving engagements between communities and law enforcement agencies.

Improvements in the implementation of the Communities and Justice Programme are needed in the new financial year, in order to enhance our engagement with communities and extend the programme's reach in other provinces.

In 2018, the programme entered into a new partnership with TEARS Foundation as a way of empowering communities, especially its most vulnerable members, providing access to crisis intervention, advocacy, counselling, and prevention education services for those impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault and child sexual abuse. Again, the Foundation extended its service agreement with the SA Human Rights Commission on the Communities and Justice Programme to include a Community Dialogue offering.

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The Communities and Justice Programme remains a fundamental pillar in our work.

We are truly grateful to the Safer South Africa Foundation staff and management; our shareholders, Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU) and PGC Group; local communities and authorities; and our many partners; for their commitment and drive in enabling the Communities and Justice Programme to be one of the contributors to building a safer and inclusive South Africa.

As we continue to build together, we need to ensure that Safer South Africa Foundation evolves to remain relevant and significant in the country's criminal justice space.

Dr Tshenuwani Farisani

Chairperson: Safer South Africa Foundation



SAFER SOUTH AFRICA FOUNDATION

The Safer South Africa Foundation exists to mobilise under-resourced communities to build awareness and ability to work together in the 'fight against crime'. The Foundation fosters a better understanding of community safety issues and improve relationships between the community and the law enforcement agencies. In addition to its work with communities, the Foundation seeks to actively contribute to the national discourse on crime and community safety matters by undertaking research, advocacy and campaigns.

Vision

South Africa – a safer place to work, rest and play'

Mission

'To help build safe, confident and empowered communities'

Values

- We acknowledge and honour the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals.
- We act with honesty and integrity, not compromising the truth.
- We are committed to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages and experiences.
- We will not accept funding from or work with any organisation that demands we compromise our values in any way.
- We are committed to effective partnerships and we seek opportunities to form alliances with local community and voluntary organisations.

Strategic Aims

- To mobilize and empower local communities to join hands in the fight against crime in order to contribute to the improvement of their community.
- To promote an enhanced level of security in South Africa's communities by providing an independent perspective on community policing, road safety and successful reintegration of offenders to curb reoffending.
- To work in partnership with all community based formations and others to help improve safety in communities.
- To educate the public about the criminal justice system, encourage and support research to inform community based crime prevention strategies.

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MESSAGE FROM CEO



Leaders need agility – the ability to anticipate change and take action amid rapidly shifting conditions, especially in an organisation like Safer South Africa Foundation, which aims to be a world-class community-based organisation.

You need to be grounded; lead with courage; build and maintain trusting partnerships, reach new heights in implementing programmes and understand that you are not flying solo.

When I joined Safer South Africa Foundation, I was welcomed by great minds working together and systematically to deliver the Communities and Justice Programme and other initiatives.

The Communities and Justice Programme, which is central to our strategy and mission to promote, and facilitate community safety and empower communities in the fight against crime, has become a connector between communities and practitioners in the criminal justice sector.

Through the Communities and Justice Programme, our Foundation has been able to empower young people, especially young women, with knowledge on community safety and security; while improving their relationship and engagement with law enforcement agencies.

In the 2018/2019 financial year, we remained true to the resolve to increase the Communities and Justice Programme's reach and promote community safety and crime prevention awareness and education in rural and underserved areas.

Through the Communities and Justice Programme, our Foundation has been able to empower young people, especially young women, with knowledge on community safety and security; while improving their relationship and engagement with law enforcement agencies.

What a privilege it was to take our programme to the community of Ga-Matlala, Limpopo, which received us with such warmth and appreciation.

This report, to us as a Foundation, indicates that to ensure a safer South Africa and to protect the future of our children and generations to come, each one of us must commit to nipping crime in the bud.

I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues in the management team and all employees for the hard work displayed. I thank the Safer South Africa Foundation board for providing me and the management team with the necessary support and guidance.

Thanks to our private and public partners for believing in the work of Safer South Africa Foundation and in its vision. The Foundation envisions a South Africa that is *“a safer place to work, rest, study and play.”*

I look forward to the rollout of the Communities and Justice Programme in all the provinces with great confidence and zeal. As a Foundation, we will continue to embrace the spirit of empowerment and re-invent the Communities and Justice Programme to be a paragon of excellence for all in the criminal justice sector.

Thank you.

Gen. Riah Phiyega

Chief Executive Officer: Safer South Africa Foundation

WORDS OF GRATITUDE



In the book, *The Laws of Lifetime Growth*, the authors Dan Sullivan and Catherine Nomura, encourage readers to make their future bigger than their past.

Through the Communities and Justice Programme, Safer South Africa Foundation seeks to make South Africa's community safety and crime prevention future a much greater experience than its past.

Our efforts in the Programme are geared at making our contribution, cooperation and performance greater and better in order to educate the public about the criminal justice system, encourage and support research to inform community based crime prevention strategies.

Our approach, in implementing the Communities and Justice Programme, focuses on all areas of the criminal justice sector giving young people a chance to discover how law enforcement agencies work and how to develop crime prevention solutions for their communities.

This report seeks to show that communities can succeed in the fight against crime when they are provided with the right combination of information and engagement opportunities with law enforcement agencies.

For everyone involved in the implementation of the Communities and Justice Programme, it is fulfilling to see learners, going through the various stages of the programme and graduating at the end.

Communities can succeed in the fight against crime when they are provided with the right combination of information and engagement opportunities with law enforcement agencies.

With each graduation, as Safer South Africa Foundation, we know that we are one step closer to achieving our vision of breaking the cycle of crime and empowering communities.

Sincere thanks to our community partners, government partners, schools, school governing boards, staff, volunteers, sponsors, learners, and their families, for being champions for all youth (#Youth4SaferSouthAfrica) and South Africa.

The implementation of this flagship programme would never have succeeded without the unwavering support of the many partners who selflessly gave their time and generously shared their knowledge and experience. The seed has been planted.

With more hands-on deck, the new team will nurture the seed and ensure that the fruit-bearing tree has deep roots, is sturdy and will in turn spread seeds far and wide, contributing to a safer South Africa.

Together, we are building a safer nation. Thank you.

Jabulile Sishuba

Programmes Director: Safer South Africa Foundation

SUMMARY

Safer South Africa Foundation accepted the invitation extended in 2017, by the shareholders' business arm, PGC Group to implement the Programme at BK Matlala Commercial School in Limpopo with enthusiasm, having successfully implemented the programme for the first time in Limpopo in Tshakhuma village.

PGC Group indicated their intention to undertake a Corporate Social Responsibility project at the school, by renovating the administration block which was burnt down in 2011.

The implementation of the Communities and Justice Programme at the school took a different approach, it was agreed that two groups of forty each would be engaged and the award ceremony would be planned to coincide with the handover of the renovated administration block.

Safer South Africa Foundation had already started with preparations for the planned implementation in Johannesburg East, Gauteng for 2018, which was rescheduled. The principals in Gauteng graciously accepted the request to prioritise Limpopo in the first school term.

Agreements with all principals were finalised at the end of the school year and all other preparations were concluded at the end of 2017, ready for the implementation at Ga-Matlala during the first term and Johannesburg East during the second term.

Safer South Africa Foundation is a registered Non-Profit Company (NPC) and a Public Benefit Organization (PBO) aimed at mobilizing and empowering local communities to join hands in the fight against crime in order to contribute to the improvement of safety and protection of their communities.

The Communities and Justice Programme is the flagship of the Safer South Africa Foundation, initiated in 2012.

It is a community-based programme aimed at empowering communities and promoting a better relationship between the practitioners within the Criminal Justice System and the communities they serve.

The programme was successfully piloted in the North West province in 2013.



The positive reviews, following the programme launch, resulted in the rollout in selected districts municipalities in Gauteng: Sedibeng, Ekurhuleni North, Johannesburg Central, East and West, Tshwane South and West. This also resulted in the rollout in Kwa-Zulu Natal and Limpopo.

The Foundation is humbled by the willingness to collaborate and the enthusiasm from institutions and organizations in the communities as well as the various law enforcement agencies in the Criminal Justice System.

The Certificate Award Ceremony of the Communities and Justice Programme in all provinces, remains a highpoint of the programme's implementation. It is always characterized by a cheerful atmosphere where achievement is celebrated by proud parents, teachers, lecturers, learners, invited dignitaries and the community.

To date, 2018/2019 financial year, the Programme has been implemented in four provinces, 22 schools and has reached 1023 learners.

INTRODUCTION



The Communities and Justice Programme report has become a promotion tool intended to inform policy makers and practitioners in the crime prevention space. It seeks to give feedback to schools, parents, various stakeholders and the departments that seconded lecturers for the implementation of the programme.

The report will outline unique lessons learned in implementing the programme at BK Matlala Commercial School in Limpopo, particularly the experiences of partnering with another organization that focuses on a different project and at JB Matabane and Kaalfontein High Schools in Gauteng.

BACKGROUND

The Communities and Justice Programme continues to inspire communities, bringing the Criminal Justice System to local communities and opening lines of communication between the law enforcement agencies, the South Africa Human Rights Commission and community members.

Since inception, Safer South Africa Foundation has been commended on the programme for its meticulous planning, consultation, inclusiveness and involving all stakeholders.

The Foundation's consultation is transparent; provides the necessary documentation and upholds commitments made during discussions with schools and other stakeholders.

To ensure informed consent and commitment at the highest level, the heads of various institutions are approached, who in turn embraced the programme and pledged full support and cooperation from their departments.

Written communication and subsequent meetings, in the 2018/2019 period, paved the way for a cordial and effective working relationship to realise a successful programme implementation in both provinces.

