

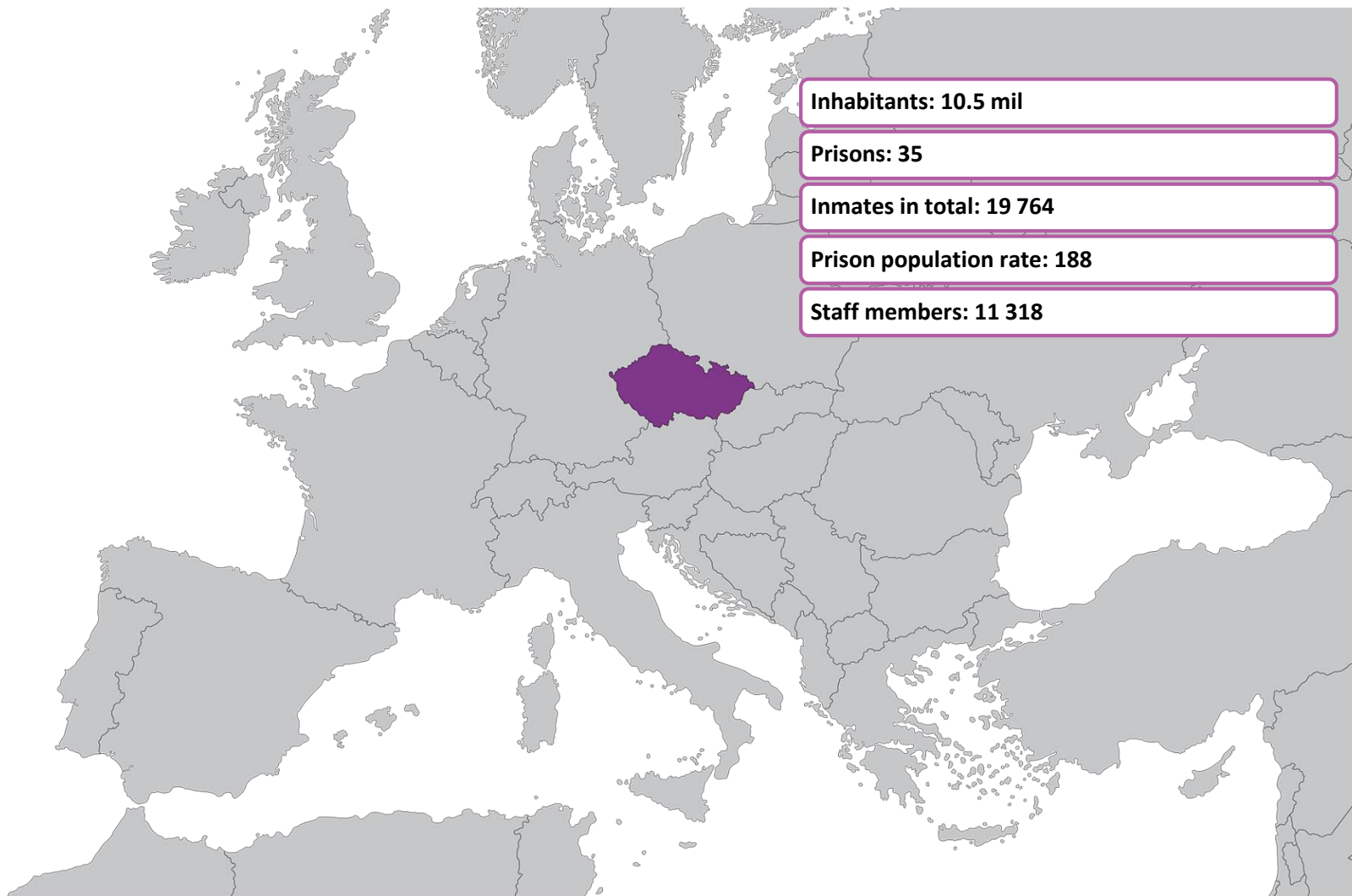


Prison Service of the Czech Republic

31 October 2020

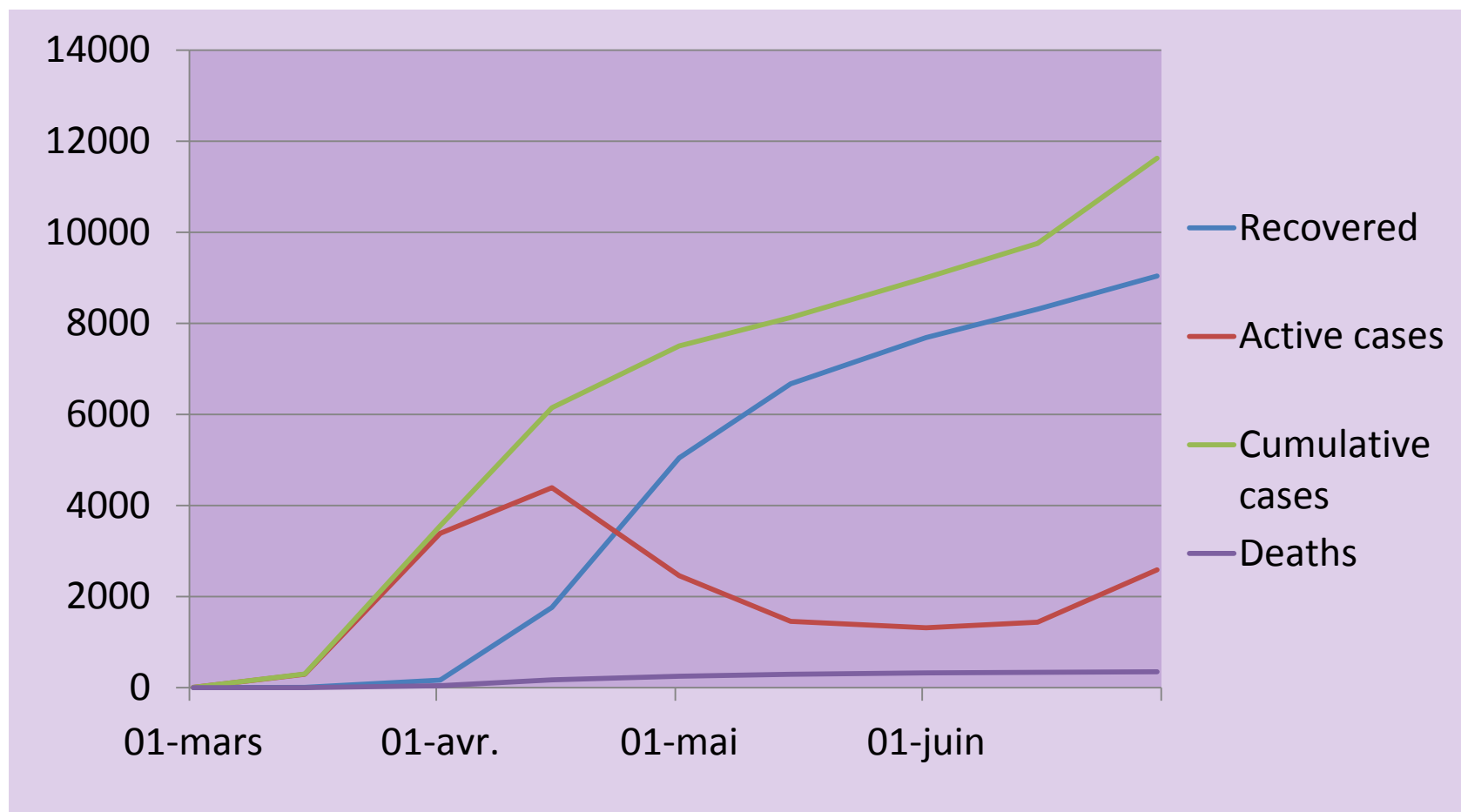


General information



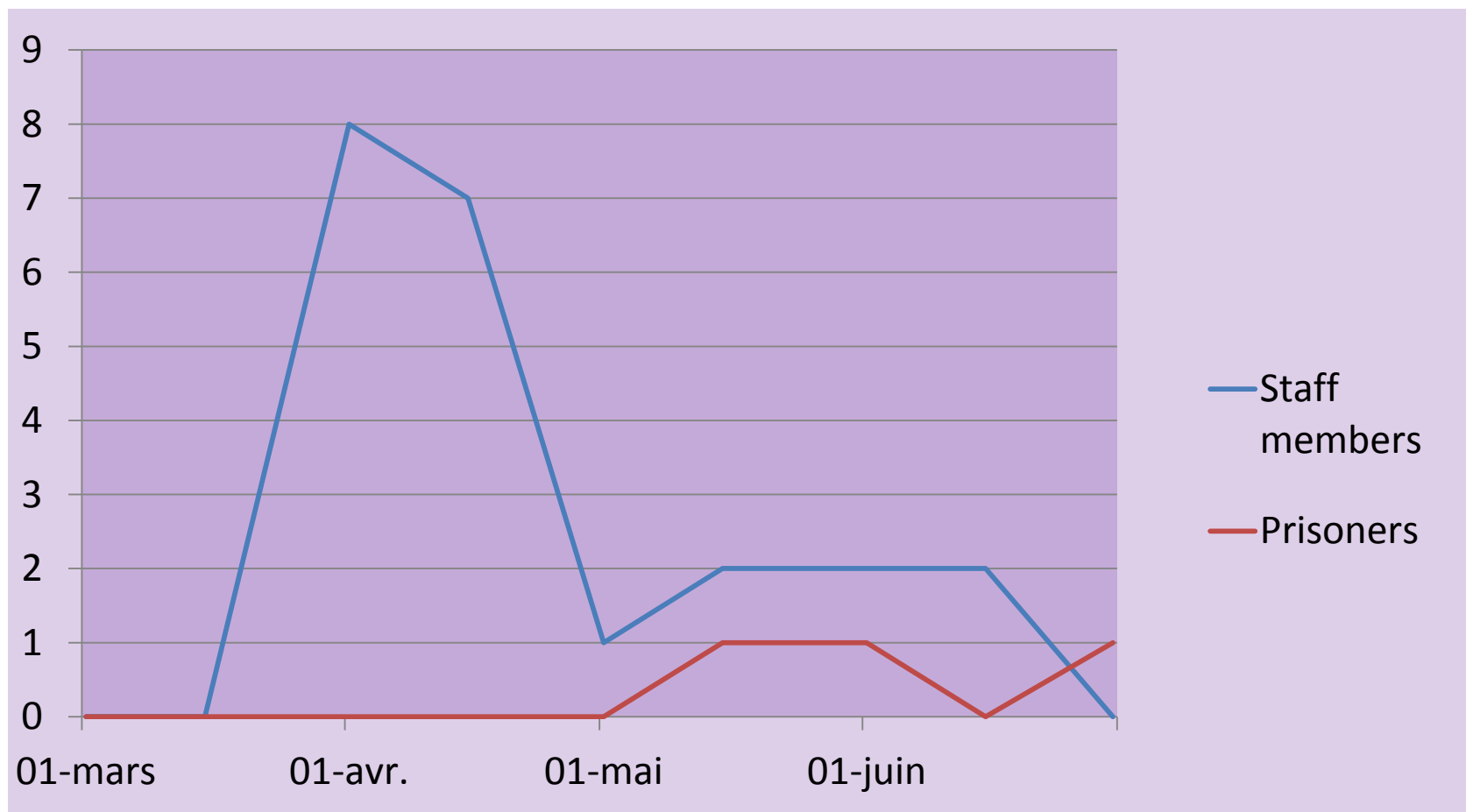


National level – 1st wave





Infections in prisons – 1st wave



Measures taken – March 2020

Prison management:

- Body temperature checks and hand disinfection at entrances
- Obligatory face masks
- Isolation cells/rooms for symptomatic inmates
- Protective material (face masks, respirators, gloves, goggles, protective suits)
- Limitation of prisoner transfers
- Video conferences with courts and attorneys
- Limitation of entries of external workers (probation, NGOs, Churches,...)



