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News from the South African-German Inclusive
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UPDATES:

- The Youth for Safer Communities (YSC) project, implemented by Masifunde Learner Development, carried out a record number of 58 workshops in schools in Nelson Mandela Bay in 2016, reaching 2181 learners. The workshops, conducted by young YSC facilitators, included 12 violence stricken schools in the Northern Areas. Contact: Shane Mangcangaza (Masifunde Learner Development).
- Masifunde Learner Development hosted its annual Youth for Safer Communities Summit from 25-27 November, during which grade 12 learners graduated out of the programme. The summit programme included training sessions on various topics relevant to youth violence prevention and planning for 2017 YSC activities. The summit was attended by 5 Youth Crime Prevention Desk members from Gauteng, for knowledge exchange purposes between the youth volunteer structures and Masifunde participants. In addition, a delegation from SAPS National and the Gauteng Department of Community Safety also attended parts of the summit and held exchange meetings with Masifunde, Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) South Africa and the Mandela Bay Development Agency/SPUU. Contact: Shane Mangcangaza (Masifunde Learner Development).
- On the 27th October 2016, the first issue of the *News for Kids* Newspaper was distributed to the learners in 20 primary schools in Soweto. *News for Kids* is a joint partnership between GIZ DeveloPPP.de (backstopped in SA by VCP), the Deutsche Presse-Agentur (DPA) and the Department of Basic Education aimed at enhancing literacy outcomes of learners aged between 10-12 years in grades 5 and 6 in the selected pilot schools. The initiative further aims to increase learners' knowledge on socially-relevant topics such as prevention of violence, teenage pregnancy, children's rights, health education, and HIV&AIDS, among others. Teachers from the 20 pilot schools have been trained to integrate *News for Kids* into their English (literacy development) and Life Orientation (life skills) classes. Contact: Matsetsebale Tleane (GIZ-VCP).
- Members of the #EKSE My Voice, My Safety Social Media initiative of the Youth Crime Prevention Desks (YCPD) from four Gauteng Clusters - Kaitshong, Tembisa, Soweto and Johannesburg - had the final of three Social Media Workshops on the 22nd-23rd November 2016. They planned ways to incorporate the use of social media to enhance their violence prevention initiatives in their communities. The participants also held a dialogue on youth leadership and were joined by YCPD members from the Mamelodi East Cluster. Other participants shared their views through a live tweet-up and other social media platforms. Contact: Mothibi Mohomane (Gauteng Department of Community Safety).

- On the 17th November, GIZ-VCP hosted a roundtable discussion with selected partners on the topic: Youth Leadership Development for Community Safety. The meeting discussed ways of strengthening youth leadership skills in the context of existing youth volunteer structures for community safety, such as Youth Crime Prevention Desks and Youth CPFs. Contact: [Matsetsebele Tleane](#) (GIZ-VCP).
- At the beginning of 2016, VCP supported 21 civil society practitioners in Nelson Mandela Bay to be trained as facilitators of the [Alternatives to Violence Project](#) (AVP) conflict transformation programme. Since then, 13 AVP events, with about 220 participants, have been conducted in the Metro. The events were organized by AVP South Africa, the [Safety and Peace through Urban Upgrading](#) (SPUU) programme of the Nelson Mandela Bay Development Agency (MBDA) and the Umzi Wethu Youth Development Project of the Wilderness Foundation. Contact: [Jessie Bohr](#) (GIZ-VCP).
- On 2 December VCP convened a working session with civil society organisations working in the field of violence prevention in Nelson Mandela Bay. The purpose was to share information about current activities and highlights for the year, and explore how exchange and cooperation between the organisations, as well as with other government partners, such as the Metro, could be deepened in 2017. Following a fruitful exchange, the participants agreed to reconvene in January 2017. Contact: [Jessie Bohr](#) (GIZ-VCP).
- The [INGWE Youth Development Programme](#) participants, in a workshop in October with GIZ-VCP and Mondi representatives, developed a 'Youth Facilitator's Guide'. Once finalised, the INGWE Facilitators' Guide will assist INGWE-trained youth with tools and guidelines to further train other young people on the INGWE youth leadership tools. Contact: [Maximillian Vogt](#) (GIZ-VCP).
- Together with its key stakeholders, the Eastern Cape Provincial SAPS has reviewed and finalized the provincial Youth Crime Prevention Framework to promote youth leadership and active participation of youth in promoting community safety at station level. The youth volunteer structures based at police stations will be empowered through a training programme and the training model will be offered as an input to the National Youth Crime Prevention Framework. Contacts: [Brigadier Ntsabo](#) (SAPS) and [Thomas Hellmann](#) (GIZ-VCP).
- The [Designed to Move](#) project, which has been coordinated in South Africa by GIZ-VCP on behalf of GIZ headquarters since 2014, held its close-out and lessons learnt workshop with key partners in Pretoria on 13 October. The project, which has been a co-operation between GIZ and Nike, and implemented in South Africa and Brazil, aimed to generate a movement to increase physical activity amongst children. Under the slogan, "Active Kids do Better," the project has supported the inclusion of physical activity in selected primary schools in South Africa, with further plans to systematically strengthen physical activity as a component of the school curriculum. Contact: [Norman Mphake](#) (Physical Education Institute of South Africa).
- On the 15th and 16th of November, SALGA and the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL), supported by GIZ-VCP, jointly convened an induction workshop for all newly elected community safety portfolio councillors in the Eastern Cape Province to strengthen knowledge exchange and build a joint understanding of local government's role in building safer communities. In total 20 councillors

