Social Reintegration of Released Prisoners

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40 million Euro

Buget of 2022

Cost per prisoner per day in 2021
- 77 Euro, CoE average
- 10.6 Euro, Moldova

5248 convicts, 01.10.22

72%
Long-term sentences

Closed prisons: 48%
Semi-closed prisons: 51%
Open Prisons: 1%
UNODC handbook

standards, rules
best practices
Pre-release and Post Release Intervention, UNODC handbook

Before release

➔ Contacts with family
➔ Progressive re-entry into society
➔ Addressing the financial consequences of imprisonment
➔ Re-entry planning

After release:

➔ Family support
➔ Job market re-entry assistance
➔ Lodging and financial assistance
➔ Access to healthcare and social security
➔ Engaging the community

Offender supervision
Law 297/1999: Post-prison support mechanism

- National Council
  - coordinating the post-release social reintegration

- National Probation Inspectorate
- National Labour Agency
- National Prison Administration
- Probation Bureaus
- Health institutions
- Prisons
- Local labour offices
- Employers
- Police
- Local Public Administration
28% of new entries in 2021 were former prisoners
Data on released and assisted prisoners

1289 released convicts during Jan-Oct 2022

- 471 after serving full sentence
- 148 early conditional release
- 362 compensatory mechanism for poor prison conditions
- 159 replacement of non-executed part of a sentence with a milder punishment
- 103 amnestied

30% worked during imprisonment

20% have qualifications

10% of conditional released - assisted by probation

8% assisted by Labour agency in finding a job.

Over 300 benefited of integrated services via Share Programme by the Regional Centre of Community Policies
## Moldova: accomplishment of Nelson Mandela rules

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<td>1. Prison staff assist prisoners in establishing/maintaining relations with post-release service providers.</td>
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<td>2. Post-release service providers have access to prisoners, are consulted by prison staff in a timely manner.</td>
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<td>3. A pre-release regime facilitates gradual return to society.</td>
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<td>4. Prisoners have identity documents, information &amp; means to reach their destination, and to start resettlement.</td>
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<td>5. Continuity of treatment upon release (HIV, TB, infectious disease, drug dependence, etc) is ensured</td>
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Challenges

Based on interviews with prisoners by NGO

- interrupted schooling
- mismatch between vocational training and job market requirements
- bureaucratic procedures for getting housing
- getting a loan seems impossible
- lack of housing, residence needed for other services
- lack of documents to continue education
- limited support to be financially independent after release
- strong influence of criminal subculture even after release (obligation to share)
- discrimination faced with interacting with authorities.
ROADMAP

Housing
- halfway house
- subsidised housing

Coping skills
- Behaviour Change programs
- Assistance and Counselling

Work
- 75% of average wage
- subsidised employment
- Social enterprises

Integrated support
- Individualised pre-release plan
- institutional agreements
Government approves the Programme for social adaptation of persons released from prisons

PLANNING STRATEGY

Government Decision
- Set objectives and targets by 2030
- Specific roles and responsibilities

Tools and Services
- Subsidised housing
- Subsidised employment programs, supervision by probation treatment

Research
- Reoffending study
- Impact of long-term imprisonment
- Communication with media

Monitoring and Evaluation
- Participatory monitoring and evaluation mechanism
Thank you!