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This book is intended to map and draw lessons from some approaches towards the implementation of crime prevention policy in South Africa. It is written for practitioners, particularly those in government, non-governmental organisations and in the donor sector involved in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of multi-agency crime prevention programmes.

The book does not pretend to be comprehensive, but rather focuses on a selection of initiatives that have explicitly sought multi-agency participation. This is because multi-agency participation is a fundamental principle of crime prevention wherever it is practised and, secondly, South Africa's policy and published guidelines for its implementation are premised on this. Also, experience indicates that it is in the application of such multi-agency approaches that most of the challenges that confront successful implementation of crime prevention interventions lie.

The lessons drawn from the practice of multi-agency crime prevention initiatives are intended to stimulate debate and, through this, a more thorough approach to crime prevention in the country.