

Improving Women's Reproductive Health in Russian Prisons

AIHA and the Red Cross National Society of the Russian Federation (RRC) are working with governmental and nongovernmental healthcare providers to improve the quality of reproductive health services for women in two Irkutsk Oblast penal colonies in Eastern Siberia. Located in Bozoi, both facilities house a total of 1,804 women.

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RRC, which has considerable experience in the provision of social support services for incarcerated populations, has an agreement with Russia's Federal Department of Corrections to provide educational programs focused on the prevention of HIV and STIs in the country's prisons.

AIHA, RRC, and other partners are collaborating to improve the quality of reproductive health services provided to inmates by training and mentoring medical and non-medical personnel who work in both correctional settings and local institutions that provide specialized care to prisoners. Other priorities include educating inmates about reproductive health issues, improving diagnostic and treatment capacity, and developing transition plans for women prior to release.

Albany Medical Center's AIDS Program (AMCAP) and its Center of Excellence in HIV Correctional Health Care will provide technical assistance for the project. AIHA and AMCAP have already developed several courses on the provision of ART and management of opportunistic infections for incarcerated populations and have conducted four courses in Belarus and Ukraine.

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