2025 ANNUAL REPORT

EURASIAN MOVEMENT FOR THE RIGHT TO HEALTH IN PRISONS

In 2025, elections were held for the Board of the Eurasian Movement for the Right to Health in Prisons.
The following individuals were elected as Board members:

OLEKSII ZAHREBELNYI
Charitable Organization "FREEZONE", Ukraine

NATALIA ZELENINA
Public Figure, Expert in Social Work with Key Populations, Activist, Ukraine

NATALIA MINAEVA
Public Foundation "ResSocium", Kazakhstan

VAZHA KASRELISHVILI
"Tandagoma" Rehovilitation Center, Georgia

RUSLAN POVERGA
Public Association "Positive Initiative", Moldova

PROJECTS

COMMUNITY AT LEAD OF HIV IN EECA PRISONS

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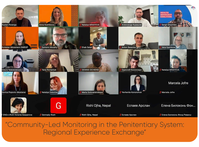


"Community-Led Monitoring in the Penitentiary System: Regional Experience Exchange"

- For the first time, **sub-grants** were launched to support community organizations in improving access to HIV services in prisons in **Armenia, Kazakhstan and Moldova.**
- A regional meeting **"Community-Led Monitoring in the Penitentiary System: Regional Experience Exchange"** was held, presenting the results of community-led monitoring in prisons in **Armenia, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Tajikistan.** Representatives of **Ukraine, Moldova and Kazakhstan** shared national practices of CLM implementation; meeting participants discussed how successful models can be institutionalized and scaled up;
- Community **initiative groups** of people with lived experience in prisons continued their work in **Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan;**
- Regular **technical assistance** was provided to community representatives in 7 countries.

INITIATIVE GROUPS

UZBEKISTAN

- A concept paper for cooperation with the **Probation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs** was prepared, covering issues of social support, reintegration, and minimizing the risk of reoffending.
- A training on leadership development and building a sustainable mutual-support community was delivered for **26 community representatives.**
- Community representatives' participation in **relevant national mechanisms** was ensured to raise issues of access to healthcare services, including HIV services, for people in prisons.

KYRGYZSTAN

- An **advocacy plan** was developed to expand access to healthcare services for people in places of detention.
- A community of people with lived experience of incarceration was formed; **two community meetings** were held.

TAJIKISTAN

- Participation of community representatives in the development of the **National HIV/HCV Program (2026–2030)** was ensured.

GEORGIA

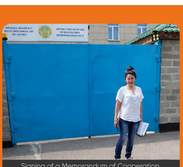
- A **meeting of the community** of people with lived experience in prisons was held.
- With the support of the Georgia Public Defender Office, a **case of discrimination** against a community representative on the grounds of health status was successfully reviewed and resolved in favor of the community representative.

Meeting with representatives of the community of people with lived experience in prisons

SUB-GRANTS

KAZAKHSTAN

- The **institutional capacity** of the community organization Public Foundation **"ResSocium"** was strengthened through the development of its operational policies and procedures.
- Cooperation between PF "ResSocium" and government bodies in the field of resocialization and protection of the rights of people with a history of incarceration was established through the signing of **10 memoranda** of cooperation.
- The organization conducted an **analysis of the interaction algorithm** between penitentiary institutions, probation services, police and local executive authorities in terms of resocialization of convicted persons and people under supervision. **Practical recommendations** were developed to improve cooperation and to implement the algorithm as an effective tool for providing social and legal support.



Signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Department of the Penal System for Almaty Region and the PF "ResSocium"

ARMENIA

Conducting HIV awareness seminars for people in prisons, staff, and healthcare workers

- The level of HIV knowledge among prisoners and penitentiary staff was increased through 5 seminars in 4 penitentiary institutions, involving **24 staff members and 107 community representatives,** as well as printing and distribution of 250 informational materials.
- Focus group discussions were held in penitentiary institutions of Armenia to **identify discriminatory practices against people living with HIV.**
- Based on the findings, a **report was prepared and submitted** to the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Ministry of Health, "Penitentiary Medical Center", and other relevant stakeholders.

MOLDOVA

- A plan to implement a **PrEP pilot in 5 penitentiary institutions** in Moldova was developed and approved. As a result of the pilot, for the first time in the penitentiary sector, **25 prisoners received PrEP services.**
- A **multidisciplinary consultation** was held with 37 participants from the National Administration of Penitentiary Institutions, NGOs and community representatives to discuss the results of PrEP implementation and to develop a plan for further cooperation.
- A **Multisectoral Action Plan** for expanding access and improving the quality of services in the context of HIV, TB, hepatitis C, and drug use in penitentiary institutions for 2026 was developed.
- A Strategy for the development and institutionalization of **peer-to-peer counselors** in Moldovan penitentiary institutions was developed.
- **Video materials** were produced to inform community representatives about available medical and social services, community mobilization, and the community's role in monitoring service delivery processes.

PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS

MARCH

Presentation at **the thematic event of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs,** "Health, Drugs and Incarceration in Eastern Europe and Central Asia," where barriers and solutions for providing services to people who use drugs in places of detention and after release were discussed.

MAY

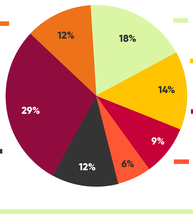
Presentation at the Side Event held within the **34th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) "Good governance for prison health",** where issues of integrating prison health into national public health systems were discussed.

DECEMBER

Anna Koshikova, Executive Director of EMPHP, joined the Advisory Group of the Civil Society Engagement Mechanism under the **UHC2030 initiative (CSEM for UHC2030),** with the opportunity to raise issues of universal health coverage in prisons at the highest international level.

FINANCIAL REPORT

DONOR SUPPORT DISTRIBUTION ACROSS KEY OPERATIONAL AREAS



- Secretariat support **$17 640,27**
- Office, communications, financial management **$14 262,85**
- Technical assistance to community representatives **$9 012,50**
- International and regional advocacy, organization's positioning **$6 012,50**
- Institutional development and governance **$ 12 025,00**
- Sub-granting for national advocacy initiatives **$ 28 250,88**
- Support for national-level activities through country consultants **$ 11 654,63**

Robert Carr Fund **$98 858,63**