

# Why the Khayelitsha Commission findings matter



Khayelitsha is made up of 3 stations – Harare, Lingeletu West and Khayelitsha

# 7962

violent crimes\* were reported in **Khayelitsha** in **1 year**

# 47.5%

increase in **common assault** in the **last 5 years**

# 41.2%

**of all crimes** are violent in the **last 5 years**

\*Violent crimes are crimes committed directly against a person.

At least 2 police stations are substantially understaffed, as found by the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry.

# 124.1%

increase in **aggravated robberies** in the last 5 years

↑ **Increase** in illegal possession of **firearms** and **ammunition**

# 47.1%

increase in **attempted murder** in the last 5 years

↑ **Increase** in **drug related crime**

# 45.5%

increase in **common robbery** in the last 5 years

## We can beat escalating crime if SAPS acts now to implement the Khayelitsha recommendations:

1. Sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Community Safety.
2. Community Policing Commitments for every police station.
3. Efficient detective services.
4. Visible policing guidelines in informal neighbourhoods.
5. Monthly crime stats released at station level.
6. Vigilante killings strategy for better responses and investigations.
7. Better infrastructure at police stations.
8. More trained police officers to combat crime.

The **Western Cape Government** and **Department of Community Safety** remain committed to improving the safety of **every Khayelitsha resident**.