



Knowing your epidemic: Situation and needs assessment in prisons

Press conference

AIDS 2010 Media Centre Hall A, Press Conference Room 2 Wednesday, 21 July 2010 1–2 p.m. HIV represents a significant challenge for the 30 million people worldwide who spend time in detention each year. While it is known that prevalence rates of HIV, TB and hepatitis C and B infections are significantly higher among prison populations than within the community, the extent of the problem is not well documented and therefore national services are not always aligned to the needs of prisoners and prison staff. In response to this, UNODC is launching the "HIV in Prisons: Situation and needs assessment toolkit" at AIDS 2010 to support and guide Governments in conducting situational and needs assessments for the design and implementation of effective HIV intervention programmes.

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UNODC is the lead agency within UNAIDS for HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for drug users and in prison settings



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