

**The Relationship Between Crime and Infrastructural Gaps
Within the Golf Course Reconstruction and Development
Programme (RDP) Housing Estate in the Eastern Cape
Province of South Africa**

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ABSTRACT This study sought to explore the association between crime and infrastructural gaps in the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) houses with a case of the 2013 RDP Golf course study. The study used both qualitative and quantitative approaches and adopted a case study and mini survey designs. The study was explorative, explanatory and descriptive in design. Twenty-four (24) participants were subjected to one –on-one interview while 50 respondents answered a questionnaire interview. The findings from this study indicated that there were immense crime attributed to inadequate infrastructure such as having no streetlights; no feeder roads while the existing ones were deplorable; and there were no police services instituted near these houses; These shortcomings compelled these researchers to recommend to the government and other development partners to consider working for infrastructure such as making feeder roads and improving the existing ones; expediting the installation of street lights and ensuring police services are instituted. These researchers believe that the results from the study will ring a bell to policy makers and non government organizations to brainstorm and come up with a plan to bolster the infrastructure around the RDP houses.