

1 - What institutional barriers do you face in your country which limits prisoners' involvement in education?

2 - What promising/inspiring practices/projects exist in your country to motivate and support prisoners into education?

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- There is often a lack of motivation for prisoners to follow school lessons.
- Also, there is no integrated education system where prisoners can obtain certification from elementary or secondary school.

2.

- The new Prisons Department management is particularly sensitive to these issues and has created different educational programmes for prisoners.
- Also, for prisoners who want to follow the technical secondary school programme, there are courses; and prisoners certify their studies with modules.
- Also there are English courses, accountancy courses and computer courses where the prisoners can attend an exam and receive certification at the end of their courses; the same certification enjoyed as a result of comparable study in wider society.
- Additionally we have cooperation with several universities who offer various programmes to prisoners at discounted prices. We also have cooperation with various external institutions which offer accredited programs for prisoners that are in high demand in the open labor market.