



CELIM brief project presentation – Mazabuka 7th February 2020

CELIM in Partnership with Prisoner's Future Foundation (PFF) and Prisoner Empowerment Reintegration Organization (PREO) are implementing a project named '**Abilitation and Reintegration of Offenders for a sustainable growth**' in 6 Correction facilities Mazabuka, Mumbwa, Kaoma, Mongu, Kalabo, Senanga and Nakambala approved school reformatory for juveniles. The specific objective is the promotion of inclusive sustainable growth for 1452 inmates to be released from the facilities in 3 years.

Project, co-funded by the **European Union**, started on January 2019 and will end on January 2022.

Aim of the project is to provide a conducive environment for the released inmates for their reintegration in the society. Since **reintegration begin once a person enter the Correction facility**, there are foreseen a number of actions to support this goal from inside the facilities and outside in the communities.

Thanks to the vocational & entrepreneurship training for inmates, the enhancement of teachers' skills, the setting up of an appropriate school environment with adequate materials and the sponsorship to sit for exams, the inmates will gain in-demand skills and obtain **TEVETA** certifications.

The newly built Classroom blocks, the provision of school material, the support to sit for examination and the good relationship with the **District Education Board** that is providing teachers to the facility allow a good number of inmates, male and female, to access proper quality education.

The skill training shelter and skills equipment will allow inmates to learn and practice the newly acquired skills.

In addition, through the support to **Income Generating Activities** at the Facility, with the provision of infrastructure, equipment and materials, inmates will be actively employed and get practical experience, while the facilities will have further funds to **sustain their educational services**.

With enhanced skills and the necessary work experience, the inmates will have the means to enter the workforce and be reintegrated once released.

The project is supporting **Zambia Correctional Service** in providing training opportunities to **officers** to improve their **teaching methodology**, their **entrepreneurship knowledge** and capacity, their **Counselling** skills. All these opportunities will allow **ZCS** to improve their service for the **rehabilitation** of the people they have in custody.

The project is also providing **Civic education** training to inmates to provide better understanding of their rights and duties. It also support family visits and **reconciliation** and community awareness to prepare the ground for **stigma reduction and acceptance** of the released people.

We work in collaboration with **paralegals from PLEED/GIZ** project: this synergy is benefitting all inmates in need.

In addition to the good and close collaboration with **Zambia Correction Service**, the action partners with District Administration, District Social Welfare, Labour office, Churches, private companies in order to sensitize all stakeholders on the importance of preparing a conducive environment for inmates release. The creation of **industrial hubs** and the provision of **start-up pack tools** will help the ex-inmates to go back safely in the society, be productive, earn a living and no longer pose danger to the society.

In particular here at **Mazabuka Correction Facility** the project have provided a **new 1x2 Classroom block with furniture, equipment and inputs for poultry as Income Generating Activities, equipment and tools for carpentry, metal fabrication and tailoring, school material and books.**

Have provided **methodology training for ZCS officers and inmates that are teaching, training in Entrepreneurship to both officers and inmates. Have also provided Psycho Social Counselling training to officers and sponsorship to officers to improve their teaching methodology. A shelter for skills training is on his way to be built.**

Finally, in order to appreciate the consistency and huge support coming from the **European Union** it's right to mention that during past **CELIM project** intervention funded by the EU, among other activities, a **clinic was built** that is providing a huge help to the inmates, ZCS officers and the community at large.

On behalf of CELIM and partners I wish to **thank the European Union for the efforts made for the improvement of people life.**

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