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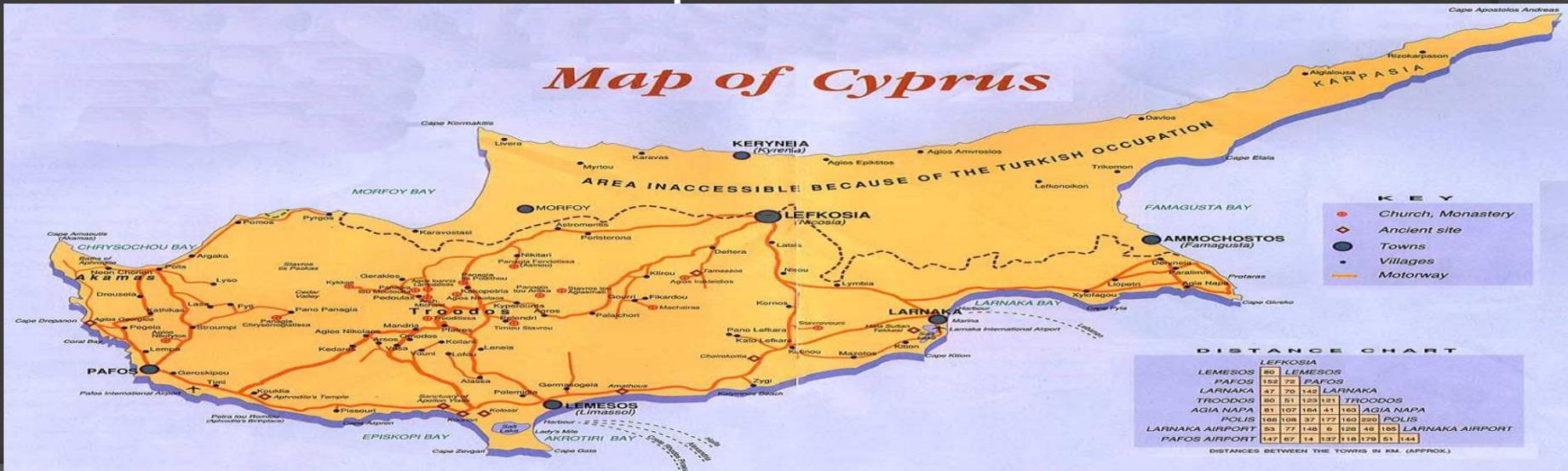


# FEFI FORMAL EDUCATION FOR FEMALE INMATES

**CYPRUS PRISON DEPARTMENT  
FEMALE PRISON  
GRUNDTVIG MULTILATERAL PROJECT  
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FIRST MEETING**

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- Cyprus( Kypros, Cipro ) known officially as the Republic of Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, after the Italian islands of Sicily and Sardinia
- It measures 240 kilometres (149 mi) long from end to end and 100 kilometres (62 mi) wide at its widest point



# FACTS AND FIGURES



- **Official Name** : Republic of Cyprus
- **Capital** : Nicosia
- **Population** : 862,000 (2011) at the free territory of the republic
- **Languages** : Greek
- **Religion** : Christian Orthodox : 99 percent, Other : 1 percent
- **Government** : Presidential Republic

- **President:** Mr. Nicos Anastasiades
- **Voting** : Universal at age 18
- **Largest Cities:**
- **Nicosia (336,000)**
- **Limassol (241,000)**
- **Larnaca (146,000)**



# HISTORY OF PRISON



- The Nicosia central prison was built by the British in 1894.
- At first it was a place of detention for those sentenced by the court to imprisonment and also as a place of temporary detention for persons under trial.
- It is known for the “Imprisoned Graves” where 13 EOKA freedom fighters were imprisoned and executed.
- In 1960 Cyprus became an independent state.



# STATUS OF PRISON

- ⦿ **There is only one Prison in Cyprus.**
- ⦿ **It is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice and Public Order.**
- ⦿ **For both convicted and remand offenders, men & women from the age of 16 and older**
- ⦿ **The capacity of the prison is 450 inmates although the last few years it is overcrowded**



# FACILITIES OF THE PRISON DEPARTMENT

- It is divided in 3 sections:
  - i. The Closed Prison (the area within the walls), where detainees live, work and move under high security measures
  - ii. The Open Prison (the area outside the walls but within the prison area) where detainees live, work and move under lower security measures
  - iii. The Centre of Guidance and Out-of-Prison Employment which includes housing for prisoners that work in the free market but return to the prison after work. Semi freedom conditions prevail in these areas.



