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# **Digital Citizen Safety Hackathon**

**Press Release**

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## The Empire Partner Foundation (EPF)

- **9<sup>TH</sup> HACKATHON** from 31 July to 1 August, at our offices in Illovo, Sandton.
- **HACKATHON FOCUS:** How can we use tech to generate crime insights in order to reduce crime in our communities?
- Currently law enforcement takes an average of more than two hours to arrive on scene in response to emergency calls. The GPCPB has patrollers that assist communities in emergencies, using an online data management system called Vikela to report on crimes.
- The missing link currently is the communication between the GPCPB patrollers and the community members. Patrollers are currently dispatched by the community using WhatsApp groups.
- EPF in partnership with Vikela Crime Insights decided to host a hackathon for Safety to address this challenge.

## Fast Facts

- 9 HOSTED HACKATHONS
- 12 UPCOMING HACKATHONS
- 320+ TOTAL DEVELOPERS
- SABC NEWS COVERAGE
- AFRICAN NEWS COVERAGE
- 11 SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED
- 14 PARTNERSHIPS SECURED
- 37 KEYNOTE SPEECHES
- 10 PERMANENT JOBS
- 15 INTERN OPPORTUNITIES CREATED
- 10 BURSARIES PROVIDED
- 9 WINNING TEAMS WITHIN OUR INCHUB

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- 20 developers were selected from a pool of 88 applicants, to join the second Hybrid hackathon that took place virtually and at the EPF Headquarters in Illovo, Sandton!
- The winning team was "TTTBS".



- Their solution is a mobile app and USSD-based system, which will be used to report criminal activities and provide a quicker emergency response.
- 'TTTBS' will be integrated into the EPF IncHub.

- And all of this was developed in a brief span of two days!

- Special thanks to Vikela Crime Insights for collaborating with us on this hackathon, and for The Good People Data Company for sponsoring the safety hackathon.



- Special thanks to ITWeb for covering our story, and SABC for covering our hackathon – via The Network Show on Channel 404.



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