



# Malta Questionnaire results / Measure

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FEFI - Finding Education for Femal Inmates

### **Occupational Group**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
<b>Educational Activities</b>		0.0%	0
Social Work		16.7%	1
Medical Staff		0.0%	0
Psychologists		0.0%	0
Security Staff		50.0%	3
Prison management		33.3%	2
Rehabilitation Staff		0.0%	0
Other, please specify		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	6

Security staff Management

#### I work with

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Only female inmates		50.0%	3
Both female and male inmates		50.0%	3
		Total Responses	6

### Female only workers are security staff

# In your opinion, are female inmates compared to male inmates more or less motivated for educational activities?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
More		0.0%	0
Less		33.3%	2
The same		66.7%	4
		Total Responses	6

Motivation is the same

# What reasons do you think motivate female inmates to participate in activities

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Small group		33.3%	2
Increase Low self-esteem		50.0%	3
Crime type		33.3%	2
Length of time in prison		50.0%	3
Support with mental problems		16.7%	1
Group/peer pressure		50.0%	3
Family and cultural rules		16.7%	1
Easy access		16.7%	1
Content of the activity		16.7%	1
Potential of the positive results/possibilities		33.3%	2
		Total Responses	6

Low self esteem; Length of time in prison; Peer pressure

# What reasons do you think demotivate female inmates to participate in activities

Large group	33.3%	2
Not much choice in the activities	33.3%	2
Age difference	16.7%	1
Low self-esteem	33.3%	2
Crime type	16.7%	1
Length of time in prison	16.7%	1
Fear of gossip	16.7%	1
Language barrier	16.7%	1
"Girl's toilet issue"	66.7%	4
Mental problems	16.7%	1
They don't see positive results or possibilities	16.7%	1
Group/peer pressure	50.0%	3
Family and cultural rules	16.7%	1
Content of the activity	16.7%	1
Other, please specify	16.7%	1
	Total Responses	6

Symbiotic Relation Group pressure

# Do you think that education in prison is a strategic priority in your organisation?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		100.0%	6
Describe		50.0%	3
		<b>Total Responses</b>	6

A lot of courses Opportunities to learn

# In your opinion, does the current offer meet the real needs of female inmates?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		16.7%	1
No		66.7%	4
Don't know		16.7%	1
Describe		100.0%	6
		Total Responses	6

Not enough opportunities

Courses should be useful

Prisoners wanting study outside-complicated process

Foreigners are more motivated to learn

We need to learn more on the needs of female inmates We need a system with full-time educators.

See the needs of the inmate not the needs of the system

# What type of education is offered for female inmates at the moment in your prison and in other female prisons in your country?

Response	Chart		%	Count
Mother tongue			66.7%	4
Other languages			66.7%	4
ICT			50.0%	3
Personal development			83.3%	5
School education			66.7%	4
Vocational training: Which?			100.0%	6
Education opportunities outside prison: Which?			33.3%	2
Other, please specify			33.3%	2
		To	otal Responses	6

Beautician, sewing

# Does the organisation you work for have proper facilities for providing education?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes: Which?		16.7%	1
No		83.3%	5
Don't know		0.0%	0
		<b>Total Responses</b>	6

Most think that the organisation does not have proper educational facilities

# Do you feel that motivating inmates is a part of your job when it comes to educational matters?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		100.0%	6
		Total Responses	6

## Do you think that you have the necessary skills to motivate inmates?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		66.7%	4
No		16.7%	1
Kindly explain		16.7%	1
		<b>Total Responses</b>	6

It is everyone's duty to try to motivate inmates

### What do you need to motivate?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Motivation		66.7%	4
Communication skills		83.3%	5
Time		50.0%	3
Information about programs		83.3%	5
Training		33.3%	2
Co-operation with different occupational groups		16.7%	1
Other, please specify		16.7%	1
		Total Responses	6

# **Communication skills Information about programs**

# Which circumstances/prison conditions should be changed to encourage female inmates towards a successful release?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Female prisons		33.3%	2
Separated wings		0.0%	0
Less security		0.0%	0
More personal		16.7%	1
More offers in social and psychological therapy		50.0%	3
More offers in education		33.3%	2
More offers in vocational training		33.3%	2
More offers in work		33.3%	2
Other, please specify		66.7%	4
		Total Responses	6

**Therapy** 

Paid Education

Philosophy of Prison

**Discipline** 

# Which circumstances/prison conditions should be changed to encourage female inmates towards a successful release?

#### Personal and situational reasons: more personal aid

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
More personal aid		66.7%	2
"Age-dependent" treatment options		33.3%	1
		Total Responses	3