In Gauteng, the task was made easier by the fact that the same law enforcement agencies and the South African Human Rights Commission were seconded in the earlier implementation at Umqhele Secondary School in Ivory Park, Johannesburg East. The Communities and Justice Programme was implemented in the area in 2017. A good working relationship was thus already established.

In a rural area, such as Ga-Matlala, Limpopo, the introduction of the Communities and Justice Programme evoked excitement and curiosity, considering that community outreach programmes that engage communities in the area are few and far between. The Chief of Traffic, in Polokwane, was excited and expressed a wish to be granted an opportunity to identify more schools - a sentiment which was shared by other stakeholders.

The experience of working with traditional leaders in Kwa-Zulu Natal in 2016 and Tshakhuma Village in Limpopo in 2017 prepared the Foundation well for further engagement in Ga-Matlala. The guidance provided previously by the SSAF Board, well versed in working with traditional leaders, paid dividends.

COMMUNITIES & JUSTICE PROGRAMME



In a quest to fulfil its goal to empower and mobilise communities in the ‘fight against crime’, the Safer South Africa Foundation (SSAF) engages schools; government; civil-society organisations; and members of society to foster a safe and confident nation that is aware of its civil rights and responsibilities.

This engagement has led the Foundation into developing the Communities and Justice Programme, which at its heart seeks to improve the service relationship of the South African Criminal Justice System and the community.

The Communities and Justice Programme is a flagship programme of the SSAF, initiated in 2012. It is a community-based programme aimed at strengthening partnerships in crime prevention.

The programme initiates dialogue and creates an interactive “getting-to-know-each other” platform for communities and law enforcement practitioners.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

- To empower the learners by exposing them to the roles of various law enforcement agents (police, metro police/traffic, court and correctional services and human rights practitioners).
- To engage educators in schools as they are an essential part of the programme as school platform owners; offering coordination services in the school and are the primary link with parents and communities.
- To create a platform for learners to interact face to face with law enforcement agents in order to enhance trust and confidence in the criminal justice system.
- To empower learners with regard to their individual rights and responsibilities in their interaction with law enforcement agents.
- To encourage participation in community-based crime prevention initiatives.

SCOPE

The programme is envisaged to assist the participants to:

- Acquire knowledge on basic information on the functioning of the South African Criminal Justice System;
- Understand the policies that regulate the various law enforcement agents in the execution of their duties;
- Know their rights and responsibilities as citizens in their interaction with the law enforcement agents; and
- Acquire skills to enable them to engage meaningfully; hold the service providers accountable; and to participate optimally in community-based crime prevention initiatives.

The programme seeks to dispel myths communities may hold about the criminal justice system by exposing participants to facilities such as police stations, courts and correctional facilities for experiential learning.

In 2030, people living in South Africa feel safe at home, at school and at work, and they enjoy a community life free of fear. Women walk freely in the streets and children play safely outside.



The Communities and Justice Programme is in line with Vision 2030 as set out in the National Development Plan (NDP) to build safer communities and a just society.

Communities and Justice Programme

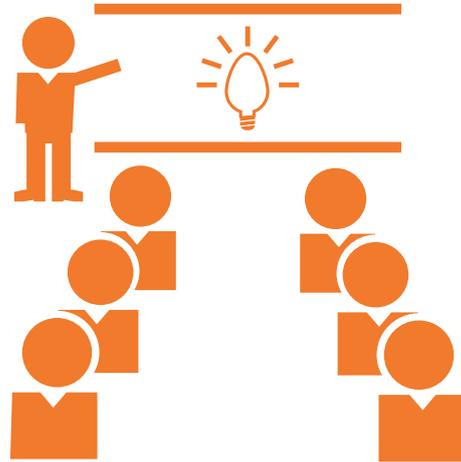
To date, **22**
Schools
(and counting)
Reached in 4
Provinces



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

+ 1023

Number of learners that
have participated in the
Communities & Justice
Programme to date



Safer South Africa Foundation
fosters a better understanding of community
safety issues and improve relationships
between the community and the law
enforcement agencies.



PREPARATORY PHASE



Safer South Africa Foundation's continued approach to use lecturers who live and work in the local community and who have, and continue, to handle burning issues in their communities, has turned out to be beneficial for both the lecturers and the learners participating in the Communities and Justice Programme.

The engagement of stakeholders during the preparatory phase and the creation of opportunities for open discussions between the Foundation and all role players, has given credibility to the Communities and Justice Programme.

The Foundation can never underestimate the benefit and the importance of precision with which the requisite administration is done; it lays a foundation for trust and commitment from all quarters for future deliberations.

The service agreement outlining the roles and responsibilities of each role-player, had to be signed by the school principals on behalf of the school and Safer South Africa Foundation's CEO or representative on behalf of the Foundation.

The Foundation has always emphasizes the legal requirement, that parents' consent in writing should be obtained, to ensure that permission was granted for concerned learners to participate in the programme that is not part of the school curriculum; scheduled after school hours; and requiring participation in the planned excursions.

All participating schools, both in Ga-Matlala and Johannesburg East, were required to assign a teacher to coordinate the programme and liaise closely with a Safer South Africa Foundation coordinator.

PROGRAMME EXECUTION

Safer South Africa Foundation and all teams that meticulously prepare for the implementation of the Communities and Justice Programme, go to great lengths to empower participating learners.

It is important, the Foundation has discovered, to include a pre-programme briefing session involving all teachers and the selected learners to obtain buy-in from all quarters and to equip all role players with relevant information.

To implement the Communities and Justice Programme in schools at Ga-Matlala, Limpopo, and Johannesburg East, Gauteng, sessions were held at the school venue except when specified otherwise. In each school, two sessions were allocated to the South African Police Service; one session to the Metro Police/Traffic Department; two sessions to National Prosecution Authority (including a visit to the Magistrate court for the mock trial); two sessions to the Department of Correctional Services (including a visit to the nearest correctional facility for experiential learning); and a session was allocated to the South African Human Rights Commission and the final session for Programme Evaluation by the participants.

The methodology followed was in the form of lectures and presentations by the lecturers, role-play to illustrate processes such as the arrest process and the allocation of time for questions and answers.

It is during these sessions that the learners posed hard questions to the law enforcement agencies in particular seeking clarification of perceptions and views held by the communities, their own observations, experiences and attitudes.

The frank and rigorous debate that ensued though difficult at first, often paved a way of bringing the two groups closer. The biggest benefit is that the lecturers never avoided the tough and probing questions, they responded and allowed discussion.

At BK Matlala Commercial School, Ga-Matlala, Limpopo, an incident that happened the day before the session by the Polokwane Traffic department, the arrest of eleven officers for alleged corruption did not make the task of the assigned lecturers easy, because it confirmed the untested views held in the learners' communities.

The lecturer acknowledged that the incident marred the reputation of the traffic officers.

The South African Police Service took learners through their role in maintaining law and order; and elaborated on the challenges they face in the community. The role-play on arrest process clearly illustrated the role of the police and the rights and obligations of the accused.



They encouraged learners to join their local Community Police Forums and used practical examples to persuade them. Bullying mentioned as a general challenge occurring in many schools resulting conflict that could lead to criminal activity.

In Gauteng, the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department took them through their mandate, the processes followed in the execution of their tasks and addressed road safety challenges facing youth, and made practical examples of the role the learners could play in promoting road safety in the community, inviting them to report those who drive without licences, fail to observe the rules and who drink and drive.

The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) team from the Polokwane Magistrate Court team empowered the learners on their mandate, the different levels of courts and their role; the role of the prosecutors and challenges they face.

They elaborated on the process of preparation for prosecution and the rights and obligations of the victim and the accused. They outlined the roles of the different courts the discussion that followed demonstrated that the learners were beginning to have a better understanding.

In Gauteng, the Tembisa Magistrate Court, the magistrate once more to the joy of the learners invited them to a sitting court and later addressed them on what they had observed. She did not mince her word in emphasizing that crime does not pay and encouraged them to be law abiding citizens.



The last leg in the Criminal Justice system value chain, which is a visit to a correctional facility, left learners with a resolve that they would ensure that they never end up behind bars.

The official's presentation dispelled the notion that a correctional facility resembles a five-star hotel. They explained the process from admission to release; the rehabilitation programmes available and the impact of incarceration on the individual and the family as well as the support sought from family and the community.

The message imparted by the lecturers rarely prepares the learners for the reality encountered during the visit at the correctional centre.

Similarly, in this case, the Polokwane Correctional Centre visited by the BK Matlala learners, and the Leeuwkop Correctional Centre visited by JB Matabane and Kaalfontein Secondary Schools; the lecturers did not prepare the learners for the reality they were exposed to during their visit to the centres.

The impact and implications of the loss of liberty were laid bare. Some learners were shocked and disturbed by the experience and the offenders' graphic and candid testimonies. The message for everyone was the same: "The correctional centre is not a place for the young people."

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To dispel myths young people may hold about the South African Criminal Justice System, learners are exposed to law enforcement facilities, such as courts and correctional facilities for experiential learning and information sharing.



The essay competition was introduced in 2013 after discussions between the Foundation and the South Africa Police Service. Its aim was to measure and test the learners' assimilation and understanding of the objectives of the Communities and Justice Programme.

The essay competition has become a standard feature of the programme. As customary the learners were invited to write an essay entitled: **"What can learners do to prevent crime in their school and community?"**

In Limpopo, officials from Correctional Services, and in Gauteng, prosecutors from the National Prosecution Authority, graciously agreed to adjudicate. Both teams embarked on the project with diligence and passion.