Measures taken – March 2020

Prisoners:

- Family visits and prison leaves suspension
- Compensations:
 - Extension of phone call time
 - Video visits
 - Extra parcel
 - More money for purchase in prison shops
 - More outside time
 - Extended treatment program activities
- Obligatory face masks outside cells or bedrooms
- 14-day quarantine for new admissions
- Limited external employment (outside prisons)
 - Loss of 1,300 working places till October



Measures taken – March 2020

Staff members:

- Body temperature checks and hand disinfection at entrances
- Obligatory face masks, respirators for certain positions
- Quarantine for people returning from abroad
- Online lessons and exams for recruits
- Home office where possible (HQ+administration)



Face masks – Prison Service production

March – June:

- 276,000 re-usable cotton face masks
- 1,1 mil single use nanofibre face masks
- Protective suits, face shields (3D printers)

Prison Service:

- Inmates – cotton re-usable (exchanged and disinfected by PS)
- Staff members



Supply to other organizations:

- 300,000 nanofibre single use
- 72,000 cotton re-usable
- Firebrigades, MoJ and justice resort, hospitals, Ministry of Defence, etc.

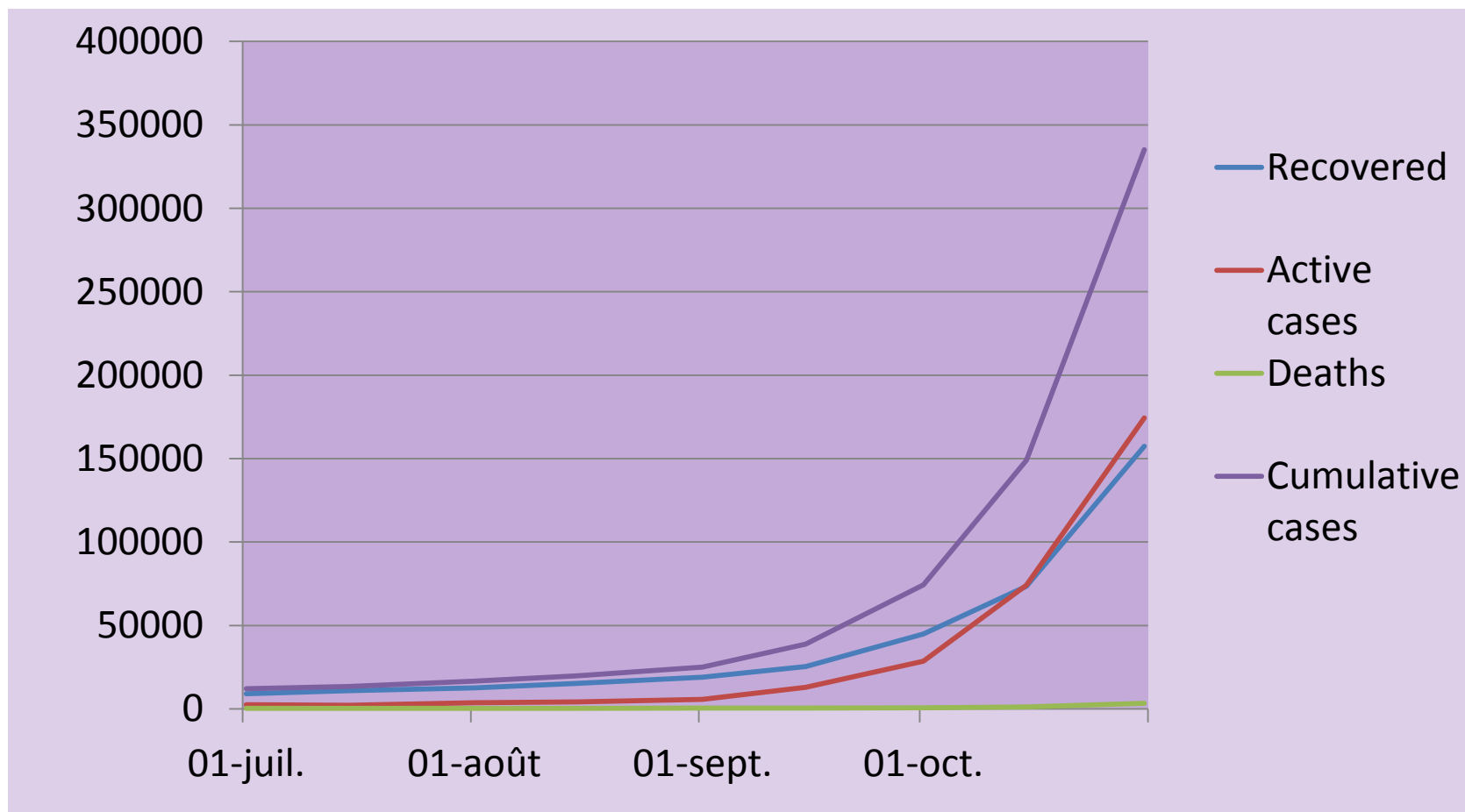
Current state

- Use of masks on stock
- Restart of production expected in November – cotton re-usable only



