• 1990’s History of Developing Alternatives Zimbabwe, Malawi, East Africa

• 2011 Three year Partnership with DfID to work with 21 countries to

• *Advocate for the prevention of torture and the abolition of the death penalty*
Ten-Point Plan to Address Prison Overcrowding

1. Collect and use data to inform a rational, humane and cost-effective use of prison

6. Make special arrangements for children and young offenders

7. Consider alternative arrangements
Occupancy Levels Prison Population as % of Capacity

![Bar chart showing occupancy levels as % of capacity for different countries: Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, England, Canada, Nigeria. Uganda and Kenya have the highest occupancy levels, followed by Tanzania, England, Canada, and Nigeria.]
Prison Population Rates per 100,000 of Population

- Eng
- Can
- Ke
- Ug
- Tan
- Nig
Changes in Prison Populations in last 20 years

- Ke
- Ug
- Tan
- Eng
- Nig
- Canada
Pre-Trial Detainees as % of Prison Population

Bar chart showing the percentage of pre-trial detainees among the prison population in different countries: Nig, Ug, Tan, Ke, Can, Eng.
Overcrowding

- Large part due to lengthy pre trial detention
- Various approaches underway: Legal aid, Para Legal assistance; chain link; bail information
- Tanzania 3500 sentenced each year for <6 months
- Typical offences include using abusive language, operating a small business without valid business licence, reckless driving, possession of illicit...
Alternatives to Prison Sentences

- Conditional discharge
- Status penalties
- Economic sanctions like fines
- Confiscation
- Restitution
- Suspended or deferred sentence
- House Arrest
- Probation or judicial supervision
- Community service/Unpaid Work
- Attendance Centre
- Drug Treatment
- Hospital Order
Not Suitable?
Electronic Monitoring
Maybe Suitable? Drug Testing
Could be Suitable if Custom built Offending Behaviour Programmes?

- Anger Management
- General Offending
- Drunk Driving
- Substance Misuse
- Domestic Violence
- Sex Offender Treatment
Alternative sentences in Africa

• Kampala Declaration 1996 CS should be preferred to prison if possible

• Ouagadougou Action Plan “increased use of proven effective alternatives, such as Community Service “in conformity with African traditions of dealing with offenders and with healing the damage caused by crime within the community” Kadoma Declaration on Community Service
Number of CSO’s Imposed Kenya and Uganda
Issues

- Use of Alternatives

- Implementation of Alternatives

- Public Attitudes to Alternatives
Use of Alternatives

- Replacing Prison or Net Widening
- Adequate law or Sentencing Guidelines
- Limited to first offenders or very minor cases
- Some Judges magistrates use them others reluctant
Implementation

• Compliance, enforcement and absconding

• Quality of Placements

• Monitoring and supervision

• Use of Volunteers
Attitudes

• Lack of continuing sensitisation

• Not punitive enough

• Media interest

• Types of Placement
Ideas from Abroad?
Ideas from Home

- Build on Traditional and Restorative Justice, community involvement
- Reserve Prison for serious and dangerous convicted offenders
- Research and develop programmes appropriate to your needs
- Make use of healthcare education and children’s services