The learners used the essays to apply information imparted by the lecturers and to generate their own new ideas based on observations and experiences in their respective communities.

The feedback provided by the adjudicators and the ideas gathered by the Foundation, which emanates from the essays, inspired the Foundation to take a decision that to get maximum input, the learners should be allowed to write in indigenous languages or any language they are most comfortable with. This is also seen as the Foundation's effort to support the drive to promote mother tongue eloquence.

The essays demonstrated that youth if provided with a platform to share ideas, have a valuable contribution to make on issues of crime prevention. It is our belief as Safer South Africa Foundation that "children are citizens too, they have a contribution to make."

In 2018, for the first time the six winning essays from Limpopo and six from Gauteng respectively, were published in the Safer South Africa Foundation website.

LECTURE SCHEDULE:

- **Limpopo:** BK Matlala Commercial High School, 22 January to 21 February 2018
- **Gauteng:** JB Matabane and Kaalfontein High Schools, 07 May to 05 June 2018

The nine sessions in the four schools followed the agreed upon schedule:

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First Session:

Briefing session to selected learners and teachers by **Safer South Africa Foundation**

2&4

Second and Fourth Sessions:

Lectures conducted by local **South African Police Service** officials



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Third Session:

This session is devoted to a lecture on road and traffic safety, conducted by **Metropolitan Police / Traffic Department**

5&6

Fifth Session and Sixth Sessions:

These sessions are devoted to a lecture by the **National Prosecuting Authority** & experiential learning for the learners.



7&8

Seventh and Eighth Sessions:

These sessions are devoted to a lecture and experiential learning for learners:
Department of Correctional Service

9

Ninth Session:

The last two sessions are devoted to a lecture on **Human Rights** and evaluation of programme:
Safer South Africa Foundation



Certificate Award

Ceremony: After the nine sessions, participants gather for a Certificate Award Ceremony where they celebrate, together with other stakeholders (including their parents). To many learners, this is the highlight of the Communities and Justice Programme.

CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONY

In line with the strategic aim of the Safer South Africa Foundation (SSAF) Communities and Justice Programme to focus on the local community, the SSAF team held the Certificate Award Ceremonies for the participating schools separately - in different times and provinces - to afford community members, particularly the parents, the opportunity to participate.

BK Matlala Commercial High School, Limpopo

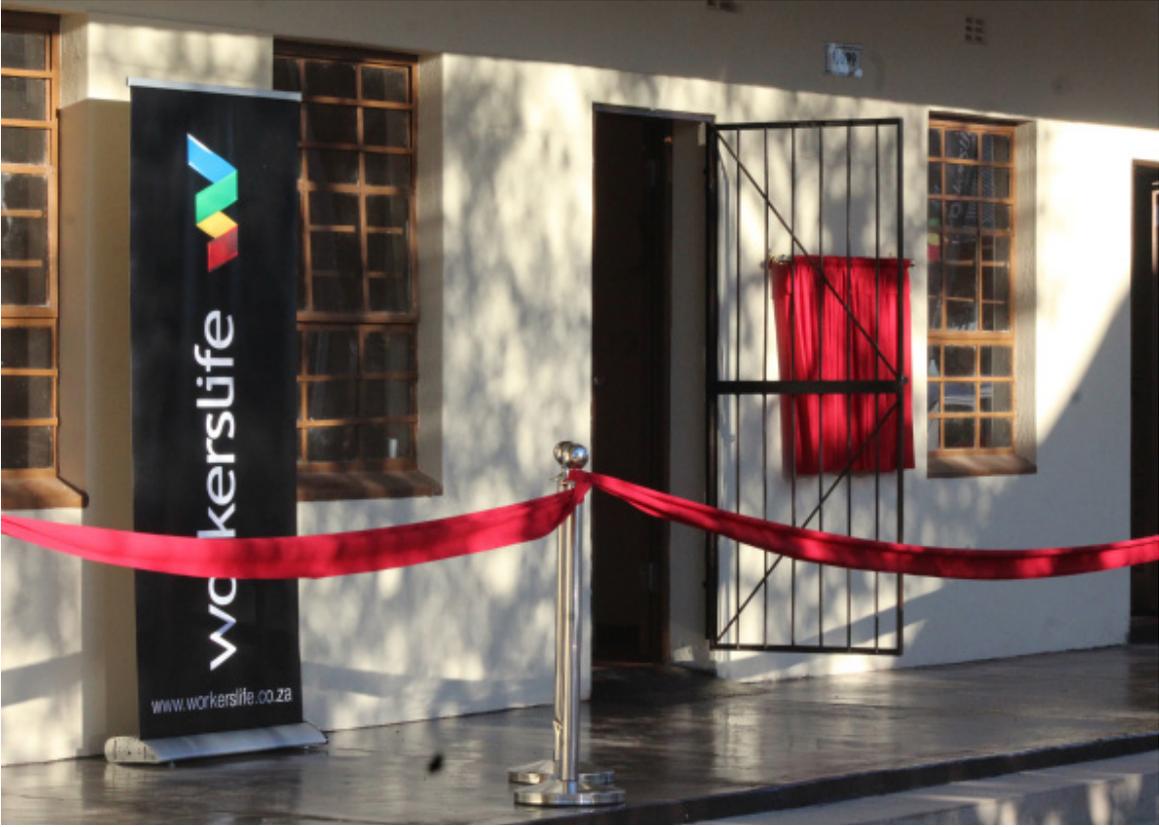
The Certificate Award Ceremony at BK Matlala Commercial High School was held on 20 July 2018 at the school. The event was carefully and jointly planned to coincide with the PGC Group commemoration of Mandela Day (during the former President Nelson Mandela's centenary celebration) and was used for the handing over of the renovated administration building, additional ablution facilities, a library and a computer room.

The programme was divided into three parts, the early morning was dedicated to Mandela Day celebrations, which involved the painting of the school; the second part was dedicated to the Safer South Africa Foundation: Communities and Justice Programme's Certificate Award Ceremony; and the third part was dedicated to PGC Group in partnership with the National Departments of Communication and Telecommunications and Postal Services and Vodacom, to handover the renovated administration block and the cyberlab (installed by Vodacom in line with its Universal Services and Access Obligation).

It was agreed upon that an exception would be made at BK Matlala and the entire student body would be invited to attend the certificate ceremony. The special permission allowed the Foundation to access a broader audience to which the Communities and Justice Programme was promoted.

All learners got to listen to diverse speeches from a plethora of business, civil and government leaders. Of particular significance were the presentations made by the selected learners. Learners could relate to the veracity of the knowledge acquired by the graduating programme participants or learners.

The entire village was abuzz because word had gone out that Kgošigadi Matlala would grace the planned events and protocol was observed.





The painting started in earnest early that morning, it was heartening to watch the jubilant community leaders, community-based, faith-based organisations, parents, and members of the school governing body, managers from the shareholders (POPCRU), the business arm PGC Group and Workerslife, working side by side for a good cause.

The marquee adorned in beautiful colours was beginning to fill up with invited guests in anticipation of the Communities and Justice Programme's Certificate Award Ceremony. The learners were seated as per the list provided by the Foundation to direct seating arrangements; certificates, T-shirts and winners' gifts were lined up for presentation.

The occasion was attended by:

- Kgošigadi Matlala and her entourage
- Two Deputy Ministers from the Departments of Communications, Ms Kekana and from Telecommunications Ms Ndabeni- Abrahams and their teams
- POPCRU led by the General Secretary, Mr Theledi
- PGC Group led by GCEO Mr Mdletshe
- Provincial Department of Education led by Ms Mthimkhulu
- The School Governing Body led by the chairperson Ms Mabokano
- The Department of Health
- Law-enforcement Agencies: South Africa Police Service led by Station Commander Moabelo; Polokwane Traffic led by chief of Traffic Ramporo; The National Prosecuting Authority led by chief Prosecutor Ngwenya; Polokwane







correctional Service led by Area Commissioner Mthombeni, the South African Human Rights Commission led by Mr Mavhidula, parents who came in their numbers, Principals from neighbouring schools, teachers, the excited learners and members of the community.

The local popular SABC Radio Station, Thobela FM, brought their Outside Broadcasting Studio (OBS). The station was at the event to interview dignitaries, speakers, learners and selected attendees. The appointed DJ kept the young people dancing as the music of the day was played to their approval judged by their screams and elation.

A celebratory mood was in the air and the event programme director, Mr Mashiya, did not disappoint, he kept the audience in stitches with his light banter.

The hall burst into screams and cheers when one of the speakers, Kimberly Malope, a 16-year-old international motivational speaker from a Non-Governmental Organisation, KIMMOTIVE, walked in flanked by her teacher and school mates from Crawford College in Irene Centurion. They travelled all the way from Pretoria with their teachers to give support to the rural Ga-Matlala School.

The mood in the hall was electrifying, the marquee was overflowing, the were score of curious onlookers who were attracted by the loud music and cars at the school.



Part two of the programme, the Communities and Justice Programme's Certificate Award Ceremony, finally got underway.

The welcome address was delivered by the representative from the Provincial Department of Education, standing in for Ms DC Mthimkhulu. Observing protocol, he welcomed all the dignitaries, invited guests, the lecturers from the law-enforcement agencies, the teachers and learners.

The Safer South Africa Foundation Chief Executive Officer, General MV Phiyega outlined the purpose of the occasion and took the audience through the content of the Programme.

She extended appreciation to the school principal and her team, parents. Lecturers and learners for supporting the programme.

The message of support was delivered by the South African Police Service, Ga-Matlala, Station Commander. He expressed his gratitude to PGC Group for renovating the administration block burnt down by a fire blaze ten years prior.