# Which conditions prevent changes in the situation of female inmates?

Response	Chart	Percenta	ge Coun	t
Prison regulations		33.3%	2	
Lack of personnel		66.7%	4	
Lack of finance		66.7%	4	
Not enough skills of inmates		16.7%	1	
Not enough skills of personnel		33.3%	2	
Not enough skills of inmates and personnel		0.0%	0	
Other, please specify		33.3%	2	
		Total Respo	nses 6	

**Lack of Personnel Lack of Finances** 

### What do we need to change and improve in the correctional educational work for female inmates?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Suitable processes/better coordinated communication		33.3%	2
More personnel		66.7%	4
Qualified personnel		83.3%	5
Infrastructure		50.0%	3
Suitable management		16.7%	1
Supportive political framework		16.7%	1
		Total Responses	6

More Personnel and More Qualified Personnel

# My personal wishes for my work with the women in prison

- More staff
- Staff should not do so much overtime
- More social workers and psychologists
- More opportunities for inmates to find jobs

### **INMATES ANSWERS**

#### Age

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
under 18		0.0%	0
18-20		0.0%	0
21-24		10.0%	1
25-29		20.0%	2
30-39		30.0%	3
40-49		20.0%	2
50-59		10.0%	1
over 60		10.0%	1
		Total Responses	10

Most are between the ages of 25 and 49 years

### **Nationality**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Non-EU national		10.0%	1
EU national, which country?		90.0%	9
Unknown		0.0%	0
		<b>Total Responses</b>	10

6 on 10 Maltese 9 on 10 EU

#### **Marital status**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Single		70.0%	7
Married		20.0%	2
Separated		0.0%	0
Divorced		0.0%	0
Widow		0.0%	0
Other registered partnership		10.0%	1
Other, please specify		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	10

Most single – 7 out of 10

#### Children

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
No		10.0%	1
Yes: Child 1: year of birth		20.0%	2
Yes: Child 2: year of birth		50.0%	5
Yes: Child 3: year of birth		0.0%	0
Yes: Child 4: year of birth		20.0%	2
Yes: Child 5: year of birth		0.0%	0
Yes: Others: years of birth		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	10

# 6 out of 10 inmates have children 3 out of 10 have custody

### **Educational background**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Primary school		0.0%	0
Secondary school		60.0%	6
Higher education (including university)		20.0%	2
Vocational training		20.0%	2
Not completed		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	10

6 on 10 have secondary school 4 on 10 have higher education

### **Profession (occupation)**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes please specify		100.0%	9
No		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	9

### Only one does not work Others had low skill jobs

### **Employment history**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes: (years in total)		80.0%	8
a: temporary jobs (number/length in total)		10.0%	1
b: internships (number/length in total)		0.0%	0
c: supported employment (number/length in total)		0.0%	0
d: registered as unemployed (years in total)		0.0%	0
Limited		0.0%	0
None		10.0%	1
		Total Responses	10

Some had long history of employment

### My hobbies/ skills/interests:

Response	Chart	Percent age	Count
Housekeeping		11.1%	1
Children		11.1%	1
Cooking		22.2%	2
Sewing		11.1%	1
Sports		66.7%	6
Handicraft		22.2%	2
Arts/Music		33.3%	3
Gardening		0.0%	0
Animals		11.1%	1
Reading		55.6%	5
Writing		11.1%	1
Acting / Theater		11.1%	1
Computers, gaming, chatting		0.0%	0
Other		33.3%	3
		Total Responses	9

Sports
Reading
Arts/music
Crafts

#### **Income**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Studying		0.0%	0
Working		60.0%	6
Unemployed		0.0%	0
Social benefits		10.0%	1
On pension		0.0%	0
Other, please specify		30.0%	3
		Total Responses	10

6 on 10 – income from work

#### **Accommodation**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Single household		20.0%	2
Family housing		70.0%	7
Temporary housing		0.0%	0
Institution		0.0%	0
Homeless		0.0%	0
Other, please specify		10.0%	1
		Total Responses	10

#### 7 on 10 lived with family

#### **Social network**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I have a supportive social network. The most important persons to me are: a) family		40.0%	4
I have a supportive social network. The most important persons to me are: b) children		30.0%	3
I have a supportive social network. The most important persons to me are: c) partner		40.0%	4
I have a supportive social network. The most important persons to me are: h) none		30.0%	3
I do not have close relationships to people with substance abuse background		20.0%	2
I need a social supportive network		20.0%	2
Some close relationships induce me to drug/alcohol abuse		20.0%	2
		Total Responses	10

