

## EC Partners

United Nations Office  
on Drugs and Crime  
(UNODC)

Service of Execution of  
Penalties of the Kyrgyz  
Republic

## Facts and Figures

- EC contribution: €2,5 million (90% of the total)
- Duration: 2009 - 2012
- Beneficiaries: 2 500 staff of the prison system and all prisoners (9 698 in 2011)



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# Governance and institutional reform

## Supporting prison reform in Kyrgyzstan

*"This project is very well-timed and consistent with the national priorities in terms of ensuring stability, public security, protection and creation of the efficient prison system."*

Sheyshenbek Baizakov, Head of the State Service of Execution of Penalties



## Context

The prison system of Kyrgyzstan faces many challenges, among them very poor material conditions, serious difficulties to separate and control the prison population, acute overcrowding, breakdown of prison industries and lack of prison staff training. Poor pay and dangerous working conditions make it hard to attract qualified staff to the service. Provision of adequate healthcare in prisons is a serious challenge, and cases of tuberculosis among prisoners are 40 times higher than in the general population.

## Objectives

- Improving institutional capacity of the prison administration to manage prisons effectively, in line with UN standards and norms.
- Achieving a healthier working and living environment in prisons, contributing to the prevention of disease and the promotion of mental and physical health.

## Impact

- Legislation on prison reform and alternatives to imprisonment revised and Prison Reform Strategy and Policy for 2011-2015 drafted.
- Development of prison staff training programme, which will include, courses on prison leadership, strategic planning training, working with prisoners with special needs, and working with prisoners with a life sentence.
- Completed needs assessment report for the upgrading of sanitary and heating facilities in 4 prisons with total capacity of 6 864 prisoners.
- Organising vocational training for approximately 15 prisoners in each of the selected prisons on plumbing, electricians' skills, decorating etc.

For more information:

<http://www.unodc.org/centralasia/en/prison-reform.html>