



Experience-sharing visit of penitentiary sector's specialists from Kyrgyzstan to Georgia

On 18-22 April 2016, seven representatives from the State Service for Execution of Punishments (SSEP) and Office of the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic visited Georgia for an experience-sharing tour with the penitentiary sector's specialists from Georgia. Upon their return, the participants together with the SSEP, will define priorities and steps to modernize the penitentiary service of Kyrgyzstan, taking into account the best practices of Georgia.



Iskakov Bakyt, Inspector of the Department of Defence, Order and Emergencies at the Apparatus of the Government:

"My attention was drawn to the relation between prisoners and staff which was very professional and there was no difference between treatment of lifers and other categories of prisoners. The risk assessment methodology and the system of assignment of inmates based on their risk level allow for an adjustment of conditions to the level of risk posed by individual detainees, thereby simultaneously increasing the chances of successful reintegration into society, reducing the risk of recidivism, and facilitating the work of the prison authorities".



Abdilamit Uulu Kubanychbek, Senior Inspector of the Department for the Public Procurement of the SSEP:

"I was quite familiar with the experience of Georgia in reforming of its penitentiary sector. We used the Georgian best practices while elaborating the Management Plan for Colony-19

(the first Prison Institution in Kyrgyzstan for life-sentenced detainees), but it was significant that I could practically witness myself all the achievements in Georgia. I was particularly impressed with the effectiveness of social service and rehabilitation programs".



Osmonova Nazira, Head of the Training Center of the SSEP:

"I was happy to learn about the work of the Training Center of the Penitentiary Service in Georgia. I was impressed with the infrastructure of the Center, as well as its training programs for adults and involvement of psychologists in the educational process. In Kyrgyzstan, we pay great attention to the strengthening of our training instructors' competences and, together with the ICRC's Prison System Adviser Zoia Khasia, we plan to elaborate a number of educational programmes and new guidelines with a view to reorganizing the SSEP's Training Center into an Institute in 2017".



Activities of the ICRC in Kyrgyzstan between January and May 2016:



A Management Plan for **Colony-19** was elaborated by the working group of the State Service for Execution of Punishments (SSEP) with the support of the ICRC's Prison System Adviser.



Design work of two barracks for light conditions of detention in **Colony-19** intended for life-sentenced detainees was completed.



More than **50 staff members** of the Training Center and Rehabilitation Service under the SSEP participated in courses and seminars organized by the ICRC.



156 Family Visits were organized in Kyrgyzstan and **281 family members** benefited from the **Family Visits Assistance Programme**, which facilitates visits of family members to their detained relatives. The program aims to support detainees who serve their sentences in penal institutions located far from home and whose families cannot afford to visit them on their own. The ICRC provides financial assistance to cover transport expenses of close family members to the places of imprisonment of their detained relatives. For many detainees, this program is the only chance to see their loved ones after years of separation.



57 TB-affected detainees in SIZO-1 and Colony-31 have completed successfully their treatment and **113 detainees** started treatment.



Construction of a medical room and repair works on toilet and shower were completed in **Sokuluk IVS** allowing for a start of provision of medical services since June 2016. In **Osh, Nookan and Kara-Balta IVSs** refurbishment is ongoing.



More than 100 clerics and experts participated in the scientific conference **"Humanitarian work and principles of IHL in Islam"** in Dushanbe, jointly organized by the ICRC and the Islamic Studies Centre under the President of Tajikistan.



The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day (8 May) was extensively celebrated in all seven branches of the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan. Traditionally, some of the events have been conducted jointly with the ICRC, like mini-football tournaments and other sport competitions among different ethnic communities in Chui and Issyk-Kul regions, round tables for community leaders, media campaigns, or International Humanitarian Law competition among university students of Batken and Jalalabad regions.



40 doctors in Bishkek and Osh cities obtained or improved their skills on the provision of medical services during emergency situations and community leaders of **12 villages** in Osh, Jalal-Abad and Batken oblasts participated in First Aid trainings conducted by the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan.



Around **600 servicemen** of the National Guard of the Kyrgyz Republic enhanced their knowledge about International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent during information sessions and IHL course. Some **60 military and police officers** participated in the First Aid Courses.

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