



## Enhanced Street Lighting

More than 75% of the African population lives without public lighting. Crime rates in many African nations are high, notably South Africa, Nigeria and Namibia have some of the highest crime rates in the world, making it crucial to implement effective crime prevention strategies.

Studies have shown that improved/enhanced street lighting reduces crime by 20-40%, making enhanced lighting the single most effective way to lower crime while also increasing pedestrian and road safety.

**UK Home Office:** 20% reduction in crime, including vehicle-related crimes.

**U.S. Study:** Published in *Criminology & Public Policy* showed 45% reduction in nighttime index crime and a 39% reduction in daytime index crimes following enhanced lighting installation.

Each 1% reduction in overall crime leads to a 0.5% to 1% increase in property values. Enhanced street lighting can further lead to economic stability and growth by attracting businesses and improving the quality of life. The increase in property values and improved safety drive more investments in the local infrastructure and services.

Better lit streets can improve the perception of safety, leading to increased outdoor activities and community engagement. Improved lighting can also enhance the effectiveness of other crime prevention measures, such as CCTV surveillance.