

EVALUATION



Evaluating crime and safety

The **Open Society Foundation's** Crime and Safety Project is running in three sites across the country. The project takes a 'public health' approach to community safety. By treating safety as a health issue, the project is far more inclusive than projects which limit their focus to the criminal justice system. It acknowledges that while crime threatens the safety of many South Africans, a community can also be made unsafe if it doesn't have access to clean drinking water, decent education, or economic opportunities.

GreaterCapital's work on the two-year Crime and Safety project included:

- **Evaluating** the extent to which crime prevention measures are in place and how well the criminal justice system functions and, crucially, the steps that have been put in place to help realise the goal of a safe and healthy community.
- **Conducting training** with representatives from all three sites so that in future they will be able to evaluate their own processes and advance their efforts to improve safety in their communities.

We know that it is impossible to manage what you can't measure. By introducing a system that allows communities to measure their efforts to improve safety, we hope to contribute to better management and ultimately safer, healthier communities.