



PRESS RELEASE

«Monitoring of Detention/Custodial Restraint Facilities for Juveniles in Kyrgyzstan»

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On March 10-12, 2015, the staff of the Kyrgyz National Torture Prevention Center (further NTPC) will take place in training on “Monitoring of detention/custodial restraint for juveniles in Kyrgyzstan”. The training is delivered within the framework of a 3-year project on “Gradual eradication of violence against children in detention in Central Asia” implemented jointly by the Youth Human Rights Group Public Association and Penal Reform International (PRI) Office in Central Asia with financial support of the European Union.

The training will focus on such issues as effective methods of preparing for and conducting of the monitoring, international standards and principles of child protection, peculiarities of interviewing minors, protection of children from various types of violence, protection of children during and after the monitoring, drafting of quality monitoring reports.

Kyrgyzstan has 57 detention places for children in conflict with the law and 117 residential facilities (care homes) where children in difficult life situation are deprived of their liberty. According to UNICEF approximate number of children detained in residential institutions is about 11000, and approximate number of children in conflict with the law in custody is not less than 70.

Following Kyrgyzstan’s submission of country reports to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (May, 2014) and to the UN Human Rights Council (UPR, January, 2015) the state has been given recommendations to ensure safeguards are in place to protect children from torture, ill-treatment and other forms of violence. The work of the NTPC on detection of cases of violence against children in places of detention or under custodial restraint will help the state understand the scale of the problem and design efficient solutions pertinent to investigation, punishment, rehabilitation and prevention.

The experts of Helsinki Human Rights Fund (Poland, Warsaw) – Bogna Khmelevskaya and Elzbieta Czyż who have more than 20 years background in the field of protection of rights of the juveniles will be delivering the training.

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FOR REFERENCE: the deprivation of liberty means any form of detention or imprisonment or the placement of a person in a public or private custodial setting, from which this person is not permitted to leave at will, by order of any judicial, administrative or other public authority. *The UN Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty (Havana Rules), 11b.*

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