Improving prison conditions; Reducing reoffending through rehabilitation and reintegration

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Prison population: Different trends depending on the region

Number of prisoners per 100,000 population, by region, 2000, 2010 and 2020

COVID-19 impact: Decrease in the number of persons held in detention and convictions

Source: UNODC (2022) Data Matters 4 - Monitoring SDG 16: A gender perspective
Prisoners in half of all countries are held in overcrowded prison systems

- In roughly half of all countries with available data between 2014 and 2019, the prison systems were operating at more than 100% of intended capacity. In one out of five countries with available data, prisoners outnumbered the prison capacity by more than 150%.

Source: UNODC (2021) Data Matters 1 - Nearly twelve million people imprisoned globally, nearly one-third unsentenced with prisons overcrowded in half of all countries
UNODC’s pilot qualitative research on recidivism
Thank you!

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