He impressed upon the learners the importance of leading a crime-free life and participating in crime prevention activities in their school and community. He urged them to use the knowledge and information amassed from the Communities and Justice Programme lectures.









Kimberly Malope, a motivational speaker, addressing young people in a local language, North Sotho, drew loud cheers, when she challenged the learners to join her in showcasing the latest dance moves. She shared her journey in charity work and as a motivational speaker.

Together with her fellow learners from Crawford College, they distributed sanitary towels to girls and toiletries to boys. She indicated that her relationship with the school began when she was nine years old, she has supported the school, close to her heart because of links with her family who live in the area.

She encouraged the learners to focus on their studies and to get involved in community outreach programmes. Learners also received other gifts from Vodacom, caps and some trinkets.

The learners, who represented the two Communities and Justice Programme graduating groups, thanked Safer South Africa Foundation for introducing the programme to their school and indicated that their lives had changed. They shared, with appreciation, the valuable contribution made by the law enforcement agencies and the South African Human Rights Commission.

They profusely thanked PGC Group and its partners for having responded to the cries that fell on deaf ears for ten years, grateful that they would now have a library and computer lab.



The guest speaker, Mr N. Theledi, POPCRU General Secretary, congratulated the learners who committed and successfully completed participation in nine sessions of the Communities and Justice Programme, which was conducted after school. He commended Safer South Africa Foundation and its partners in the Criminal Justice System and SAHRC for encouraging young people to get involved in community-based crime prevention initiatives.

The big moment, the awarding of certificates arrived, the presenters of certificates came forward and the eighty-two learners responded with great excitement amidst cheers and ululation, as their names were called, they strutted forward to be congratulated, receive their certificates and T-shirts and posed for photographs.

The event programme director deliberately took his time to announce the winners of the essay competition prolonging the suspense.

The hall reverberated with whistling, ululating and protracted clapping of hands and the DJ adding music, as the names below were called. To the delight of the audience, as a form of acknowledgement, parents walking tall demonstrating pride, rushed forward to support their children. These were there winners of the essay competition:

Group A

- Elias Mamashela
- Marishen Matlhaba
- Monica Sepuru



Group B

- Pauline Phalafala
- Tebogo Seopa
- Lacratia Mashamaite

The winning learners received various gifts from Safer South Africa Foundation.

The second part of the programme was concluded when the Chairperson of the School Governing Body followed by the school principal who extended appreciation to all the role-players that made the implementation of the Communities and Justice Programme a success and those who made the certificate award ceremony a memorable one.

The last part of the day's event was the long-awaited handing over of the newly renovated administration block including a library and computer room. The Radio Thobela FM representative took over the directing of the program.

The PGC Group, GCEO Mr. Zwi Mdletshe addressed the audience and gave a brief background of the company's involvement, the partnership with the Departments of Communication and Telecommunication and Postal Service and the work done by KIMMOTIVE.







He appreciated Safer South Africa Foundation's role in promoting community-based crime prevention and encouraged young people to participate in community empowerment initiatives.

Both Deputy Ministers: Communications: Ms Kekana and Telecommunications: Ms Ndabeni-Abrahams thanked PGC Group for heeding the request by the school to help, Safer South Africa Foundation for the programme that would assist the learners to protect their school and engage in crime prevention activities using the newly acquired knowledge and information.

The guests were then ushered to the administration block to witness the PGC GCEO and the Deputy Ministers unveiling of the plaque, cutting of the ribbon and leading the tour of the new facility. Safer South Africa Foundation donated books which were on display as the guest walked about admiring the new modern facility, with spacious offices, the library and a fully equipped computer room.

The last item for the day was a scrumptious lunch served to all attendees. The guests continued to mingle chatting joyfully, parents could not contain their pride and elation.

An observer could not deny that the events of the day had made the community proud. Others filed to greet Kgošigadi Matlala who was beaming marvelling at the big event that placed Matlala-a-Thaba on the map because of the presence of both electronic and printed media.

CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONY

JB Matabane and Kaalfontein Secondary Schools

On 17 August 2018, during Women's Month celebrations and amidst the centenary celebration of former President Mandela and Mama Albertina Sisulu, a Certificate Award Ceremony was hosted for two schools, JB Matabane and Kaalfontein Secondary Schools.

The Ivory Park North Hall was a hive of activity from the morning, the local community was at hand to assist Safer South Africa Foundation to prepare the hall.

The combined Certificate Award Ceremony for the JB Matabane and Kaalfontein Secondary Schools was planned to culminate into the signing of the Memoranda of Understanding between Safer South Africa Foundatio (SSAF) and the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC); and between SSAF and TEARS Foundation.

The signing with the SAHRC is the extension of an already existing partnership involving the hosting of community dialogues around issues of safety and security.

The partnership with Tears Foundation seeks to advance the use of the Lifeboard that they have developed in the Communities and Justice Programme. The Life Board is an engaging and interactive programme that makes use of singing, dancing, acting, debating, and drawing to encourage discussion around difficult issues such as rape and sexual assault. This is a highly empowering tool for learners.

Some parents and community members arrived early to secure front seats for the Certificate Award Ceremony.

The event was well attended by various stakeholders: Workerslife was represented by Managing Director, Mr Mdiya, and all law-enforcement agencies clad in their uniform. The South African Police Service from the Province led by Maj General Masha, from Ivory Park led by Station Commander Ngcobo, The Johannesburg Metro Police Department led by Superintendents Minnaar and Mamonyane, the National Prosecution led by Advocate Mathaha, the Magistracy represented by Magistrate Maila, Correctional Services led by Area Commissioner Korabie, the South African Human Rights Commission led by Commissioner Makwetla and TEARS Foundation led by their CEO Mara Glennie, Gauteng Department of Education led by District Director Mr Ndevu, the School Governing Body, invited guests from community and faith-based organizations, principals, teachers, parents and learners.

The learners streamed in, spotless and looking beautiful in their uniforms led by their respective school coordinators, JB Matabane by Ms Malinga and Kaalfontein by Mr Maruma. They were seated in accordance to the list in order to organise seating arrangements.



We congratulate the learners and encourage them to become crime-prevention ambassadors in their communities.





The event programme director Mr Mashiya, led the chants prompting the learners to praise the lecturers from the law-enforcement agencies, in unison. The mood was euphoric when the learners burst into song and the audience rose and joined with hands in the air.

The intermittent jokes by the event programme director created a relaxed atmosphere. The Gauteng Department of Education District Director, Mr Ndevu, welcomed all guests and commended the learners for their achievements. He thanked Safer South Africa Foundation for introducing a much-needed programme and invited the Foundation to assist with the challenges he had personally observed and identified as needing urgent intervention.

The Safer South Africa Foundation, CEO, General MV Phiyega, thanked the schools and the parents for allowing the learners to participate in the programme. She took the audience through the nine-session programme and acknowledged the important role played by the lecturers from the law enforcement agencies and the South African Human rights Commission.

She recognized the presence of Commissioner Makwetla and CEO Mara Glennie who would join her at the end of the programme to representing their respective organization to sign the Memoranda of Understanding.

The message of support was delivered by Superintendent Mamonyane representing the Chief of Police Mr Tembe. She congratulated the learners for successfully completing the programme and outline some of the important principles of embracing a crime free life. She shared important road safety rules that must be adhered to.



She also thanked Foundation for the good working relationship since the inception of the Programme.

The TEARS Foundation Chief Executive Officer, Mara Glennie in giving a message of encouragement used her personal story as a survivor of sexual abuse and shared the negative impact it has on a person: the pain, trauma, humiliation and shame.

She urged the learners to use organizations such as Tears Foundation to speak out. She emphasized the fact that society must understand and respect that: "No, Means No".

She briefly outlined the work their organization had started in the schools using the "Life Board" and the work with victims of sexual abuse. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity of working with SSAF and the MOU that was going to be signed.

The learners representing the two schools, Thando Ngqenga: Kaalfontein and Sarah Molepo JB Matabane. Both learners profusely thanked the Foundation for introducing the programme to their respective schools.

They emphasized that they had never participated in such a programme and recommended that all learners should be afforded an opportunity to have the experiences they had gone through and would always treasure. They expressed heartfelt gratitude to the lecturers, identifying them by name, and the coordinators.





Mr Ngqenga shared his personal experience indicating that the programme came just at the right time when he was drifting in the wrong direction. He proudly shared that as he went through the programme, he self-corrected and was happy to announce that he was holding a leadership position in the school.

Commissioner Makwetla, South African Human Rights Commission, responsible for Children Rights delivered the guest address. She outlined the role of the South African Human Rights Commission explaining that it was established to entrench constitutional democracy and continued to say that SAHRC is committed to promote respect for, observance of and protection of human rights for everyone.

She shared with the audience that she felt at home with the assigned role in the field of children rights because of her personal commitment, passion and the special place children have in her life.

She congratulated the learners for their achievement and urged them to make choices that remain within the law and to be ambassadors and invite other youth to join community-based crime prevention initiatives. She thanked the Safer South Africa Foundation for the continued partnership in the implementation of the Communities and Justice Programme and that SAHRC was excited by the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding that would open avenues for further collaboration.



The long-awaited moment of awarding the certificates arrived for the learners, drawing excitement and joy from the audience. The co-ordinators came forward to usher the groups according to the list provided.

The law enforcement agencies proudly responded as their names were called to get ready for the presentation of the certificates. 82 learners from both schools were called forward.

The audience cheered, fellow learners sharing private codes, whistling while the parents ululated and recited their clan praises and some rushing to the stage to take photos using their phones. The teachers joined in, visibly pleased with their learners. The learners walked tall as they ascended the stage, accepted the congratulatory handshake displaying their certificates and posing for the photos.

