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TUKO

ESTONIA'S FRAMEWORK FOR SAFE COOPERATION

TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION
AND ENHANCE SAFETY IN THE TRANSITION FROM PRISON TO PROBATION

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THE QUESTION IS NO LONGER IF – IT'S HOW



To support **community reintegration** and improve **safety** in the **transition from prison to probation** we need shared understanding of person's risks, needs and strengths.

CHALLENGES

- Lack of shared information
- Decisions without the person
- Poor coordination
- Late partner involvement



TUKO - FRAMEWORK FOR SAFE COOPERATION

Promoting desistance and public safety through effective network cooperation — so that we build a shared and meaningful understanding together with the person.

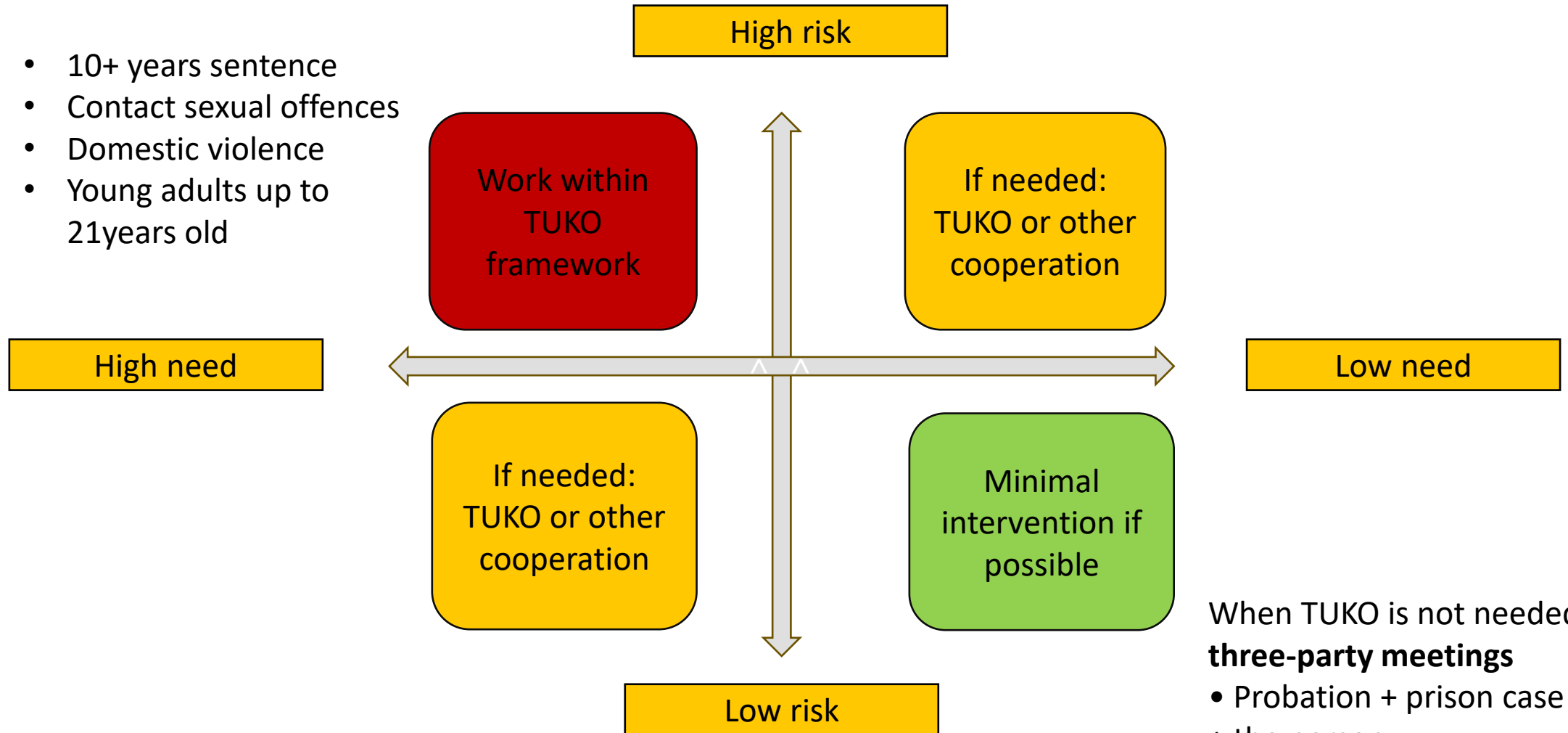
- Complex social problems need shared responsibility
- High-risk cases often involve many stakeholders
- Fragmented support → ineffective rehabilitation
- TUKO offers a **structured, coordinated, and shared approach**



Risks, needs, protective factors and possible solutions

FOR WHOM?

- 10+ years sentence
- Contact sexual offences
- Domestic violence
- Young adults up to 21years old



When TUKO is not needed ->
three-party meetings

- Probation + prison case manager + the person

WHAT, WHEN, WITH WHOM AND WHY?

Q: **What is TUKO?**

A: A structured framework

Q: **When?**

A: *it* starts in prison during the release preparation period and continues in probation when needed.

Q: **Why?**

A: to create a shared, factual picture of the case

- supports the probation officer's opinion and recommendations
- supports the prison's risk assessment
- gives the court clearer, case-specific input
- helps the person prepare for release and succeed in the community

Q: **With whom?**

A: it is a multi-agency network tailored to each case

- Probation officer (network lead)
- Prison staff
- Police
- Local government
- Mental health, addiction and social workers
- NGOs
- Family member or mentor (when relevant)
- The person themselves

CHALLENGE: LIFE AND LONG-TERM SENTENCES

Early preparation

- Life sentences: start 2 years before
- 10+ years: start 1 year before

Key focus areas

- Housing and ID
- Healthcare and special care
- Social services and mentor
- Crisis and reintegration counselling

Additional support

- Family and community
- Restorative practices
- Privacy guidance (media cases)

WHAT IMPACT WE HAVE SEEN ALREADY?

- Person included as an equal partner
- Early communication with partners → support ready in time
- Community considered early → better preparation
- More visibility of our work
- Clearer view of risks and strengths



TUKO IS MORE THAN A TOOL – IT'S A CULTURAL SHIFT

We clearly move from reactive, fragmented responses to shared, proactive collaboration.

*„People find a better way forward when support and responsibility come together.
Our task is to make that meeting possible“ by Jana Elken*



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