participated and agreed to proactively support a community safety agenda in their municipalities, through strengthening Community Safety Forums and implementing municipal community safety plans. Contacts: [Pumla Ngakula](#) (DSL) / [Khosi Msimka](#) (SALGA).

- In November, SALGA released the first ever [Pocketbook](#) on the role of municipal councillors in building safer communities. It provides advice and guidance on key concepts, legislation as well as the role of local government with regards to community safety. The Pocketbook was developed with the support of the Civilian Secretariat of Police Service and GIZ-VCP. It can be [downloaded here](#). Contact: [Thulani Mabaso-Mahlangu](#) (GIZ-VCP).
- The [Urban Safety Reference Group](#) held its 11th session in Pietermaritzburg on 27-28 September. The session featured a members' meeting, a field visit and a public roundtable discussion on the [State of Urban Safety in South Africa Report 2016](#). Contact: [Siphelele Ngobese](#) (South African Cities Network) / [Esther Wegner](#) (GIZ-VCP).
- On the 2nd November 2016, the National Treasury, through the Chief Directorate: International Development Cooperation, in collaboration with the German Development Cooperation, hosted a workshop to exchange knowledge, lessons learnt and success factors and enhance linkages between the different violence prevention initiatives supported by German Development Cooperation. The meeting had diverse stakeholders participating, including from the Western Cape Province, the City of Cape Town, Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, the City of Johannesburg, City of Tshwane, South African Cities Network and SALGA. Contacts: [Nathalie Vereen](#) (National Treasury) / [Terence Smith](#) (GIZ-VCP).
- On behalf of the Urban Safety Reference Group detailed research on the different dimensions of urban safety and local government continues. The third Urban Safety Brief, on "[Local government safety functions and the question of unfunded mandates](#)" was presented at the City Budget Forum on 29 November 2016. Contact: [Esther Wegner](#) (GIZ-VCP).
- The third [UN-Conference on Human Settlements and Sustainable Urban Development](#) (Habitat III) took place in Quito, Ecuador from 17-20 October 2016. Representatives from the City of Johannesburg gave inputs on the pilot project on participatory urban upgrading at End Street North Park in the inner city of Johannesburg. The [project](#) is a joint partnership between Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ), Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA), Johannesburg City Safety Programme (JCSP), Inner City Road Map office, GIZ-VCP as well as UN-Habitat. Additionally involved is the NGO Sticky Situations, working on social activation programmes in the park as well as the Technical University Darmstadt, which offered valuable conceptual input at the very beginning of the project. Contact: [Ayanda Roji](#), (Johannesburg City Parks & Zoo) or [Esther Wegner](#) (GIZ-VCP).

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES:

- Urban Safety Reference Group | Local government safety functions and the question of unfunded mandates (Policy Brief)
<http://www.saferspaces.org.za/resources/entry/local-government-safety-functions-and-the-question-of-unfunded-mandates>
- SALGA, CSPS, GIZ-VCP | The Role of Municipal Councillors in Building Safer Communities (Pocketbook)
<http://www.saferspaces.org.za/resources/entry/the-role-of-municipal-councillors-in-building-safer-communities-pocketbook>
- Save the Children | The social and economic burden of violence against children in South Africa (Study)
<http://www.saferspaces.org.za/resources/entry/the-social-and-economic-burden-of-violence-against-children-in-south-africa>
- CSPS, GIZ-VCP | SaferSpaces Gazette 2016/17 (Newspaper)
<http://www.saferspaces.org.za/resources/entry/saferspaces-gazette-2016-17>

NEW SAFERSPACES POSTS:

- **Blog** | Reflections on the New Urban Agenda: Let's focus on public spaces for social cohesion
<http://www.saferspaces.org.za/blog/entry/reflections-on-the-new-urban-agenda-lets-focus-on-public-spaces>
- **Blog** | Successful launch of Safer Schools Network in Mandela Metro
<http://www.saferspaces.org.za/blog/entry/successful-launch-of-safer-schools-network-in-mandela-metro>
- **Blog** | Open Streets in Cape Town: Connecting people and exploring streets together
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