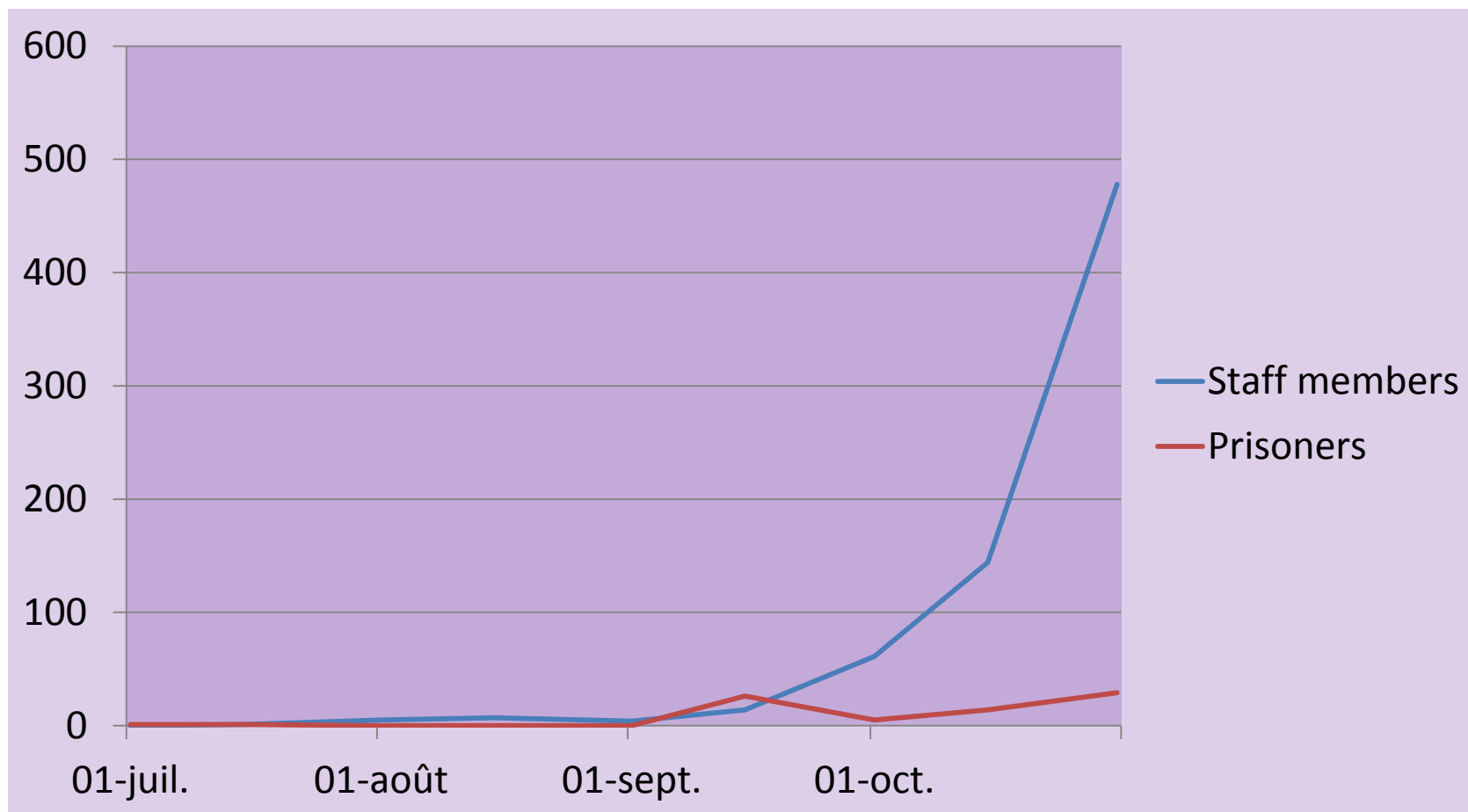


National level – 2nd wave





Infections in prisons – 2nd wave





Lessons learnt

Positive response from the inmates

Pandemic as a pushing element

- **Video visits**
 - Family members (6 – 8 thousand per month)
 - Courts
 - Attorneys
 - Probation
 - NGOs
 - Embassies
 - Telemedicine
- **Home office**
 - New equipment purchase
 - Enhancement of IT skills
 - online work, new applications
 - More independence and responsibility

On behalf of our members and the global corrections community we would like to give our thanks and appreciation to the frontline officers, healthcare workers and to all staff members who risk their health on a daily basis to care for persons under their supervision and in keeping our societies safer.

