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Global Overview of Rural Safety Threats



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Global Overview

Rural Safety and Rural Crime is a global phenomenon

Countries and Victims respond in their own unique ways

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SA is not unique in experiencing Rural Safety threats, BUT it has unique challenges

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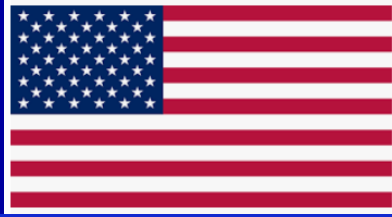
Let's talk, critically think together and advise on how to improve safety in Rural Settings



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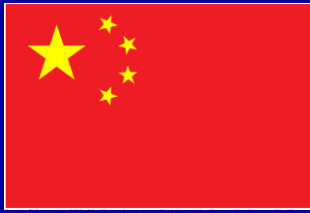




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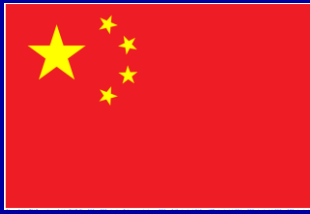
RURAL SAFETY ISSUE	CAUSE OF ISSUE	EFFECT OF ISSUE	STRATEGY	OUTCOME OF STRATEGY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Violence against women*Livestock & fruit theft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Rural communities that's socially disorganised & high rates of poverty*Farms isolated*Unemployment/ poverty & drug abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Culture dictates that women have less value*Negative impact on farming which may lead to food insecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Reactive policing targets hotspots only*No strategy on violence against women	Reactive policing not effective due to isolation of farms therefore it's a challenge to police.



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RURAL SAFETY ISSUE	CAUSE OF ISSUE	EFFECT OF ISSUE	STRATEGY	OUTCOME OF STRATEGY
Rural-related corruption	Rural government officials generate income by illegally selling rural land to real estate developers	Rural-related corruption undermines economic growth and generates poverty	To curb rural-related corruption township-level procurator offices were established to effectively monitor land distribution	Rural-related corruption and land-expropriation related cases were frequently detected and corrupt local government officials convicted for embezzlement, extortion and bribery



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RURAL SAFETY ISSUE	CAUSE OF ISSUE	EFFECT OF ISSUE	STRATEGY	OUTCOME OF STRATEGY
<p>Farm vandalism & farm property theft</p>	<p>*Farms are close to main roads - resulting in theft of property</p> <p>*Farms are subject to vandalism</p> <p>*Crimes committed for monetary gain</p>	<p>*Farm crimes affect employment, food prices & food traceability</p> <p>*Financial loss to the farmers. Farm crimes are perceived as threat to food security of the country.</p>	<p>*Farmers conduct own crime prevention initiatives</p> <p>*Reactive policing to crime</p> <p>*No police visibility (strategy)</p>	<p>*Crime prevention by farmers deter criminals</p> <p>* Police initiatives not effective to farm and rural crimes as it is reactive</p>



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RURAL SAFETY ISSUE	CAUSE OF ISSUE	EFFECT OF ISSUE	STRATEGY	OUTCOME OF STRATEGY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Water Theft *Dissent and unrest in Australia *Property theft on farms *Alcohol & drug abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Farmers & companies steal water to maximise business profitability for survival *Protests against Uranium mining of traditional land environmentalist challenging coal-steam & gas exploration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Water theft has negative impact on ecosystems * Negative impact on the economy and farmers productivity *Domestic violence increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Reactive policing *Public order policing to combat protests * Fines issued for theft of water * No strategy for domestic violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fines for water theft ineffective not its not a strong deterrent *Police and community work together to curb property theft on farms very effective *No strategy to police domestic violence



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RURAL SAFETY ISSUE	CAUSE OF ISSUE	EFFECT OF ISSUE	STRATEGY	OUTCOME OF STRATEGY
<p>*Theft of Faba Bean</p> <p>*Crop theft - Legume bean theft</p>	<p>*Unemployment & poverty is attributed to bean theft</p>	<p>* Negative impact on economy-limited export capability</p> <p>*Impacts in food availability</p> <p>* Domestic Violence (Beat up wives for not having traditional meals)</p>	<p>Farmers takes initiative to guard farms & crops</p> <p>Change type of food produced.</p>	<p>Discourage theft but cannot prevent it</p>



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RURAL SAFETY ISSUE	CAUSE OF ISSUE	EFFECT OF ISSUE	STRATEGY	OUTCOME OF STRATEGY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Theft of livestock *Theft of farm property & produce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Farmers live away from farms which are often isolated *Unemployment (especially among youth), poverty & drug abuse - associated with theft of farm property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Farm crime threatens food security of the country *Diminishes the dominance of agricultural sector as a key contributor to the economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Rural policing systems such as patrols *Reactive policing implemented / most instances police respond to theft of live stock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Strategy not effective since its reactive & only serves to address the crime committed *Rural policing ineffective - lack of resources



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RURAL SAFETY ISSUE	CAUSE OF ISSUE	EFFECT OF ISSUE	STRATEGY	OUTCOME OF STRATEGY
*Food fraud (fraudulent packaging, counterfeiting, product stealing, etc.)	*Food fraud - fuelled by high profit margins. Profits from food fraud are comparable to cocaine trafficking, with less risks. It is a lucrative, difficult to detect white-collar-crime	Food fraud leads to huge economic losses to governments & consumers as well as consequences for eco-environment and public health	No policing strategy	

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RURAL SAFETY ISSUE	CAUSE OF ISSUE	EFFECT OF ISSUE	STRATEGY	OUTCOME OF STRATEGY
*Crime & road networks/quality in rural areas	*Quality paved road networks records lower rates of crime	*Limited and poor quality road networks increase the crime rate for certain offences	*Attend to environmental design & maintenance of the street to allow fast access by the police to any point of that street	*Reduction in crimes such illegal sale of alcohol, assault, theft and sexual crimes in rural areas



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RURAL SAFETY ISSUE	CAUSE OF ISSUE	EFFECT OF ISSUE	STRATEGY	OUTCOME OF STRATEGY
<p>*Farm attacks - directed at the owner, dwellers, workers & farm visitors with an intention to cause disruption, harm to victims and/or damage to property</p> <p>*Theft of livestock /produce</p>	<p>* Inequality</p> <p>*Land disputes</p> <p>*Poverty</p>	<p>*Attacks on farms threaten food security, employment & economy of the country</p>	<p>National Rural Safety Strategy</p>	<p>*Partial success achieved in addressing rural safety</p> <p>*Shortcomings in the implementation of the strategy were identified</p>



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