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Organization name:	NISMA/ ARSIS
Project title:	Enhancing psychosocial support and reintegration by law enforcement agencies for women deprived upon release and combating juvenile recidivism
Timeframe	12 months (05 September 2020 – 05 August 2021)
Overall objective:	To enable social inclusion and reintegration/rehabilitation structures for juveniles and women (mothers) deprived upon release in the Women Prison
Location:	Tirana (325 prison)
Specific objectives:	(1) Functional penitentiary system is strengthened through protection services of juveniles and reintegration programs allowing former juvenile offenders to come to senses and return to society (2) Consolidate access to rehabilitation as a precondition to release and facilitate communication among pros and probation when it comes to continuation of pre-and-post release plan for mothers deprived upon release.
Short description of the project:	The proposed interventions aims to contribute form a multisectoral point of view in formalizing and standardizing good models of psychosocial and rehabilitation services to detained juveniles and mothers deprived upon their release. NISMA intervention will focus on both management and reinsertion measures, to properly address the needs of the above mentioned categories using case management as the most powerful tool that will fit needs to give these children and women an opportunity to get out of the vulnerability circle. Needs assessment of the children in conflict with law and their families, identification of the community barriers for integration and resources, empowerment of the network of professionals dealing with these target groups, drafting of operational protocols will contribute to bring the system near to the real needs and justice to guarantee its restorative and nonpunitive role.
Expected results:	(R.1) 25 juvenile offenders are supported with psychological support and other integrative services to prevent recidivism and risks of reoffending, by actively engaging in the community life (R.2) 15 women are provided with reintegration/rehabilitation services post-release enabling them to continue a dignified social community life. (R.3) General public is aware of risks and effects of detention post-release difficulties faced by mothers and juvenile offenders as also aware of the necessary community support system to mitigate these risks.



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Organization name:	CRCA Albania
Project title:	HOPE for children and youth in conflict with the law in Albania
Timeframe	12 months (05 September 2020 – 05 August 2021)
Overall objective:	To promote institutional and community-based alternative services to incarceration that support positive development of children and young people in conflict with the law, while ensuring functionality of juvenile justice and child welfare systems.
Location:	Tirana, Korçë and Elbasan regions
Specific objectives:	S.O 1: Support the efforts of the justice system in Elbasan, Korce and Tirane to establish child and youth friendly rehabilitation and reintegration processes of juveniles in conflict with the law, after they leave the pre-detention and prisons by facilitating juveniles integration in families, neighborhoods and communities with psychosocial, legal, education, VET employment services etc. S.O.2: Address gaps and policies that facilitate child and youth delinquency and provide recommendations to institutions, policy makers, social partners and NGOs to develop and promote community based services for the rehabilitation and reintegration of children and youth in conflict with the law.
Short description of the project:	The action focuses on the implementation of a set of measures and actions that increase access to justice and social welfare services by providing free legal aid and psychological support to children, young people, and their families. The Action aims also at strengthening capacities of law enforcement agencies to increase access to justice for children and young people, while facilitate coordination, establishment of establishing new synergies, for case referral and management between justice system, child welfare systems, education, employment, police and NGO's working in Tirana, Korca, and Elbasan.
Expected results:	1.1 At least 70 juveniles in conflict with the law supported in their rehabilitation and reintegration efforts with counselling, family and community mediation, vocational training, employment services, education etc and their return in the community. 1.2 At least 40 justice professionals (prosecutors, judges, employees of the probation service officers and the prison administration) increase their capacities development of training programs for representatives of institutions of the criminal justice on child rights and the treatment of juveniles in conflict with the law. 2.1 Support the networking in the area of juvenile justice. 2.2 At least one monitoring report of the National Justice for Children Strategy is prepared and published. 2.3 Deliver at least 3 recommendations to parliamentarians, Ministry of Justice, Justice institutions to potentiate effectiveness of the programs in the terms of rights of people deprived of their liberties access to justice, quality life and rehabilitation. 2.4 Inform at least 2000 children and youth in 3 regions on child rights and what to expect from the courts cases where they might get involved, available legal remedies to claim remedies and seek justice, the available specialized services, et



