

Penal Reform International - South Caucasus



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PRI: Who we are

An independent non-governmental organisation that develops and promotes fair, effective and proportionate responses to criminal justice problems worldwide

PRI: How we work

- > Head office and 4 regional offices
- > Partners
- > Promotes and implements international human rights standards through:
 - International and national advocacy
 - Practical programmes and training

Thematic priorities

- > PRI does not work directly on health and welfare issues
- > These issues permeate PRI's work in relation to the overuse of imprisonment and its impact on detainees and society more generally

Who are women prisoners?

Survey results from Armenia and Georgia

Top 3 needs following release:

- > Help finding employment
- > Health treatment and counselling
- > Support with childcare and family reunification

Addressing the issues

PRI implements several projects across the South Caucasus region with support from:

> UNDEF

> OSF

> UNICEF

> EU

Challenges facing PRI in South Caucasus

- > In-country politics
- > Regional influences
- > Role of civil society



PRI's impact

“PRI played an important role in mobilising civil society in advocating for the reopening of places of detention and in allowing NGOs to re-establish their presence in them for other types of work”

Krassimir Kanev

Independent Evaluator to PRI's EU-funded project:
'Strengthening institutions and building civil society to
combat torture in nine CIS countries, 2010-2013'

More information

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