

Human Rights and Healthcare in Prisons and other Closed Institutions in Georgia II

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Project objectives

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the respect for human rights and improve the access of people kept in prisons, police detention and other closed facilities in Georgia to health care (including mental care) services. More specifically it aims to:

1. Improve the provision of healthcare services in prisons and police detention facilities in Georgia.
2. Improve the regulatory framework that guides the treatment of prisoners with mental health problems and people in psychiatric care in line with international standards and enhance relevant operational practices.
3. Strengthen preventive capacities and measures for the observance of human rights of detained people and improve internal and external oversight of places of detention, including psychiatric institutions.

Project partners

The Project is implemented in close cooperation and partnership with the Ministry of Corrections, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, the Public Defender's Office and the Ministry of Justice. It also includes a wider group of stakeholders who contribute to the overall improvement of human rights situation and healthcare of people detained in Georgia, such as independent experts, human rights defenders and other civil society organisations, academia and international organisations.

Background information

The duration of the Project is 18 months and it is expected to be completed by 31 August 2017. The overall project budget is EUR 745,000 funded by the European Union, co-funded by the Council of Europe, under the auspices of the EU/CoE Programmatic Cooperation Framework in the Eastern Partnership countries.

It is a follow-up to and builds on the results of the EU/CoE Joint Programme on “*Human Rights and Healthcare in Prisons and Other Closed Institutions*” that finished in February 2016. The Project assists the Georgian authorities in consolidating the results achieved in previous years in the areas of provision of healthcare services in prisons and in police detention facilities as well as in addressing remaining challenges in the protection of human rights of people deprived of their liberty in prisons, police and other closed institutions. Wide range of activities are envisaged in the Project such as provision of expertise, technical assistance in developing the regulatory and policy framework and design of management and monitoring tools, assessment visits and country-specific studies, development of training programmes, materials and publications and organisation of various learning and awareness raising events (training sessions, conferences, workshops, etc.) as well as peer-to-peer exchanges.

Expected results

- Improved access for inmates and detainees to health care services which meet minimum quality standards;
- Improved treatment of prisoners with mental health and people in psychiatric care in accordance with European and other international standards;
- Enhanced preventive measures for the observance of human rights and strengthened internal and external oversight of places of detention, including psychiatric care.

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