

VPUU — Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading in Khayelitsha, Cape Town

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Quality score: 86/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

A 'second-generation' crime-prevention-through-design programme in Cape Town's Khayelitsha township pairs infrastructure upgrading with community safety work; a peer-reviewed 2020 study of 3,625 households found a 34% drop in interpersonal-violence exposure near upgraded areas.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

[VPUU NPC, City of Cape Town and KfW Development Bank](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

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[Metropolis: Violence Prevention Through Urban Upgrading case study](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

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