## Family Partner

30% - no one

### Violence background

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I have not experienced domestic violence in close relationships		70.0%	7
I have not experienced domestic violence in childhood		70.0%	7
I have not experienced any violence		70.0%	7
I have not been abused (bullied) in school		80.0%	8
I have experienced domestic violence in close relationships: a) physical violence		30.0%	3
I have experienced domestic violence in close relationships: b) emotional abuse		30.0%	3
I have been abused (bullied) in school: b) emotional abuse		10.0%	1
		Total Responses	10

Majority – No violence

30% - DV 10% - school

#### **Prisoner status**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Sentenced prisoner		90.0%	9
Juvenile prisoner		10.0%	1
		<b>Total Responses</b>	10

### **Placement in prison**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Female-only section		100.0%	10
		Total Responses	10

### **Length of current sentence**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Under 1 month		0.0%	0
1 months - 3 months		20.0%	2
3 months - 6 months		0.0%	0
6 months - 1 year		0.0%	0
1 years - 2 years		0.0%	0
2 years - 3 years		10.0%	1
3 years - 5 years		10.0%	1
5 years - 9 years		30.0%	3
9 years or more		30.0%	3
Life		0.0%	0
Multiple life		0.0%	0
Unknown		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	10

#### Over 5 years

### Number of previous prison sentences

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
First sentence		80.0%	8
Several sentences. How many?		20.0%	2
		Total Responses	10

8 out of 10 – first sentence

#### **Prison - Closed Prison**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Men's prison: women's wing/dept		100.0%	10
		Total Responses	10

#### I have a Sentence Plan

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		0.0%	0
No		100.0%	9
		<b>Total Responses</b>	9

#### No prison sentence plans

# What kind of help did you need/would have needed when you first arrived in prison?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Substance abuse intervention		33.3%	3
Health/mental care		55.6%	5
Parenting		11.1%	1
Family issues		22.2%	2
Financial advice		22.2%	2
Employment		0.0%	0
Studying		0.0%	0
Language		11.1%	1
Other, please specify		22.2%	2
		Total Responses	9

Health and mental care Substance abuse

#### Did you get the help you needed

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
No		33.3%	3
Yes: a) Substance abuse intervention		22.2%	2
Yes: b) Health/mental care		33.3%	3
Yes: c) Parenting		0.0%	0
Yes: d) Family issues		11.1%	1
Yes: e) Financial advice		0.0%	0
Yes: f) Employment		0.0%	0
Yes: g) Studying		0.0%	0
Yes: h) Language		11.1%	1
Other, please specify		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	9

A Third did not get any help Health Care Substance Abuse

# My participation in activities or programs while in prison

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I do not participate in activities		50.0%	5
Educational program		20.0%	2
Substance abuse program		0.0%	0
Psychological rehabilitation		10.0%	1
Prison work		10.0%	1
Family support		0.0%	0
Health care program		0.0%	0
Sport		10.0%	1
Cultural activities		0.0%	0
Other, please specify		10.0%	1
		Total Responses	10

Half do not participate in educational activities

### My wishes for prison activities or programs

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I am not interested in participating in activities		50.0%	5
Educational program		40.0%	4
Substance abuse program		10.0%	1
Psychological rehabilitation		0.0%	0
Prison work		0.0%	0
Family support program		0.0%	0
Health care program		0.0%	0
Sport		0.0%	0
Cultural activities		10.0%	1
Other, please specify		10.0%	1
		Total Responses	10

#### Half are not interested

### Does prison offer activities that meet my needs

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
totally		0.0%	0
mainly		20.0%	2
few		20.0%	2
not at all		50.0%	5
not sure		10.0%	1
		Total Responses	10

50% - Not at all

# Self-rated ICT, reading/writing and mathematics skills

	Very good	Good	Poor	Very poor	Not applicab le	Total Respons es
ICT skills	1 (10.0%)	2 (20.0%)	5 (50.0%)	1 (10.0%)	1 (10.0%)	10
Reading/writing skills	5 (50.0%)	5 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	10
Mathematics skills	1 (10.0%)	6 (60.0%)	3 (30.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	10

ICT skills – poor

### Self-rated literacy and numeracy difficulties

	None	Some	Serious	Total Responses
Literacy difficulties	9 (90.0%)	1 (10.0%)	0 (0.0%)	10
Numeracy difficulties	10 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	10

#### No problems

### My participation in prison educational activities

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I am not participating		70.0%	7
Primary school		0.0%	0
Secondary school		10.0%	1
Vocational training with qualification		0.0%	0
Vocational training without qualification		0.0%	0
Higher education (including university)		0.0%	0
Training and guidance for rehabilitation purposes		0.0%	0
E-Learning		0.0%	0
Language for immigrants		20.0%	2
Other educational activities		10.0%	1
		Total Responses	10

