



Resettlement work with foreign national prisoners In Geneva

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67%

High percentage of foreign national prisoners in Geneva



New concept of reintegration and desistance

Purpose → identify needs of the specific category of prisoners
and develop specific projects for each category

Why developing a specific project for foreign national offenders?

- **Legal obligation**

Art.82 & 96 CPS (provide the same access on social services to all prisoners and regardless of their legal status)

- **Any prospect of integration in Switzerland**
- **Part of this population yearns for a dignified return to the country of origin or country of residence**

Main lines of our intervention

1. Communication inside the prison
2. Communication with family and community
3. Education
4. Health
5. Reintegration in country of return

1. Communication: Inside the prison

Prisoner handbooks in 9 languages:

English

Spanish

Arab

Portuguese

Romanian

Serbo-Croat

Italian

Russian

German

Secteur socio-éducatif à la prison de Champ-Dollon
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Manuel d'aide au détenu
Guide de conversation

FRANÇAIS - ANGLAIS

Help Guideline for Prisoners
Conversation Guide

ENGLISH - FRENCH



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2. Communication: Maintain family and community link

Skype

Maintaining or restoring link with family and community

Visual contact

Projection in the future place of life

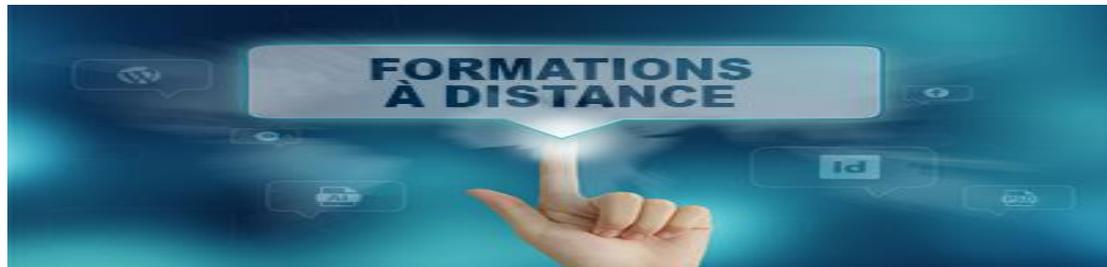


3. Courses and Education

Focused on skills which prisoners could use when they return to their country of origin or residence

The focus is on distance education

Laptops in the cells (no internet connection)



4. Health

How to provide access to medical care when they go back to their country?

Health problem is one of the most important issues and can be a major obstacle in the process of reintegration

Solution → collaborating with the Red Cross

Reintegration in the country of return



Thank you!

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