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Department:  
Correctional Services  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**SOUTHERN CAPE MANAGEMENT AREA  
PRESENTATION TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE  
SUMMIT 25-26 NOVEMBER 2019**

**OVERVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT AREA**

25-26 NOVEMBER 2019

## Overview of the Southern Cape Management Area

The Southern Cape Management Area is made up of :

- Area Commissioner Office
- Office of the Parole Board

The Parole Board is a roving body that serves all centers with a radius of 250 km

- 4 Correctional Centers and 5 Independent Units

- George

- Uniondale (independent unit)

- Oudtshoorn

- Beaufort West (independent unit)

- Prince Albert (independent unit)

- Ladismith (independent unit)

- Female Centre

- Knysna

- Mosselbay Youth Centre



## Overview of the Southern Cape Management Area

There are 4 Community Corrections offices at

- George
- Knysna
- Mosselbay
- Oudtshoorn

They are assisted by the following offices :

- ❖ 1 Independent office at Thembaletu
- ❖ Beaufort West
- ❖ Prince Albert
- ❖ Ladismith
- ❖ Uniondale

# CORRECTIONS

Challenges	Risks & impact on service delivery	Solutions
<p>1. Overcrowding – All our Centres in Southern Cape are overcrowded due to increase in population and crime in the Southern Cape. Increase in RD totals. Most Centres are heritage sites and cannot be extended.</p> <p><u>Parole Board</u></p> <p>1. The vastness of the management area make it difficult to see all the offenders on their minimum detention period and parole violators within 14 days</p>	<p>1. Offenders are incarcerated in inhumane conditions. No bed space available to admit new admissions, not compliant with Saldanha judgment (150%)</p> <p>Offenders not been seen within their minimum detention period and parole violators within 14 days.</p>	<p>1. Building of new Correctional Center's, extension of bed spaces (Plettenberg Bay, George, Mossel Bay, Riversdal &amp; Oudtshoorn).</p> <p>The Parole Board Chairperson and secretary must do proper planning to visit different Centre's to ensure that offenders were seen within the timeframe.</p>

## SOCIAL RE-INTEGRATION

Challenges	Risks & impact on service delivery	Solutions
<p>1. Offices are still functioning on the 2003 post establishment.</p>	<p>1. There is a big discrepancy between the “warm bodies” in offices and financed Post Establishment</p>	<p>1. Post establishment of 2003 to be reviewed and amended</p>

# MAINTENANCE

Challenges	Risks & impact on service delivery	Solutions
1. Pressure on resources due to overcrowding	1. Due to the overcrowding of all Correctional Centres in the Southern Cape, there is a lot of extra pressure on all infra structures, for e.g. ablution facilities which put the overall maintenance of ablution facilities under huge pressure	1. It is recommended that more Correctional Facilities need to be build in this Management Area to reduce the overcrowding of facilities.

# Highlights

- On 21 August 2019 a successful Anti-Violence Crime prevention talk show for school learners was held at Isalathiso Primary where seven (7) schools Partake and real stories from offenders on ripple effect of crime were shared.
- On the 01<sup>st</sup> May 2019 a combined special monitoring was held at George area and surrounding areas led by the Area Commissioner , comprising of social workers to see a first hand information on the living conditions of parolees and probationers under our system.
- Uniondale Community Corrections held a Victims' Rights limbizo on the 04<sup>th</sup> August 2019 where Victims's Rights awareness was presented and Restorative justice was highlighted.



# INCARCERATION



# ACCOMMODATION OF INMATES

CENTRE	APPROVED ACCOMODATION	UNLOCK TOTALS 25 SEPT 2019	REMAND DETAINEES 25 SEPT 2019	SENTENCED OFFENDERS 25 SEPT 2019
Beaufort West	76	173	92	81
George	563	1116	498	618
Knysna	179	370	207	163
Ladismith	54	139	31	108
Mosselbay	346	638	179	459
Oudtshoorn Med A	300	644	194	450
Oudtshoorn Med B	78	129	37	92
Prince Albert	52	106	21	85
Uniondale	52	94	27	67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>3409</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>2123</b>



# SPECIAL CATEGORIES: SENTENCED OFFENDERS ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

CENTRES	BABIES	FEMALES	CHILDREN	MAXIMUMS	LIFERS
George	0	0	0	10	22
Knysna	0	0	0	0	4
Oudtshoorn Med A	0	0	0	0	15
Mossel Bay	0	71	2	0	0
Oudtshoorn Med B	4	129	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>41</b>



# **SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMMES**

- ANGER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME
- SEXUAL OFFENDERS REHABILITATION PROGRAMME
- LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMME
- SISONKE FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIP PROGRAMME
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMME
- COOL AND FIT YOUTH PROGRAMME
- RESILIENCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME
- ELDERLY PROGRAMME

# Lifers

- George - 22
- Knysna – 4
- Oudtshoorn – 15
- Total - 41



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# **SOUTHERN CAPE MANAGEMENT AREA**

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**“ A YEAR OF ACTION TO ENSURE ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE AND FEEL SAFE”**

**Thank you**