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Organization name:	Centre FOKUS
Project title:	"Recreating hope"- Rehabilitation perspectives for penitentiary system in Albania
Timeframe	12 months (05 September 20– 05 August 21)
Overall objective:	Enabling a functional penitentiary system of protection and prevention for persons deprived of their liberties and upon release, in full compliance with European standards and recognised international principles
Location:	Tirana, Kavaja, Elbasani and Korca
Specific objectives:	Promoting rehabilitative approaches that consolidate psychological models of counselling and treatment for persons deprived of their liberties and upon release
Short description of the project:	<p>Considering the overall penitentiary system, and the type of security levels and of inmates that are accommodated, this project has been inclusive and representative when identifying these 4 detention facilities as target to the project:</p> <p>a) Juvenile Correctional Centre of Kavaja, representing a particular interest and an opportunity to present models of counselling and treatment for juveniles, first time offenders, aiming non repetition and reduce recidivism.</p> <p>b) Women' Prison in Tirana, as the only place of deprivation of liberty for female detainees (pre-trial and prison).</p> <p>c) Pre-trial Detention Centre of Elbasani, a newly built institution, overcrowded, with a dynamic range of detainees and identified difficulties in terms of psychosocial interventions and treatment.</p> <p>d) Drenova high security prison, that accommodates normal to high security and life sentenced prisoners who can be experiencing delicate and urgency situations and where treatment may be needed to ensure individual wellbeing and health care.</p>
Expected results:	<p>Result 1: Consolidated information and European practice on rehabilitative approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An in-depth assessment of the actual programs/plans dedicated to rehabilitation in prisons in line with national strategies and action plan</li> </ul> <p>Result 2: Shortcoming and violations are addressed through proper access to health care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building for prison psycho- educational staff is ensuring that recommendations are understood and brought to implementation</li> </ul> <p>Result 3: An advocacy campaign aiming to potentiate good practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the opportunity to communicate and share information with organizations and agencies that provide rehabilitation support to inmates upon release</li> </ul>



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Organization name:	A.L.T.R.I
Project title:	Fostering European human rights standards for resilient and sustainable communities!
Timeframe	8 months (01 February – 30 September 2021)
Overall objective:	To create an interactive platform for raising awareness and ameliorating knowledge of CSOs and institutions which work with detainees related to European human rights standards and to promote the mobilization of them and also of the vulnerable communities towards the realization of these rights.
Location:	Tirana (including Kavaja), Korça, Vlora, Shkodra, Elbasan and Lezha.
Specific objectives:	SO1. Informing and raising the awareness of CSOs and institutions which work with detainees related to European human rights standards. SO2. Promoting interactive discussions between CSOs, institutions and vulnerable communities towards the fulfilment of the rights of detainees in line with European standards.
Short description of the project:	In order to fulfil the main goal, the project will be oriented in three main pillars: (1) The first one consists on the creation of the online interactive platform named "Detaineesrights.al". that will enable CSOs, professionals, but also the community to share experiences and knowledge, learn from each other and receive and give support or share the way they approach a particular problem. (2) The second pillar, seeks to involve CSOs and institutions from the first stages of conception of the platform and throughout the development of activities,. (3) The third pillar consists in the mobilization of CSOs, institutions and vulnerable communities to get familiar with European human rights standards and to be active in the online platform. The main activities: Activity 1.1 Conceptualizing an interactive platform "Detaineesrights.al" Activity 1.2 Consultation of the platform with CSOs and institutions. Activity 1.3 Establishment and the functioning of the platform. Activity 2.1 Promotional meetings with CSOs and institutions to present the platform. Activity 2.2 Social media campaign for target citizens to be active in the platform
Expected results:	R1: CSOs and institutions have deepened their knowledge on selected topics on European human rights standards; R2: CSOs, institutions and vulnerable communities are mobilized and engaged through the platform towards the fulfilment of the rights of detainees in compliance with European standards.



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Organization name:	MKPN, Vlora
Project title:	Social reintegration of youth in conflict with law in Vlora
Timeframe	8 months (01 February – 30 September 2021)
Overall objective:	Promoting rehabilitation and reintegration of children in conflict with law through community based action”
Location:	Vlora and suburban areas
Specific objectives:	“Support children in contact/conflict with the law by enabling them to explore and develop individual potentials for better citizens”
Short description of the project:	<p>This project is introduced as an opportunity for the youth in Vlora district to explore potentials, avoid criminality, reduce violence and restore education and community engagement for those in conflict with the law. The project has identified the actual needs for Vlora’ youth to consolidate some good examples and seek to engage mixed groups of inspiring young peers along with those in conflict with law, to build synergies and good vibes through project activities and enable restorative practices and rehabilitation. Through this project MKPN aims to inform, rehabilitate and reintegrate children in conflict with the law. It also aims to inform and raise awareness among families, communities and institutions on restorative practices.</p> <p>Main activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fourteen (14) capacity building sessions for youth on restorative justice and rehabilitation:</li> <li>• Summer camp/school (dedicated to 20 children engaged for 3 months)</li> <li>• Six Information sessions for parents on legislation:</li> <li>• Five Information session with probation, social services and school educators on child protective/preventive approaches</li> </ul>
Expected results:	<p>Result 1: Children potentially/in conflict with the law are supported through restorative processes and activities</p> <p>Result 2: Main stakeholders network is established and feeding mobilisation for social good examples</p>