Those who are fortunate enough to be able to maintain self-isolation during this difficult time understand that your commitment in performing these duties under such conditions deserves to be recognised.

Prisons and correctional staff worldwide are the unsung heroes of maintaining this essential public service which protects us all.

#WeApplaud
#staysafe
#CorrectionalStaff



Strategies for the future

Legislation changes

- Video visits equal to physical visits
- Parcels for prisoners
- More independent decision making (Prison Service in Emergency State)

Cooperation with stakeholders

- Connection to established video platform – attorneys and probation
- NGOs – providing space and equipment for video visits to family members

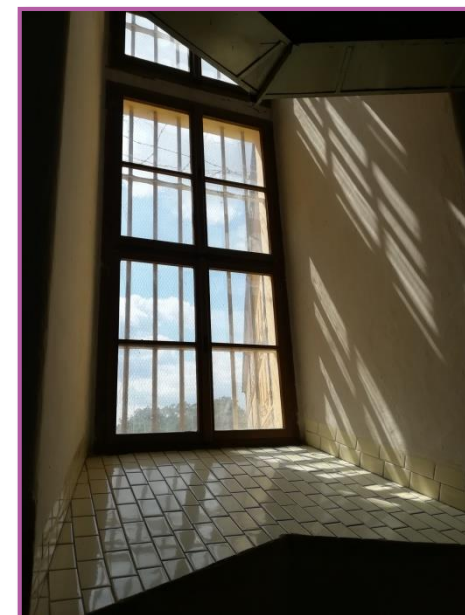
E-learning study courses

Online staff meetings

IT devices

Protective material on stocks

Negative impacts





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