



Cyprus Prisons: Children of Prisoners during COVID Crisis

***Workshop
Children of Prisoners
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Goal & Objectives



During COVID Crisis

Main Goal

Protection of inmates & staff from COVID threat

Objectives

- Maintain safety and security of Prisons
- Protect and support positive child-parent relationships



Cyprus Prisons Department & Child-parent relationship

- ✓ **Human-centered approach**
- ✓ **Constructive regime** - learning environment /Sports/Purposeful activities/ Participation in charity & social events **inside prisons**
- ✓ **Work-life balance** (family, education, work, leisure)
- ✓ Rehabilitation/ Resocialization/ **Normalization**/ Reintegration
- ✓ Promoting/Supporting **positive parenting**
- ✓ **Increased contact with the outside world** (family unification/reunification) through physical visits, phone calls, SKYPE call visits (Jan. 2015), and during events inside prisons
- ✓ **No leaves at home (closed prisons)**
- ✓ **No events outside prisons [events with live link now]**
- ✓ **First event outside prisons with prisoners on 22.11.21 – Theatre team**

PRO-COVID PERIOD



During COVID period

- 9.3.20 – first COVID incident in Cyprus
- 10.3.20 – Preventative measures by Prisons (prisons, staff, inmates)
- 15.3.20 – Measures by the Government
- 31.3.20 - Early releases / vaccination
- Open-door regime/ work, school programs & sports partly suspended
- New visitation regime
- Human Rights safeguarded
- Respect and effective response to individual needs
- Informative – briefings the whole period (eng & gr)/ flyers
- **VISITS:** initially reduced/ suspended
- **Phone calls:** unlimited phone calls 0800 -2030 daily
- **SKYPE call visits** for all inmates
- **Children events (2020/2021)**
(Presents for children on events)
- **Free tele-cards / financial assistance/psychological support** to inmates and their families when needed
- **Personal protective equipment** for the transfer of inmates to courts or to hospital for emergencies(staff & inmates)
- **Zero COVID incidents in closed prison for 19 months**

