



IMPROVING PRISON CONDITIONS; REDUCING REOFFENDING THROUGH REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION

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ISSUES FACING THE THAI CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- Thailand faced a chronic overcrowding issue pre-Covid, with a prison population far larger than capacity
 - 364,872 in 2018
 - 362,411 in 2019
 - 356,126 in 2020
 - 285,280 in 2021
 - 261,919 in 2022
- Recidivism rates are about 15%, 25% and 34% after prisoners being released for one, two and three years respectively
- Staff numbers and staff-prisoner ratios were inadequate and exacerbated by the demands of quarantine and isolation
- Interruptions to rehabilitation and reintegration programs during the pandemic
- Healthcare delivery inside correctional facilities impacted by demands placed as a result of COVID-19



MEASURES, POLICIES AND PRIORITIES

- Mainstreaming and incorporation of International Standards and Norms into the work of the Department of Corrections
 - Corrections Act B.E. 2560 (2017)
 - The Model Prison Project

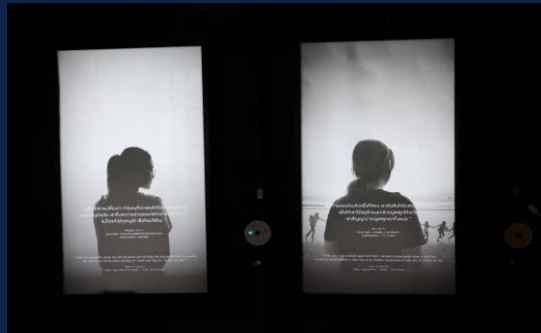
- Legislative changes and reforms to provide the necessary legal framework to leverage for future improvements
 - Tax incentives for hiring former inmates
 - Narcotics Bill B.E.2564 (2021)
 - Sexual or Violent Offenses Recidivism Prevention Act. (2022) (SVORP)

- Initiatives to expand capacity to implement UN standards and norms, including training of prison staff and other criminal justice officials



GOOD PRACTICES AND NEW INITIATIVES

- Ruan Pathamarong Museum
 - Partnership with educational institutions
 - Youth involvement
 - Rehabilitation and vocational training
 - Awareness raising



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- Media Training and awareness raising
- Empowering former prisoners



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