Multi-faceted Approach to Ensure Continuous Support for Reducing Reoffending

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE

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ON REOFFENDING
Reoffending Rates in Thailand

Statistics from 2013 - 2016

- Released: 15-17%
- Within 1 Year: 23-25%
- Within 2 Years: 30-32%

Source: Department of Corrections (2016)
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

The United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Mandela Rules)

Rule 4: The purposes of a sentence of imprisonment or similar measures deprivative of a person’s liberty are primarily to protect society against crime and to reduce recidivism. Those purposes can be achieved only if the period of imprisonment is used to ensure, so far as possible, the reintegration of such persons into society upon release so that they can lead a law-abiding and self-supporting life.

The United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules)

Rule 46: Prison authorities, in cooperation with probation and/or social welfare services, local community groups and non-governmental organizations, shall design and implement comprehensive pre- and post-release reintegration programmes which take into account the gender-specific needs of women.
INITIATIVES IN ASIA

1. Lila Thai Massage

FACTS:
- Initiated by ex-Prison Director
- Offering employment to women prisoners from Chiang Mai Correctional Institution upon their release
LILA THAI MASSAGE

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2. Singapore CARE Network

FACTS:
- Part of SCORE (Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises)
- Partnering with community to offer aftercare interventions for ex-inmates
3. TIJ Executive Program on the Rule of Law and Development (RoLD)

FACTS:
- On-going project
- Employing offender-centric and multi-stakeholder approaches to build recidivism reduction mechanism
- Conducting series of focus groups
KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Identify and tackle the root-causes
- Embrace a development-led approach
- Integrate multiple agencies
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