Just before the announcement of the winners of the essay competition the audience became quiet the rising tension could be felt and the learners waited with great apprehension. The teachers were no different, they were both excited and anxious.

As the names of the winners listed below were called, there was a loud uproar, fellow learners and teachers cheering, parents on their feet to congratulate their children. The winners overjoyed rushed to the stage unable to conceal their pride and joy.

They were congratulated by all the dignitaries on stage, their school principal and some parents joined to take photos. The Essay Competition winners, from both schools, are:

JB Matabane Secondary School

- Phumlani Mthembu
- Kgothatso Masalesa
- Austin Sehlako

Kaalfontein Secondary School

- Kenny Mashaba
- Tebogo Ngomane
- Fana Nyathi

The event programme director added to the celebration when he requested that a celebratory piece be played and invited the learners to dance, soon the parents joined and the whole hall echoed with joyous sound. He also challenged the lecturers to join and they obliged.

The vote of thanks on behalf of both schools was delivered by the JB Matabane Principal Mr Seakamela.

He expressed gratitude to the parents and the community for the support, mentioning the City of Johannesburg for availing the hall at no cost.



He extended appreciation to all the dignitaries, lecturers and the speakers, presenters of the certificates and service providers and thanked the learners for making the school, parents and the Foundation proud.

SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

At the end of the formal part of the Communities and Justice Programme Certificate Award Ceremony, the audience witnessed the signing of the Memoranda of Understanding between Safer South Africa Foundation and the Human Rights Commission and between Safer South Africa Foundation and TEARS Foundation.

All parties had explained during their speeches that the signing signified the strengthening of their partnership and possibilities for further collaboration.

EVALUATION

The evaluation forms distributed after each session continue to provide a detailed view of learners' experiences during the implementation of the Communities and Justice Programme.

The final evaluation of the collective assists because learners have more time and share their individual views with peers.

The representatives of the groups round up all inputs including the content, how each lecturer was experienced and the impact of the experiential learning during the visits to the court and the correctional centres.

The learners and teachers at Ga-Matlala and Johannesburg East have pleaded with the Foundation to provide the programme to all learners.

The feedback was positive for all the lecturers as they are perceived to take pride in their contribution. The status of the various law enforcement organisations gets renewed recognition among the learners, the community and various stakeholders. Lecturers have approached the Foundation expressing a need to join the Safer South Africa Foundation team.

Feedback from the Provincial Departments of Education was positive and it gave the Foundation the affirmation that the Communities and Justice Programme was making a difference.

A parent who approached the Foundation during the Award tells a positive story when she said:

"When my child told me about the programme, I could not believe what she told me. I had to come personally, I am overwhelmed by what I have heard and seen. Thank you."

During the award ceremony the Foundation has observed the rapport that has developed between the lecturers and the learners, this friendship can hopefully spread in the community through these young ambassadors.

Once more the Foundation was commended for the detailed planning, organization and in particular the precision during the Certificate Award Ceremony. The feedback always gives a boost to the team that work tirelessly toward a successful implementation.

#Youth4SaferSouthAfrica



Learners participating in the Communities and Justice Programme are encouraged to engage other young people in their communities as ambassadors in the fight against crime in their local communities. They can make the idea of a 'safer South Africa' a reality by actively contributing to the national discourse on crime, community development and community safety on social media under the banner: *#Youth4SaferSouthAfrica*.

Visit the Safer South Africa Foundation on the following social media platforms:

-  SaferSouthAfricaFoundation 1
-  @SaferSA_
-  Safer South Africa Foundation 1
-  Safer South Africa Foundation 1

Through *#Youth4SaferSouthAfrica*, the Safer South Africa Foundation seeks to establish a positive youth movement where ideas and experiences are shared and young people are involved in advocacy campaigns on crime prevention.

CONCLUSION



The Communities and Justice Programme is seemingly planting seeds on fertile ground, because after every implementation, there is a call to expand the programme and reach more schools and learners.

The Foundation has made an impact in a meaningful way, by providing a vehicle that gives youth a voice, laying a foundation for access to justice and bridging the gap between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.

From the feedback the Foundation receives, there is no doubt that crime prevention is a necessary tool to promote safety and security, and that the young people have a big role to play in the collaborative initiatives in the fight against crime.

In 2018, Safer South Africa Foundation responded positively to the call for expansion, thus the implementation of the Programme commenced in six provinces, aimed at growing the programme and developing the learners to increase the number of young ambassadors in crime prevention.

“Rather than standing or speaking for children, we need to stand with children speaking for themselves... [we need to] build environments and policies for our collective future.”

~ Sandra Meucci ~

ADDENDUM: SPEECHES

SPEECH:

Nkosinathi Theledi

Popcru General Secretary

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Ga-Matlala, 20 July 2018



The CEOs of PGC Group and Safer South Africa Foundation, Deputy Ministers of Communications and Telecommunications, *re kwatama fase ka difokeng [Bakone ba 'ntshi dikgolo, bana ba makobe maapasha naga, mapipimpi a rantlapela a bokone] – mmago rena*, Kgoshigadi Matlala, representatives of the SAPS, Traffic, DCS, NPA, South African Human Rights Commission, Dept. of Education, School Governing Body, Parents, Educators, Learners the Celebrants, Members of the Community.

It affords me great pleasure to take this atypical and outstanding opportunity to express my gratitude and sincere appreciation to Safer South Africa Foundation for extending an invitation for my presentation of the message of support and encouragement on this inspiring occasion.

It is indeed a great pleasure and honour for me to be present here today to associate myself with this memorable occasion when you celebrate and push the boat out for your accomplishments.

Let me start by greeting you one and all as I resume with my words of saying Halala to the genuine successes by the celebrants. My colleagues have requested me to convey special greetings and good wishes to the celebrants, parents, members of their family and friends on this memorable day. I am personally bringing you warm and very kind wishes and special greetings from my family.

Allow me Programme Director, to register my own greetings and congratulations to the celebrants, parents and the school community at large. I must say that I am very happy to be part of the occasion and to share with you joy and ovation. An occasion such as this is certainly not an occasion for speeches, but an occasion to feast and rejoice.

POPCRU is a trade union movement on one hand and a civil rights organisation, on the other. We were born within the belly of an apartheid system and fought it from within. Being a civil rights organisation, we have a social responsibility and organisational obligation to deal with and address challenges and issues affecting the community – be it social, political or economic.

In this way, we support and promote community activism – hence, our initiative to establish Safer South Africa Foundation (SSAF). With the existence of this Foundation, we feel proud that community engagement and exploration at the public space will be taken care of at various levels.

Our gathering here today is part of this social and organisational responsibility and obligation. Having said this, today I feel very privileged and honoured to stand here in front of you all and acknowledge the achievements of our brilliant celebrants who have made SSAF, the school and their parents proud.

This programme is held to recognise the young talents who have made an immense contribution to how the functioning of the Criminal Justice Cluster should be accessed by all members of the society.

These incredible celebrants exhibit such qualities that will not only help SSAF in achieving its goals, but also bring glory of success in terms of right to use the processes within the Criminal Justice Cluster.

Today, we have gathered here not just to celebrate the achievements of these young minds, but also to give due regard to our values and morals which these awardees exemplify, like discipline, compassion and zeal for learning.

We are here as part of innovative community engagement process, aimed at stimulating community discussions in line with Vision 2030 as set out in the National Development Plan [NDP] to build safer communities and a just society.

Through the SSAF Safety and Social Innovation Programme, the NDP's vision 2030 that, people living in South Africa can and should feel safe at home, at school and at work, and enjoy a community life free of fear; can become a reality.

Through the Programme which is awarding the celebrants with some achievements today, communities are encouraged to seek solutions in promotion of safety and crime prevention through collaboration. Be part of a structured process to focus on pressing topics around safety, crime prevention, the Criminal Justice System and broader societal issues.

Awards are a way to encourage good behaviour and inculcate competitive spirit. The roles, responsibilities and functioning of the Communities and Justice Programme must be known by every citizen in South Africa and SSAF ensures that this is advocated through.

There are two contradictory objectives from members of the society. On one side, the majority of the citizens desire to witness and observe a crime-free society. On the other hand, the perpetrators of crime are highly on duty designing strategies to perpetuate crime.

With this programme and the awards, we encourage these celebrants to contribute in minimising the contradiction that I have spelt out. The awards to be conferred today are not just for recognising these students for their exceptional performance academically or only motivating them to shine in their respective fields.

This is to encourage them to be active citizens who are the real ambassadors of crime prevention.

In cementing what you achieved through this programme, I urge you to be part of governance systems. Young men and women are traditionally active politically in universities but very often disillusioned with political leadership and political institutions and excluded from policy development.

Both formal and informal engagement can be understood as political participation, and both are beneficial for a vivid and resilient democracy and should be supported. There is strong evidence that the participation of young people in formal, institutional political processes is relatively low when compared to older citizens across the globe.

This challenge the representativeness of the political system and leads to the disenfranchisement of young people. This being the case, you are called upon to be representatives and envoys of the future crime-free South Africa.

“The roles, responsibilities and functioning of the Communities and Justice Programme must be known by every citizen in South Africa...”

Through your achievements today, you must regard and take this programme to greater heights. This may seem to be a daunting prospect, but in the words of the global icon and father of the modern-day South Africa, former President Nelson Mandela: “It always seems impossible until it is done.”

