



SAFER SOUTH AFRICA FOUNDATION



General Mangwashi Victoria Phiyega
Chief Executive Officer

PROFILE

General Mangwashi Victoria “Riah” Phiyega is the CEO of the Safer South Africa Foundation. She believes that police cannot address the inequalities that fuel high levels of crime in our country alone. Communities and other stakeholders have a significant role to play.

Riah Phiyega has had an illustrious career in both the public and private sector.

She is the current Deputy Chairperson of Polmed Medical Aid Scheme.

She is a retired National Commissioner of the South African Police Service. She was Director for Development in the National Council for Child Welfare.

Riah has vast experience in Executive Business Leadership in banking, transport and maritime sectors. She is a past Group Executive for Absa Bank and a past Group Executive of Transnet. She is a past Executive of the National Ports Authority and was Head of the Transnet Foundation.

Over the years she participated in numerous strategic leadership roles. She was appointed by President Mandela as commissioner of the Road Accident Fund Commission chaired by Judge Satchwell.

She was appointed to be Chairperson of the Presidential State Owned Enterprises Review Committee.

She was appointed Deputy Chairperson for the Independent Commission for the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers – Chaired by Judge Seriti.

The Minister of Transport appointed her as the Chair of Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) Task Team. The task team produced far reaching recommendations that led to the current reformed and transformed RTMC.

The Minister of Education appointed her to serve as Member of Council for the University of Limpopo as well as the Medical University of South Africa (Medunsa) She served on many transformational structures particularly in the welfare space, where among other things she served as the first Chairperson of the National Welfare Forum.

She was part of the committee that drafted the new Welfare White Paper of a democratic South Africa appointed by the Minister for Social Development. She was Board Member for the 2010 Soccer World Cup Bid Committee.

She served on numerous Boards of Companies and NGO's chairing a number of them.

Riah holds a BA (SW) degree from University of the North, a BA Honours Degree from Unisa; an MA degree from Rand Afrikaanse University (now University of Johannesburg) and a post graduate diploma in Business Administration from Wales University.

She also attended Executive Development programmes at the National University of Singapore and Wharton University, Pennsylvania in the US.