

# **PC: Home Affairs: Challenges Outside Desmond Tutu Refugee Centre**

## **PRESENTATION**

**Department of Home Affairs**

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## BACKGROUND TO DHA INTERVENTIONS

- At the margins of the IMC briefing in May 2015 it was agreed that DHA approach NATJOINTS sister departments with the intention to establish an intervention to security related challenges at Marabastad and TIRRO.
- In taking the decision to intervene, three critical objectives were identified;
  - ✓ Intelligence gathering
  - ✓ Disruptive Operations (Border environment and Pretoria)
  - ✓ DHA Operations
- A Task Team under NATJOINTS composed of the following was established;
  - DHA ASM {Chair}
  - DHA Project Team
  - State Security
  - National Police
  - BMA Project Office
  - SANDF

## INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

- Gather intelligence on syndicates operating between Marabastad and northern borderline environment.
- Profile safe havens around Pretoria
- Gather information on the identified categories
  - Addresses of suspects identified
  - Modus operandi of suspects monitored
  - Surveillance around the centre
  - Undercover operations
  - Threat and Risk Assessment
  - Profiling of officials, security guards and property owners around Marabastad
  - Weekly meetings between DPCI anti-corruption and DHA Counter Corruption and Security

## DHA OPERATIONS

- Access and exiting the building
  - Improve building infrastructure
  - Restructure process flow
  - Automated booking system with self extension capability
  - Queue management system
  - Streamlining of operations
- IT infrastructure
- Off-site interpretation services
- Improve security and surveillance
- Improve security of files through Docu-File electronic system
- Monitor performance of the Centre to evaluate impact
- New legislation, focuses on integrity testing, combating & preventing fraud, corruption and dishonesty measures

## IMPACT

- Efficiencies at adjudication were also introduced to ensure that cases at first instance are finalized timeously.
- Prioritizing SCRA reviews
- Security Surveillance in the centre
- Paperless processes for secured filling and easy retrieval
- Secured working environment
- Reduction in the abuse of the asylum process

## WAYFORWARD

- ✓ Will continue to engage our security cluster sister departments to enhance security around the premises
- ✓ Undertake to provide regular updates to the portfolio committee