# MISSION OF DEPARTMENT

- The secure detention of individuals sent to prison from the courts.
- Respect of human dignity
- Equal treatment of detainees without any unfavourable discrimination of race, colour, sex, language, nation, social origin or convictions
- Providing education, creative entertainment, health and mental health services for the encouragement of self-esteem, being responsible for their actions, their linear reintegration to the society and change of delinquent behaviour
- Social reintegration



# PRISON SERVICES

## Medical Services

- ⦿ In Cyprus Prison Department two pathologists work on a daily basis.
- ⦿ Also during the day there are nurses
- ⦿ We have prison wardens as well that are trained and work 24 hours a day
- ⦿ Periodically a dentist visits the prison, but other specialties as well
- ⦿ The most serious cases are referred to the general hospital

# Mental Health Services (Psychiatrist, psychologists, occupational therapists, mental health nurses)



- The Mental Health Services have the responsibility for the therapeutic part of the inmates life in prison. They are running individual and group therapeutic sessions and leisure activities for motivating the offenders to seek a more therapeutic collaboration with the multidisciplinary team.
- A very important part is the Rehabilitation Programme for Addiction that has been running for a year now.



# Social Welfare Services

- The social workers working in the prison department get in contact with the inmates in the first few days of their imprisonment. They are also in close collaboration with the family of the inmate as well as the inmate and have meetings for a clear history report. Social workers are responsible for the communication between the inmate and their families and their relations. The inmates can ask for a social worker if they think that they need to see one, and they are given an appointment. If the family of the inmates need support of the Welfare Services, another social worker is linked with them in the community but has close cooperation with the social worker in the prison.
- The social workers in the Cyprus Prison Department are also responsible for the court reports that the judges ask for the 'under trial' offenders held in prison, before or during the trial.



# School

## Formal Education

- The educational programme in the prison is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice instead of the Ministry of Education and this is something that the Prison Administration are trying to change.
- Inmates have the chance to be involved in the educational programmes run by the prison school.
- The subject area of these programmes is chosen according to the educational level of the inmates, their own choices and the subjects chosen by the Prison Administration
- Special emphasis is given on vocational training so that after the prisoner's release he/she will be able to find a job in the free market. For example carpentry, plumbing, cookery or elsewhere in the prison's workshops



# School

## INFORMAL EDUCATION

- There is a theatre group in the Cyprus Prison Department since 1989. A professional actress is in charge of this group since its beginning.
- Other informal education is the folklore dance group, arts and crafts, mosaics, musical instruments, etc.
- The painting group and its department organized art exhibitions outside the prison in public buildings (courts, Parliament House)
- Also we organized a project in informal education



# Rehabilitation Programmes

- In 2012-2013 we have organized a series of lectures by specialists on specific matters relevant to their release.
- For example, vocational rehabilitation, how to apply for a job, the prisoner's rights (by a member of the Ombudsman), etc.



# Block 3

- It is the place that female inmates are kept
- The real capacity is 23 places but the overcrowded capacity is 56. Today we have 41 female.
- The female open prison and the Centre of Guidance and Out-of-Prison Employment can host 8 person each



# STATISTICAL DATA - IMPRISONMENT

- 21 Cypriots and 106 foreigners convicted in imprisonment in 2010, and 4 foreigners was between 18 -21 years old and 1 was under 18
- 26 Cypriots and 115 foreigners convicted in imprisonment in 2011, and 4 foreigners was between 18 -21 years old
- 30 Cypriots and 122 foreigners convicted in imprisonment in 2012, and 1 foreigne was between 18 -21 years old
- Today 26 Cypriots and 39 foreigners are sentenced to imprisonment and 2 foreigners are under 18 years old



# STATISTICAL DATA - REMAND

- 26 Cypriots and 128 foreigners were remand in 2010, and 10 foreigners was between 18 -21 years old
- 25 Cypriots and 154 foreigners were remand in 2011, and 8 foreigners was between 18 -21 years old and 1 foreigner was under 18
- 40 Cypriots and 181 foreigners were remand in 2012, and 5 foreigners was between 18 -21 years old and 1 foreigner was under 18
- Today 11 Cypriots and 30 foreigners are remand and 2 of the foreigners are under 18

# OFFENCES CONDEMNING FEMALE



- Robbery
- Drugs
- illegal stay
- liability debit finance
- robbery











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