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Organization name:	Legal Clinic WiSDOM
Project title:	Avoiding Recidivism
Timeframe	10 months (01 February – 30 November 2021)
Overall objective:	“Fostering the crime prevention approach, that enables advocacy for sustainable change in the legal and institutional framework for the protection of human rights”.
Location:	Tirana District and 6 administrative units in the suburb of Tirana (Police Commissariat 6 in Kombinati area, villages of Prush, Preze, Ndroq).
Specific objectives:	Addressing the legal and rehabilitation needs for children in conflict with the law in suburban areas of Tirana (including 6 administrative units)”
Short description of the project:	<p>The project of the Center "Legal Clinic Wisdom" will introduce an all-of-government approach and engagement of all actors in the field of fostering the crime prevention approach, by enabling advocacy for sustainable change in the legal and institutional framework for the protection of children rights.</p> <p>The project will combine trial monitoring and assistance for beneficiaries, capacity building and engagement for law enforcement and probation authorities – by enabling them with information regarding the rights and responsibilities when dealing with children in conflict with law. Having this addressed, the project will facilitate the opportunity of referred legal cases to specialised support, and as end-result will aim to solve the cases by alternative measures, for the benefit of the child as first-time offender and for reducing recidivism at early ages. Proper engagement of law students is an added value for the project. A pool of 150 students has already been identified and will continue to support the program by ensuring trial monitoring.</p> <p>The project will dedicate advocacy events (information sessions) to youth in high schools of Tirana District and 6 administrative units in the suburb of Tirana (Police Commissariat 6 in Kombinati area, villages of Prush, Preze, Ndroq).</p> <p>Main activities related to the expected results are: 5 training workshops for police, probation professionals, school educators and law students on Juvenile in conflict with law; Trial monitoring and data collection regarding child’ rights in criminal proceedings (3) Info sessions with 65 children/youths of high schools of Tirana Promotional videoclip of good practices aiming crime prevention and recidivism.</p>
Expected results:	<p>1: All-of-government approach and engagement of all actors in the field of fostering the crime prevention approaches.</p> <p>2: Advocacy and awareness on major concerns and issues that affect children in conflict with the law that aim at reducing recidivism.</p>



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Organization name:	ASSIST Albania
Project title:	Promotion of human rights in women prison
Timeframe	10 months (01 February – 30 November 2021)
Overall objective:	To improve protection of human rights of prisoners in Ali Demi Prison No. 325 in Tirana.
Location:	Tirana (325 Prison Ali Demi)
Specific objectives:	Assessment and addressing needs of the convicted and convicted women residing in Prison No. 325 with regards to psychological and legal aspects.
Short description of the project:	<p>The project proposal consists in provision of legal and psychological support to detained and convicted people. It will promote the protection of Human Rights standards in and out the penitentiary system, and will give support to family members for reintegration of the detainees and convicts in full compliance with European standards and recognized international principles. More specifically, the project proposal has identified one main vulnerable category of prisoners, women, which aim at having better access to justice and rehabilitation services. The target group/beneficiaries will be provided legal and psychological counseling during the project implementation period. They will be provided psychological counseling, such as: a) Individual counseling; b) Group counseling and c) Family counseling. Throughout the project implementation will also be held meetings with 15 prison staff dealing with education issues inside the prison.</p> <p>The main activities related to the expected results are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Kick-off meeting with Donors and main stakeholders in the first week of implementation;</li><li>2. Psychological support/ counselling for 49 detained/ convicted persons;</li><li>3. Providing legal support/ counselling to 49 detained/ convicted persons</li></ol>
Expected results:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 - Psychological support provided to 49 convicted/ detainees women;</li><li>2 - Legal support provided to 49 convicted/ detained women</li></ol>