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TWINNING PROJECT

Strengthening the Penitentiary System and the Probation Service



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE TWINNING PROJECT

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The overall objective is to advance the effectiveness and efficiency of the penitentiary system and to develop an effective and sustainable probation service through pre-release and resocialization efforts with respect for human rights and dignity of persons deprived of liberty.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The project purpose is to strengthen the penitentiary system by improving the management and monitoring over the penitentiary and correctional facilities and develop the institutional and organizational structure of the Probation Service.

PROJECT DURATION

September 2018 to May 2020

Project Funding

The Project budget is 950,000 EUR

TWO MAIN PROJECT COMPONENTS:

C 1: Improved management and operation of the penitentiary system in order to ensure full protection of human rights in the treatment of prisoners according to international standards.

C 2: Developed probation service with the purpose of implementation of alternative measures and probation activities according to the law.

EXPECTED RESULTS

This project supports both the implementation of the National Strategy for Development of the Penitentiary System and the Strategy for the Development of the Probation Service.

- Strengthened capacities of the penitentiary system
- New standard operating procedures
- Improved facility management
- Developed pre-release programmes
- Developed programmes for treatment of juvenile offenders

- Developed structure of probation service
- Community service benefitted from support
- New risk assessment instruments
- Electronic monitoring operational
- Improved conditional release procedure
- Treatment and supervision programs introduced
- Operational network between probation service, prison service, judicial bodies and external stakeholders like NGOs

PROJECT TEAM

The project is implemented by the German Foundation for International Legal cooperation (IRZ) together with the Dutch Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC) and the Ministry of Justice, Directorate for Execution of Sanctions.



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