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MALTA POINTS

Points to Ponder

- Results of the questionnaires indicted that the problems in female educational services when far beyond a problem of staff of inmates.
- The staff needed help, especially from policy makers, to deliver a sound educational program.
 - Due to this it was decided that our intervention would have a major possibility of success if we addressed this issue with management and policy makers.
- We conducted a seminar on the results of the questionnaires to raise the management's awareness.
 - This was well received and we have already seen some improvement in inmate courses.
 - More courses are being introduced.

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- There has also been an indication of issuing calls for psychologist and social workers to work full-time in prison.
- We also plan on drawing a long-term proposal document to be given to the Ministry for Home Affairs and to prison management:
 - to raise the awareness of the problem;
 - to give some indications of what can be done to help female inmates.
- More seminars are also planned with staff members to motivate them to assist female inmates.

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- In addition, a parallel project was conducted on training that included stone masonry, woodwork, metal working, plumbing, plastering and tile laying, sewing and textiles, beauty/nails technician and working in a kitchen.
 - Targeted for males and females
 - Females were more interested due to the lack of course availability for female-targeted courses in a mainly-male oriented prison
- Training was successful in terms of female outputs particularly for the beauty/nails technician and the sewing and textiles courses.