

Partnership between state
institutions and non-governmental
organizations in the prevention of
infectious diseases

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- During the two decades after the dictator regime communist in Albania is undergoing a profound reform, legal, administrative and infrastructure, to improve the security conditions and treatment of persons convicted and detained.
- In 2010, Albania has 21 prisons and detention centers in which are security and treatment 4700 persons.
In recent years there has been an important step in building new institutions, which has contributed to reducing overcrowding.
- The beginning of the Proof of Service, which are located on 700 people with light sentences has influenced in positive way.



New Buildings

- IEVP Vaqarr, 1999, with a capacity of 146 persons
- IEVP FC, 2001 with a capacity of 343
- IEVP Kruja, 2002 with capacity for 196 elderly and the mentally disabled
- IEVP Wanderers, in 2003, with a capacity of 685
- IEVP F. Krujë, 2008 with a capacity of 312
- IEVP Vlora, 2008 with a capacity of 125
- IEVP Korca, in 2008 with a capacity of 312
- IEVP Durres, 2009 with a capacity of 224
- IEVP FC 2009 with a capacity of 40 persons for minor almost all other institutions are recon structured



Organization

- Administration and direction of prisons is under the Ministry of Justice since 1994, and detentions since 2007.

Management, organization, structures and rights and treatment of prisoners are based in Law No. 8328, dated 16.04.1998, amended by Law 9888 dated 10.03.2008, as well as other legal acts.



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- Detention and prison system in Albania has for mission to contribute to a safer society through the effective implementation of the human way of penalties to imprisonment and other criminal measures, offering people who have been entrusted
- care of this service,
- opportunity to build a lifestyle and social return accepted in society. Key words mission prison system are: ***security, reintegration and humane treatment.***
- **Vision:** Creating the necessary conditions for strict implementation of all obligations under the existing legal framework making criminal sentence in a reformatory opportunities based on European standards.




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- The biggest change that has occurred in the prison system is changing the philosophy of treatment of persons in conflict with the law, which relies on key Conventions of the freedoms and fundamental human rights.
Despite the improvements made and care staff for prisoners, we must say that in general they are most vulnerable population.
- Isolation, loss of relations with family and relatives, forced cohabitation with individuals and various groups, the level of hygiene, and health care, are factors that increase risk for health damages.



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Medical Service



Medical services provided during the entire duration of stay in the institution, despite the demands of the detainees. Administration of the institution provides the conditions, means and personnel to protect the health of detainees. Organization and implementation of health service made by the administration of the institution, in cooperation with the prison hospital and with relevant state bodies to health. Convicts may require that visit, with their costs, by a doctor they want. Health service should provide:

1. Diagnosis and treatment of diseases.
2. Supply of medicines and medical equipment.
3. Prophylaxis diseases, making special care for infectious and contagious diseases.
4. Ensuring environmental hygiene and sanitation education to the prisoners.

Every healthcare institution has the pharmaceutical, which responds to the needs for prevention and maintaining the health of detainees. The convicts, who are suspected or have contagious diseases, once isolated in special environments. In institutions where women suffer punishment, operate special services to serve pregnant women and those breastfeeding. Medical staff visits every day behind the sick and those who apply and audit, periodically, all the other convicts, according to a schedule drafted by the directorate of the institution. Identifies and informs medical personnel immediately for diseases that require specialized treatment. In cases of contagious diseases or other diseases, diagnosis and treatment of which can not be obtained in terms of institution, the defendants transferred to the prison hospital and, when necessary, they are transferred to the University Hospital Center, Tirana, in hospital institutions, the county or district level, depending on her. Diagnosis and treatment in these centers are under a common guideline of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Health. In emergency cases, when risk life behind, he was transferred for treatment in the prison hospital or regional hospital. Regional institutes hygienic-sanitary visit, at least twice a year, institutions of execution of criminal decisions, to control the hygienic-sanitary conditions of facilities and measures taken by health service institution, to prevent infectious diseases. "



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International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 2200A (XXI) of 16 December 1966 entry into force 3 January 1976, in accordance with article 27


■ **Article 12**

- 1. The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

Basic Principles for the Treatment of Prisoners

Adopted and proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 45/111 of 14 December 1990

- Prisoners shall have access to the health services available in the country without discrimination on the grounds of their legal situation.
- Health personnel, particularly physicians, charged with the medical care of prisoners and detainees have a duty to provide them with protection of their physical and mental health and treatment of disease of the same quality and standard as is afforded to those who are not imprisoned or detained.



The present state of health of prisoners and detainees is as follows:

- 384 inmates are chronically sick, of which 225 are with cardiac problems, diabetes are 43 people, 19 people are seriously ill and the rest various pulmonary diseases, rheumatic and urinary tract.
- We have a person with renal transplantation and a person with multiple sclerosis. Drug users 144 people. With 2 person with AIDS .TB -0 person. Persons with mental health problems are 279 people from these 83 people are forced treatment.



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- Health care in the prison system is covered by the service staff in each institution, with doctors, dentist, assistant physician, who make the 24 hour service.
- Health services in prisons is part of public health and supported by him.
- Directorate General of Prisons in health treatment of convicts is supported by Non-Government Organization like "Stop AIDS", "Action +", and UN Group like WHO, etc.



Some projects for HIV prevention

- Preventing HIV infection / AIDS in the prison population through Peer Education Service.
- Strengthening Albania's National Response to HIV/AIDS Among Vulnerable Groups
- Preventing HIV infection / AIDS / STI TO PERSONS IN Especially in conflict with the law USERS Intravenous Drug (PID)“
- Drug users, risk of transmission of HIV / AIDS, specific population of prisoners.