I want to conclude with the words of one of the most prominent African leaders [whom the imperialist governments of Brussels and the United State facilitated his brutal killing], Patrice Lumumba when he said:

“Without dignity there is no freedom, without justice there is no dignity and without independence, there are no free men. Cruelty, insults and torture can never force me to ask for mercy, because I want to die with head high, with indestructible faith and profound belief in the destiny of our country than to live in humility and renounce the principles which are sacred to me.

The day will come when the history will speak – but it will not be the history taught in Brussels, Paris or the United Nation. It will be the history which is taught in the countries which won freedom from colonialism and its puppets. Africa will write its own history and in both North and South, it will be s history of glory and dignity”.

Let us be part of rewriting the history of South Africa and this way, contributing to what Patrice Lumumba envisaged of shaping the history of the entire continent.

I thank you all!

SPEECH:

Gen. Riah Phiyega

Safer South Africa Foundation, CEO

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Ga-Matlala, 20 July 2018



Safety, security, peace and community well-being are at the heart of each community. These are cornerstones for promoting the spirit of self-help and mutual support.

Neighbours look out for the safety and security of one another. The residents know their own safety and security concerns best, and they have immediate ideas on how to resolve them.

Through structured and deliberate interventions, Safer South Africa Foundation (SSAF) strives to drive a strong focus on the role communities can play in participating and contributing in concert with other stakeholders towards building safer and secure community environments.

We must all actively contribute to the national discourse on crime and community safety. This task cannot be left to government alone.

Communities have an important contribution to make.

Safer South Africa Foundation holds a strong view that in this construct, we believe children also have a role to play. Children are citizens too and therefore have an important role to play in contributing towards a safer South Africa. SSAF believes that platforms and opportunities should be created for them to actively participate in building safe, confident and empowered communities.

Safer South Africa Foundation provides a platform for the community to work together with other relevant organisations in identifying their safety and security concerns in communities and devise solutions to tackle these problems.

Our programmes and initiatives are implemented through a partnership-based approach and are aligned to South Africa's National Development Plan (NDP), Vision 2030.

Safer South Africa Foundation seeks to educate the public about the criminal justice system and to close the relational gap between communities and criminal justice bodies.

Through partnerships, SSAF also serves to foster community cohesion, bonding, and promotes active citizenry in the country. As espoused by some wise African philosophers, lions that do not hunt in a pack may fail to put down even limping bull.

Safer South Africa Foundation is committed to effective partnerships and we actively seek opportunities to form alliances with local communities and other voluntary organisations.

To achieve our strategic objectives and successful implementation of our programmes at local level, we partner with the following organisations to promote community safety and security:

- South African Police Service (SAPS)
- Traffic Police (in various regions)
- Department of Justice and Correctional Services – Magistrates
- National Prosecution Services (NPA)
- Correctional Services
- Department of Basic Education
- South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC)

Through our strategic partnerships, local communities are afforded access to justice and improved engagements with law enforcement practitioners.

At municipal level, we also partner with diverse organisations, including traditional authorities, where communities participating in our programmes are based.

The programme has four phases:

Preparatory Phase: The co-ordinators identify a suitable community and schools through referrals. They approach a reputable community-based organisation to introduce the programme.

Implementation Phase: Learners over a period of 15 days receive after school tutoring and training from various criminal justice system practitioners; South African Police Service, Traffic Department, Departments of Justice and Constitutional Development – (Magistrates and Prosecutors), Department of Correctional Services and the South African Human Rights Commission.

This also involves joint evaluation by Participants, Safer South Africa Foundation, Facilitator and the Department of Basic Education School Liaison Officer.

We follow the usual methodology of presentations by lecturers, have discussions, role play and site visits to the Courts as well as Correctional Centres. Because of the long days, participating learners are given refreshments.

Award Ceremony Phase: The third phase covers preparation and presentation of certificates to the participants. The Communities and Justice Programme recognises learners for their contribution and participation in the program. During this process the parents and wider community are involved.

Essay Competition: The participating students at the end of the training compile essays on what they have learnt as well as making inputs and suggestions on how community participation in crime prevention and reduction can be improved. Best contributions are recognised and rewarded. We shall be publishing the winning essays on the SSAF website.

82 learners at BK Matlala were awarded certificates.

A Safer South Africa is Everyone's Goal:

- We need to invest in reduction of crime and violence
- We should educate and training youths in the criminal justice system
- We invest in development youths for active citizenry
- We develop leadership qualities in the youths

“Children are citizens too and therefore have an important role to play in contributing towards a safer South Africa.”

A stable and secure South Africa is a means for growth and development for all. Crime should be reduced because our children deserve a brighter and secure future. They should know the perils of breaking the law. Children should be encouraged to believe in positive life alternatives.

Learners and communities are provided relevant knowledge and skills through meaningful education.

As Safer South Africa Foundation, we endeavour to make real difference in the lives of South Africa’s young people and communities in general. The skills imparted by the various safety and security cluster practitioners, will help grow learners into valuable, respected members of a functional society.

Their learning exposes them and their families to important information on law and order. The community enjoys the knock-on effect of this knowledge.

The collaborative effort shall continue to succeed if there are:

- Motivated and socially active communities
- Committed and socially responsible businesses
- Supportive, enabling and involved Government

Thank you.

SPEECH:

Kimberly Malope

Motivational Speaker, Kimmotive

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Ga-Matlala, 20 July 2018



I am happy that I am a young unique individual, endowed with unique talents and abilities.

I never spend my precious time and energy comparing my talents with those of other young and even matured talented people. Instead, I am a combination of each and every influential person around me.

I aspire to be a giver to those surrounding me. To be a giver. A giver of inspiration to young and old. I am tailor-made, I am Kimberley Malope, a 16 years old International motivational speaker.

Good morning everyone, it is an honour to be here today to share my story with you. I started my journey of motivational speaking at the age of 9.

I was inspired by Tata Madiba with what he did for the children of South Africa. Through his good deeds, I have decided to follow in his footsteps by reaching out to the community and to inspire Youth of South Africa.

Today, I stand proudly in front of you to say that I have achieved many things.

At the age of 9, I was the youngest motivational speaker and one of my projects was right here at BK Matlala Commercial High School. Through time, I've met a lot of influential people that helped me become who I am today.

To name a few two former presidents of the United States of America; Dr Mo Abraham from London, former secretary of the UN Kofi Anan. Mama Graca Machel, Ntate Paul Mashatile, deputy minister Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams, the list is endless.

One of my other big projects was held last year where we bridged the gap between the hearing and the deaf community.

Through my journey, I got the opportunity to travel I've been to Zimbabwe Hong Kong London Brazil, America, Argentina and last year I went to Australia Sydney.

And this year as you can see by my sash, I will be representing South Africa by the Caribbean starting in Miami, then Mexico then Haiti and last but not least Jamaica

Today I have brought with me my fellow friends from school so that we can all learn from each other and see the world from each other's eyes

UTata Madiba cared about the children and wanted to see them strive and become future leaders and I want to continue his legacy. As your future president, and Miss Star South Africa, I take it upon myself to make more opportunities and more programs for the youth of South Africa and challenge you all to never give up.

The bill of rights says: Every child has the right to education. And every child has the right to learn and be taught in a comfortable environment and space where our minds are free to flow with knowledge.

I want to see the youth grow and grab every opportunity that will be thrown their way in the future.

Doing this project, it wasn't easy, believe me, but every single moment was worth it and I thank God, for giving me the strength, and thank you to each and every person who stood by me and made this day possible.

“Every child has the right to education. And every child has the right to learn and be taught in a comfortable environment and space where our minds are free to flow with knowledge.”

PGC Group, Safer South Africa Foundation, Thobela FM from the office of the deputy minister of telecommunication, Nampak, Vodacom, Crawford College in Pretoria, my bestie Ofentse Malete, each and every one had an impact in their own wonderful way to make this day possible.

You see, black child, anything is possible in life, so say no to nyaope, say no to teenage pregnancy. Let's join hands together, we can make it, and make every day a Mandela day .

Ladies and gentlemen, I am tailor-made, I am unique, I am the youngest award-winning motivational speaker, Kimberley Malope.

I thank you.

SPEECH:

Tebogo Seopa

BK Matlala Commercial High School

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Ga-Matlala, 20 July 2018



Good Afternoon.

Ladies and gentlemen, I greet you with great delight. Well, experts are correct when they say, even a small act can change the world. But all has to be learnt from the roots.

Growing up not knowing what is wrong or is right, being naïve as they say, you tend to do mistakes but that doesn't define your humanity.

Well, I am only here to say thank you to PGC House and also to Safer South Africa Foundation for making all of this happen, surely if it wasn't for your organisation, we wouldn't been waiting for those who kept us waiting for a decade.

But having this wonderful administration block built and improved, was worth it.

It really means a lot to all of us. We are really delighted for the education we have gained from Safer South Africa Foundation events. We now know what we used to call prison is now called rehabilitation centre.

Thanks to Vodacom, we now have access to technological devices that we will use and enhance our studies. The National Prosecuting Authorities inspired us as students about the law, and made us wish to be future attorneys, advocates or prosecutors.

Being part of the Community and Justice Programme helped us learn about the procedures about making South Africa feel and be a safer country. From what we gained from Safer South Africa Foundation training specifically, crime has been our enemy. A lot has changed I can tell.

Many of the learners have even filled the application that's SAPS gave to the school surely, they really want South Africa to be safe.

To Vodacom as well they really made a difference, with advanced technology and that they have granted us with and coming from a rural school we hardly get such blessing due to being excluded in many areas, but fortunately we are one of many that makes us unique.

I look up to Nelson Mandela because he was a true believer in education and I chose some of the favourite things, he said about the subject in this speech.

He said that young people must take it upon themselves to ensure that they receive the highest education possible so that they can represent us surely in the future.

