

Safer City — Botswana's Nationwide AI-Enabled Police Camera Network

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Botswana

Quality score: 7/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Botswana's police deployed an AI-enabled CCTV/facial-recognition network of 1,000+ cameras across two cities at a cost of billions of pula, but the country's own procurement regulator ruled part of the rollout improper, and no crime-impact data has been published.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	0/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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