

# Ensuring good Prison health; the role of NGOs

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# Key areas to addressing prison issues

- 1. Law reform. Adjust the laws to decrease numbers of prisoners. For instance on the basis of proportionality (e.g use/possession, quantity, violence),**
- 2. Pre-trial detention. Provide access to legal support, medical/social care and ensure good processing of detainees,**
- 3. Prison management. Supervision to comply with international standards and international laws/regulations,**
- 4. Social reintegration. Early support to reintegrate in society,**
- 5. Prison health care. Strive to equivalence of health care.**
- 6. Alternative measures and sanctions**

# Role of NGOs

- 1. Provide services**
- 2. Build capacity**
- 3. Advocate**

**On:**

- Continuum of care**
- Equivalence of care**
- Use the opportunity of prison (additional support and interventions)**