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination no country can really develop unless its citizens are educated.

When you add to that literate tongue and put a pen in a child's hand, you have something special education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

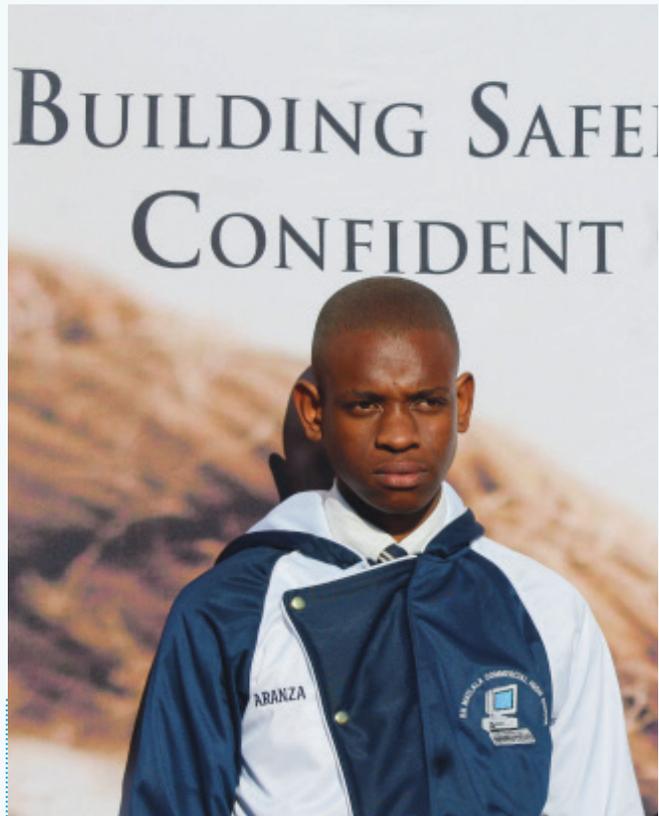
Education is the great engine for personal development.

SPEECH:

Ntshodisane Kgothatso

BK Matlala Commercial High School

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Ga-Matlala, 20 July 2018



I am proud to be standing here today as a learner who has completed a Communities and Justice Programme brought by Safer South Africa Foundation. What a programme, I must say!

We were taken to a class, where all criminal justice departments came to lecture us on challenges of crime in our communities.

The South African Police Services taught us about crime issues around Matlala area and about career opportunities within the South African Police Services.

We were advised not to commit any crime because having a criminal record will hinder your career development and opportunities.

The traffic department came also to empower us on how the South African Road Systems and Management works. We were advised not to drive vehicles without a driver's licence and not to drink and drive.

National Prosecuting Authority came to lecture us on how the courts operate and we were afforded an opportunity to visit court and observe how the court conduct its trials. What a nice experience. Some of the learners resolved that they would not like to do things that will land them in court.

The Department of Correctional Services came also to lecture us on their core functions that they implement in their centres. We were also taken by bus to the Correctional Centre in Polokwane.

We went inside the correctional centre and met with offenders. The offenders motivated my fellow learners not to commit any crime as they had done, and are now paying heavily and painfully so.

In the correctional centre, we learned of the harsh conditions prisoners live in. Their movement is restricted. Their meal time is restricted. The last meal served for the day is at 15h00. What a great experience! No one from us, school children, would like to find himself or herself in a correctional centre.

The South African Human Rights Commission came to lecture us on human rights. We learned that we are not supposed to violate the rights of others, and we must not abuse our own rights.

There was so much that we learned from the Community and Justice Programme. Our lives will never be the same.

On behalf of the learners and the school, we would like to thank the Safer South Africa Foundation for bringing such opportunities in our lives.

Thank you.

SPEECH:

Mara Glennie

Tears Foundation, CEO

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Johannesburg East, 17 August 2018



Good day to you all. My message for you today, first of all, I liked what the speaker before me said about survival. All of us got inspiration and we are motivated.

I am here to tell you about a strong woman that survived.

I survived abuse from my past life. I know that sometimes it is hard to believe that it would happen in your community, the same community you live in, you would get abused. So, I started this Foundation so that other girls and boys would not get abused in anyway and suffer from what I went through.

Do you guys know that boys can be raped too? We've had situations where boys got raped but did not want to report it.

We have a word that we say when someone approaches us in an inappropriate sexual manner – that word is: “No!”

My body. My choice.

So, can we all look at the number of people that are here, I am very proud to be working with Gen. Riah Phiyega and Mrs Angie Makwetla because as old as we are, we will be spending our retirements teaching you young people. It is such a privilege to be standing here talking to you, and I want to encourage you that the sky is the limit, you should explore new possibilities.

The reason I started with the I SEE YOU initiative, is because sometimes in our daily lives, we forget to see other people, we tend to forget to see our friends, forget to see our loved ones, we forget to see that they are not doing well, we forget to see how they feel, we forget to see the void that they have in their lives, so with the I SEE YOU initiative, we give them a platform where we give them a chance to be seen and recognised by others.

Another reason is being you are able to see people who are being abused, so in the I see your initiative you are able to see that person who is being abused and you are able to help that person. Because together we stand to build a safer and more secure South Africa.

We brought some brochures that will help you know more about our foundation. I won't have time to go through all the aspects but you will get a clear and fully detailed overview of what we do and what we offer, and at the back of the brochures there are my numbers, you can write to me individually and I will respond individually as well. If you call me, I will also be able to talk to you. Be more open and be more aware, because I see you and you are not alone.

In this country, every day at least three women are being killed by their intimate partner and I was nearly one of those women. So, I vowed that in my life time, I will do everything that I can, to stop and save anyone that is being abused.

So, if you know someone who is being abused, young, old, male or female we are here to help you help them. Dial the number and help save a life.

I am standing here at as a woman who survived, proud of the people who are behind me, proud to be working with all these queens that are behind me, and know that we stand here to make South Africa a safer place. Safer South Africa Foundation and TEARS Foundation will stand together to change South African and the lives of its new generation.

I see you. Thank you

SPEECH:

Supt. Edna Mamonyane
Johannesburg Metro Police Department

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Johannesburg East, 17 August 2018



Chief Executive Officer of Safer South Africa Foundation, my sister, General Riah Phiyega, South African Human Rights Commissioner, my sister in law, Angie Makwetla, we cook together whenever we have funerals and family gatherings. She is a commissioner and she cooks at home. So, do not think she is a commissioner only, she runs and maintains her home.

To the CEO of Tears Foundation, Mara Glennie, it was wonderful to meet you. To the principals of both schools; my partners at SAPS; my colleagues; and partners at the NPA, Correctional Services, as well as the Department of Gauteng of Education.

I would like to welcome a very special lady, she is a powerhouse, she is wonderful, I love her, our magistrate, she has got the energy by hand.

To my team from JMPD and my partner, the other spokesperson I came with, Supt. Wayne Minnaar, thank you guys for coming through to this wonderful occasion.

I would like to talk to the learners quickly, as I talk to the learners, I will also talk to the parents because we all parents at the end of the day, students this is it, and I want you to look at me only you are allowed to look at me, what do you see? A beautiful lady?

I want to say to each and everyone of you, I was one of the fortunate girls that had a strong father. My father would look at me and say it doesn't mean that being a girl, you are lesser than any human being.

He would say, as a girl, because you are in my house, God did not make a mistake. God gave me you to parent, and you as a girl, you are going to make this man, the proudest and strong man.

You are going to bring out in me the best father that I can be, so you are my daughter, you are my sister, you are my friend and you are going to be my partner in everything that I do.

I used to do mechanical work with my dad. My mom would be in the kitchen, instructing me to start cleaning, cooking and do the washing. When this that was happening, I was wondering and thinking that am I an octopus with all these chores, but my parents knew what was best for me.

So, in those days, unlike today, you didn't question things, you just did what you were told, and over and above that the lady next door, who didn't have any child would send you to the shop. As I was doing my chores, she would need soap at the shop, she would stand by the fence and call me to send me to the store. I would take that money, run to the shop to buy her things then give them to her because she was just as good my mom.

I want to say to you, it doesn't matter where you are being raised from, you are being raised from Ivory Park, that's just a name of the place. You are bigger than that, you are more powerful than that, as a girl child, you cannot be told that you will not succeed in life.

You see our magistrate, she is a woman, she is a mother, she is sister and a daughter to her parents. She travelled a long journey to get to where she is, I had to travel a long road as well to get to where I am. Gen Phiyega had to also travel the furthest road to get to where she is in life, these things can happen to you, but stay focused. You don't need anyone to push you, push yourself.

No matter what any circumstances may be or they may come, always listen to your parents, your friends or peers may say your parents are boring, but remember that your parents are paving a way for you to be a better person.

“...when something is wrong, do not beat yourself up, it always helps to speak out and we will be able to stand together and help you.”

I was talking to your older brothers and sisters at the University of Johannesburg, and they have a mentality that they now have freedom, they can do as they please because they at University and far from home.

I said to them, I want you to ponder, just think about where you come from. Do you come from a family where they believe that you will graduate? A family where no one finished matric? Do you come from a family where everyone is looking up to you for being at university as the light of the family? Empowering yourself with education can make you some powerful person, a lawyer or a doctor.

But here you are partying, going to all these clubs that close at 4 AM, why are you getting so drunk that you cannot even remember your name?

I said to those students, think about your family; back home they are proud of their child who is at university; a child who will set us up for life, but yet you are playing; busy abusing and experimenting with harmful substances and drugs.