PRO-COVID-19

VISITING AREAS

...as from 2.6.20



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN 2020 & 2021



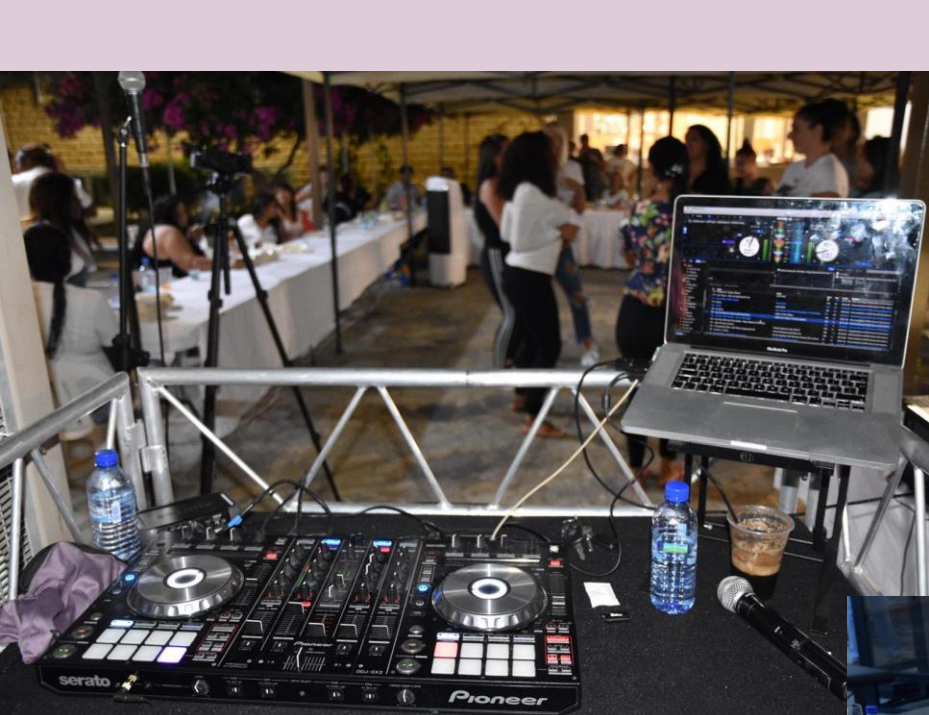


**Other events/ activities/ projects
during COVID pandemic**

KEBAB DINNER FOR EVERYONE after COVID (1st wave) 13 June 2020



Barbeque events in female prisons



WE ARE ALL EQUAL – FOOTBALL MATCH



BE ACTIVE – EUROPEAN SPORTS WEEK 2020 & 2021 - BASKETBALL

SPORTS in PRISONS 2020 & 2021 COURTS & GYMS



BE ACTIVE – EUROPEAN SPORTS WEEK

MARTIAL ARTS – FEMALE BLOCKS



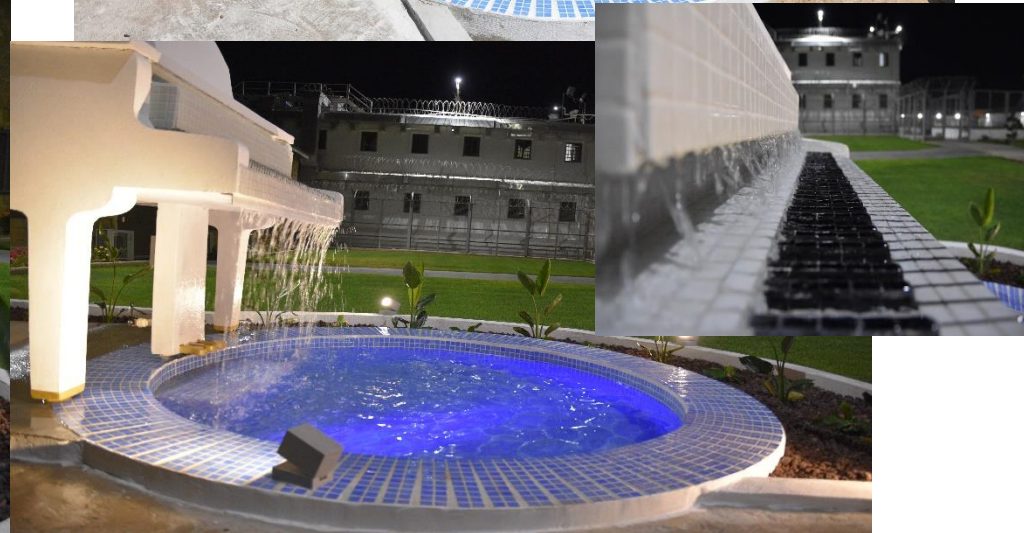
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2020 & 2021 – FUNCTIONAL RELAYS



PIANO PROJECT

Mar. – Sep., 2020



BLOOD DONATIONS 2020 & 2021



DOGGIES PROJECT



CALENDAR 2021 for the NGO "STOP TRAFFICKING"



77PS for Good Management and POSITIVE Outcomes in times of crisis

- Be knowledgeable/ aware – study
- Don't Panic! Be prepared!
- Be promptly responsive - Be Informative (gain trust)
- Planning – Effective & efficient use of resources
- Careful design of measures: Balance and Proportionality – Human rights & individual needs, SECURITY, Focus on the end-goal
- Engage stakeholders -Staff, inmates, M/MH/SW services etc.
- Maintain a humane constructive regime
- Be mindful about people (staff and inmates)
- Be present at all times (visible)
- Support positive inmate-staff relationship
- Respect individual needs /Support positive child-parent relationships in any situation
- Team-work, engagement of stakeholders
- Trust and respect
- Compliment publicly /Say thanks/show gratitude for the collaboration

POSITIVE OUTCOMES

- **Zero COVID incidents** for inmates in closed prison for 19 months
- **No incident of inter-prisoner violence**
- **No riots**
- **Colaboration & engagement**
- **Trust and Respect**
- **Compliance with the rules/ instructions/ orders**
- **Safe and secure prison**
- **Positive child-parent relationship safeguarded**

LINKS

- <https://youtube.com/channel/UCLVcVtdcHx2qLzKW0TINO-g>
- [ΦΥΛΑΚΕΣ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ-CYPRUS PRISONS-Κρατούμενοι έζησαν στιγμές ευτυχίας με τα παιδιά τους στις Φυλακές - YouTube](#)

THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS?

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