



**Health Care in Detention**

# **COVID-19 and Detention Global Overview Webinar**

**Building a sustainable, comprehensive response to  
COVID-19 in relation to detention.**

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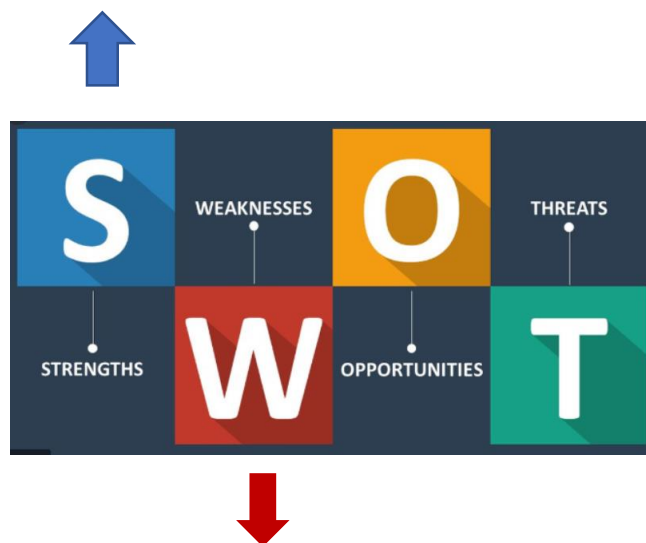
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## Prevention and Response to Covid-19 in 60+ countries

- Dialogue, technical guidance and capacity-building
- Supplies and equipment
- Infrastructure support
- Financial and logistical support



**PREVENTION** Praiseworthy and proactive efforts to prevent entry of COVID-19 into prison systems in most contexts



**RESPONSE** Insufficient awareness or acceptance of their obligations by some detaining and health authorities, resulting in refusals of service provision (access to hospitals, allocation adjustments) to detainees

# Key challenges

- **Governance and leadership**

- Little/no **expressed commitment** by political leadership to manage COVID-19 in prison settings
- Limited opportunities for strategies' **adjustments based on monitoring results**
- Ongoing struggle to ensure coherence and integration between prison and public health systems



# Key challenges (cont.)

- **Human resources**
  - Not sufficient Nr
  - Health and prison staff absenteeism (fear, stigmatization)



VIOLENCE AGAINST  
HEALTH CARE MUST END  
**IT'S A  
MATTER  
OF LIFE  
& DEATH**



## Stigma



## Key challenges (cont.)

- **Health Information Systems:** Lack of reliable disaggregated data for COVID in prison settings
- **Supplies:** PPE / IPC
- **Service delivery:**
  - Implementing IPC procedures
  - Excessive restrictions re: prisoners' access to healthcare services
  - Attendance rate: -18%
  - Hospitalisation rate per day: - 10%
  - Transfer success rate: +16%

# Future Prison Health: COVID-19 and beyond

- **Obligations to ensure “healthcare access at least equivalent to the community” to prison populations.**
- Assure equitable and prioritized access to vaccination and health promotion measures
- Closer collaboration and integration of prison health services with national HS
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation of COVID responses
- Specific tailored responses to tackle mis-information, mis-trust and stigma

# ICRC visits to detainees: Why, where, who?



<https://www.icrc.org/en/document/icrc-detention-work-why-where-who>

<https://www.icrc.org/en/document/what-we-do-detainees>

<https://www.icrc.org/en/document/protecting-prison-populations-infectious-disease>