Some of you girls, when you have these events like "Pens Down" [parties organised by learners after writing exams], you exposing yourself to harm - dancing in those loud taxis, abusing alcohol, these boys and older men will see you as a target, but show them that you are a strong person.

To parents, work with the teachers, work with law enforcement and the school governing body, and stop protecting your child when she or he has done wrong. Go to the school, sit down and listen to what the teachers say and you as the parent, search for ways to improve your child's behaviour and mindset.

And to you learners, when something is wrong, do not beat yourself up, it always helps to speak out and we will be able to stand together and help you. There are people that come from being rape victims to being victorious women.

To all the boys, the way you respect your mother and your sister, give the same respect to all these girls that are around you.

Thank you.

SPEECH:

Gen. Riah Phiyega

Safer South Africa Foundation, CEO

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Johannesburg East, 17 August 2018



Programme Director,

It is wonderful being here this afternoon. The presence of our committed partners and the energy of the learners who participated in this Criminal Justice Programme lifts my spirits.

Nothing gives me greater joy than seeing young people take keen interest in issues of the criminal justice system. Young people have a very important role to play and it is up to us elders and leaders to create the necessary space for them to do so.

Before me I see future advocates, traffic officers, police officers, magistrates, prosecutors, judges and correctional services officers. I am certain we all agree that our beloved country needs more of such people and not less.

I have no doubt in my mind that as you spent

time observing activities in the courts, police stations and correctional centres, you saw for yourself that sitting behind bars is not pleasant. Yes, a little voice might spur you on to take a chance. "You won't get caught," friends might say. But you will never know and it's not worth sacrificing a bright future in a moment of temptation.

It is therefore best to remain a person of integrity. It might not make you rich. It might not make you popular, but it will certainly give you peace of mind. Trust me when I say, nothing beats going to bed at night knowing that everything you have, you got so legally and through hard work or sometimes through good fortune.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate all the Criminal Justice Programme participants at Kaalfontein and JB Matabane Secondary Schools. A special word of thanks goes to the teachers and parents without whom this would not have been possible. Equally so, the support from our partners, the SA Police Service, Department of Correctional Services, the National Prosecuting Authority and Department of Education, is highly appreciated.

Aware of our country's huge challenge of crime, the founders of Safer South Africa Foundation (SSAF) thought it was wise to seek and partner with like-minded people and organisations who want to make a difference in the criminal justice sector.

With that in mind, we thank our partners at the Human Rights Commission, ably represented here by Commissioner Angie Makwetla. Today, we are signing a new MoU which will extend the services our partnership offers to include Community Dialogues on matters relating to safety, security and human rights. We believe, and strongly so, that engaging communities, particularly those in rural areas, will enhance government criminal justice policy as well as improve services rendered.

Now, for a new initiative that we cherish immensely, which will empower young women who are victims of rape and abuse, TEARS Foundation, will focus on training our provincial coordinators to become Life Board facilitators. The facilitators will empower the learners on rape and abuse using interactive educational board games developed by TEARS. For this we are grateful to Mara Glennie, the CEO of TEARS Foundation, for her tireless spirit.

In conclusion, it would be remiss of me not to thank the team that I work with. They have once again toiled day and night to ensure that we have a successful implementation of the Criminal Justice Programme at these two schools together with our partners. A huge round of applause to them, please.

Small as the Safer South Africa Foundation may be, I am convinced that together with our partners will become the glue between government and the community it serves.

I thank you.

SPEECH:

Sarah Molepo

JB Matabane Secondary School

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Johannesburg East, 17 August 2018



Greetings to you, ladies and gentleman,
I am Sarah Molepo, representing JB
Matabane Secondary School.

I am here to share with you all, what we did in our sessions while attending the Safer South Africa Foundation programme.

It was truly an honour to have been selected as one of the 40 learners taking part in the programme. Yes, it was a short journey but it was full of lessons and not lessons but guides for the future.

We have had different visitors from the criminal justice system, I am talking about the SAPS, JMPD, NPA, Correctional Service and also the South African Human Rights Commission then we had two trips which were to our nearest magistrate court, then to the Leeuwkop Correctional Centre.

The first visit we had was from SAPS which was on 15 May 2018. We were taught on how do they actually deal with criminal activities and their aim in making sure that our community is safer.

Later, that week they introduced their role play which was based on how do they deal with common criminal activities, this visit, and the role play taught us that we should work with our police officers hand in hand, in order to live in a better community.

The second visit was from the Johannesburg Metro Police on 16 May 2018. What was fun about their visit was that, personally, I never knew the difference between SAPS and JMPD, because they all seemed to do the same work.

We were taught about respecting and observing the road and traffic rules and to always stay away from criminal activities.

The third visit was from NPA on 28 May 2018, we had a visit from a well-known prosecutor, who then taught us about the court processes. We dug deep into what happens in court and the different branches in court and we looked at the roles of attorneys, magistrates, and prosecutors. From there we had an opportunity to visit Tembisa Magistrate Court on 24 May 2018.

There were a lot of interesting things to learn at the court. We got to see real cases; attended by the best magistrates in town; we got to experience the feeling of being in a court room; got to see how do they interact; approach matters; and how they charge people.

On 20 June 2018, we got an opportunity to visit our nearest correctional facility which was Leeuwkop Correctional Centre. At first, I thought it would be scary and traumatising but we got there and got to see offenders and they were rehabilitated and some of them had a chance to talk to us and share their experience of wrongs and rights. Iyoooh! Prison isn't one place anybody would wish to be in.

Then on 05 June 2018, we had a visit from the Human Rights Commission, who taught us of our rights and how they go hand in hand with our responsibilities; and how and when to use our rights. Thank you to the SAHRC, now on I know when to use my rights and what responsibilities should go in hand with these rights.

As I have said in the beginning it was a short journey but it was worth it. This opportunity was one of a lifetime as we have accumulated so much information and knowledge.

We hope that this programme will be introduced to every child in our country as it will benefit the future of this country. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every person from the criminal justice system as they made this programme and everybody who invested in the programme; specifically Mr. Mashiya, thank you sir, for being patient and never stop because your work can save many lives.

SPEECH:

Thando Ngqenga

Kaalfontein Secondary School

Certificate Award Ceremony,
Johannesburg East, 17 August 2018



Greetings to you all! Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Thando Ngqenga, I am from Kaalfontein Secondary School, the subject I want to speak to you about, is the empowerment that Safer South Africa Foundation have brought in my life.

So, I was born and raised in Tembisa, I grew up in a toxic environment, where majority of people, who grew up in that environment are not successful.

I grew up being affected by environmental shortcomings and bad influence. I grew up doing things that our society would classify as wrong, but there was something that was missing inside of me.

The way I grew up is very complicated because I grew up having my needs met, everything that

I needed, I grew up having it, but one major challenge, was that I did not have happiness.

I was not happy with myself, I did not have freedom of the mind actually, I could not think outside the box, but then as I grew up, I started to realize that I could do something about this, I can change who I am, although I might not be successful I could try because trying is better than doing nothing.

I had a lot of questions in my head but then the answer came, Mr Maruma came to me, and told me about the Safer South Africa Foundation: Community and Justice Programme, and told me he wants me to be part of it and I was shocked, I asked myself, what are you talking about, maybe he is trying to get me arrested and for what?

So, he explained further and I started attending the programme and each and every time Mr Mashiya spoke I was convinced by his words, each and every time I did something wrong I was persuaded to do right.

When we went to the correctional centre and when I saw the people in prison and how they were, it pained me because I did not want to suffer as much as they did. And truly speaking, this programme has changed my life from the worst to its best.

This programme didn't just teach me about what is happening around the criminal justice system, it taught me how I can make a difference and how to keep a positive mind because having a positive mind, it will make you a positive person. So, as I continue attending this programme, I also saw that if I was appointed to be a leader, no one can stop me.

I am not bragging or trying to be a perfect, but I saw the impact the programme had on certain learners from our school, and that change is wonderful because it changed attitudes and behaviours.

This was the best programme I have ever attended, and without wasting any time, I would like to thank the CEO of Safer South Africa Foundation, Gen. M.V Phiyega for choosing our school as one of the schools that participated in this programme. I thank you Mr. Mashiya for being an inspiration to me.

Thank you.

NEWS UPDATE

Safer South Africa Foundation Welcomes New Team

Safer South Africa Foundation (SSAF) is growing, both in terms of personnel and programmes. In 2018, SSAF welcomed the new Chief Executive Officer: General Mangwashi V. Phiyega, who brings a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience from the private, public, and civil sectors. The Foundation is confident that she will take it to greater heights as she had to hit the ground running from an operational perspective.

The head office team was strengthened by the appointment of the following members:

- Director Community Outreach Programmes: Mr Walter Mashiya
- Executive Manager: Ms Regina Moerane
- Marketing and Communications Manager: Mr Godfrey Monene

In its quest to expand the footprints of the Community Outreach programmes, including the Communities and Justice Programme, in the provinces, six provincial coordinators were appointed and trained. They bring an array of rich experiences from various fields. There is no doubt that they will add value and enrich the existing programmes.

Meet the provincial team:



Mrs Claudette van Zyl
Eastern Cape



Mr Pitso Mereo
Free State



Advocate Nomonde Scott
Western Cape



General Celiwe Binta
Limpopo



Mr Pumza Nyawuza
Kwa-Zulu Natal



Mrs Irene Ramatisa
North West



Look out for Safer South Africa Foundation's new initiatives:

- #Youth4SaferSouthAfrica - Social Media Campaign
- National Safety Debates
- Community Dialogues
- Policy, Research and Advocacy
- Communication and Awareness Campaigns (Walk/Run for a Good Cause: Crime Prevention and Safety Awareness).

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