

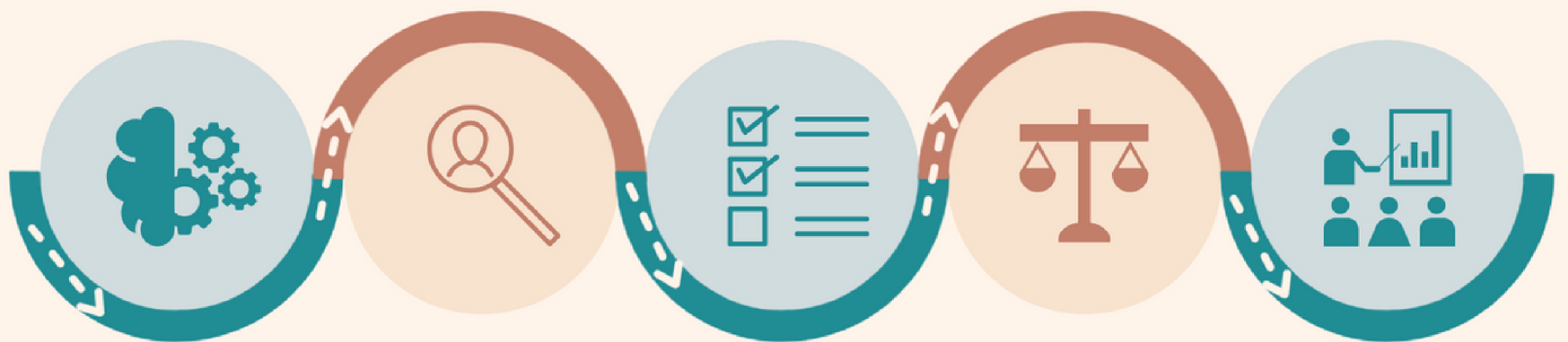
Suicide prevention in prisons in Armenia

2019-2024



- 1- Artik prison
- 2 - Vanadzor prison
- 3 - Sevan prison
- 4 - Goris prison
- 5 - Abovyan prison
- 6 - Armavir prison
- 7-10 - Vardashen, Nubarashen, Prison hospital, Yerevan Kentron prisons

Council of Europe supports Armenian authorities to implement effective suicide prevention mechanism within correctional facilities in line with the international standards.



Strategy

The national strategy for the prevention of suicide and self harm in prisons was developed and adopted.

Risk and needs assessment tool

Suicide and self-harm behaviour screening and in-depth assessment tools for persons deprived of liberty were developed.

Piloting

The tools were piloted in Armavir, Abovyan and Kosh prisons and later mandatorily implemented by all prisons.

Legal amendments

Legal amendments were developed and officially adopted rectifying the punitive approach to acts of self-harm and suicide attempts in prisons.

Capacity building

Over 200 prison medical and non-medical staff were trained on the suicide prevention tools and its successful implementation.

Main achievements



No punishment for attempting suicide or self harm



Mandatory screening of prisoners upon admission



Capable staff to tackle suicidal behaviour challenges

Did you know?

- The number of suicide cases in prisons in 2023 (2 cases) **decreased** compared to results of 2019 (5 cases).
- In 2023 6.3% of prisoners made self-harm attempts which is the **lowest** recorded number since 2019.