70% - not participating

### My educational interests/ preferences

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I have no educational interests/preferences		50.0%	5
Primary school		0.0%	0
Secondary school		0.0%	0
Vocational training with qualification		10.0%	1
Vocational training without qualification		0.0%	0
Higher education (including university)		10.0%	1
Training and guidance for rehabilitation purposes		0.0%	0
E-Learning		10.0%	1
Language for immigrants		20.0%	2
Other educational activities		30.0%	3
		Total Responses	10

50% - no interest

# Reasons for deciding to participate in prison educational activities

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
To satisfy my desire to learn		80.0%	4
To learn about a new subject		60.0%	3
To spend my time doing something useful		60.0%	3
To pass an exam		20.0%	1
To improve my self-esteem		20.0%	1
Because it is better than working in prison		20.0%	1
To get out of my cell		20.0%	1
		Total Responses	5

Desire to learn

Learn about new subjects

Something useful

#### What motivates me to study?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Family		40.0%	2
Change of the environment		40.0%	2
Thought of a better life		60.0%	3
Supportive person (mentor)		20.0%	1
Nothing		0.0%	0
Other, please specify		0.0%	0
		<b>Total Responses</b>	5

Thought of a better life Family Change of the environment

# Reasons for not participating in prison educational activities, if any

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I am not interested in getting an education in prison		60.0%	3
I already have enough education		80.0%	4
I am not willing to make the effort		40.0%	2
I prefer to work		20.0%	1
Other, please specify		20.0%	1
		Total Responses	5

Enough education
Not interested
Not willing to make effort

## Problems associated with prison educational activities

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
The prison does not offer any educational programs		30.0%	3
The prison does not offer any educational programs suitable for me		50.0%	5
The conditions for school and studying in the prison are poor		20.0%	2
Inadequate access to ICT equipment		20.0%	2
Inadequate access to literature		10.0%	1
There are too many distractions in prison		10.0%	1
Other, please specify		30.0%	3
		Total Responses	10

80%
No suitable educational programs

# POSITIVE experiences of participating in prison educational activities

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
The prison education supported the aims of my sentence plan		20.0%	1
The prison education supported my personal needs		20.0%	1
I can utilize the education after release		40.0%	2
It made me feel better about myself		40.0%	2
Other, please specify		20.0%	1
		Total Responses	5

Relevance of education Self-esteem

## NEGATIVE experiences of participating in prison educational activities

Response	Char	t	ا	Percentage	Count
Educational content was not what I expected				16.7%	1
I feel that the prison staff did not support/valuate my education				16.7%	1
Waste of time!				66.7%	4
Other, please specify				0.0%	0
			To	otal Responses	6

Waste of time

### How do I value education in general?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
very important		60.0%	6
important		30.0%	3
not very important		10.0%	1
pointless		0.0%	0
do not know		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	10

90% - Education is important

### What does prison education mean to me?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
very important		30.0%	3
important		50.0%	5
not very important		20.0%	2
pointless		0.0%	0
do not know		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	10

80% - Important

### **Level of educational Counsellor's support**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
very good		0.0%	0
good		0.0%	0
poor		0.0%	0
very poor		10.0%	1
do not know		90.0%	9
		Total Responses	10

Lack of educational counsellor

# How did I hear about the last activity I participated in?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Staff		44.4%	4
Flyers		11.1%	1
Blackboards		11.1%	1
Other inmates		11.1%	1
Information sessions		33.3%	3
Other, please specify		11.1%	1
		Total Responses	9

#### **Staff and information sessions**

### My experiences with prison staff

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I have been supported by prison staff: a) security staff		40.0%	4
I have been supported by prison staff: e) teacher		10.0%	1
I have been supported by prison staff: f) psychologist		10.0%	1
I have got information from staff about the activities and programs in prison		40.0%	4
I have not been supported by prison staff		50.0%	5
I have not got information from staff about the activities/programs in prison		30.0%	3
		Total Responses	10

## No support

### I have plans when released

Response	Chart		Percentage	Count
I have no future plans			10.0%	1
Working			40.0%	4
Studying			20.0%	2
Rehabilitation programs			0.0%	0
Starting over			30.0%	3
Reactivate family bonds			50.0%	5
Other, please specify			50.0%	5
			Total Responses	10

# Reactivate Family Bonds Working

# I had good experiences with the following services and support in the past

Response	Chart	Perc	entage C	ount
Community services		28	3.6%	2
Group support (i.e. AA, NA)		14	1.3%	1
3rd sector services (NGO)		57	7.1%	4
Other, please specify		42	2.9%	3
		Total F	Responses	7

**NGO** support

### I will need services/support when released

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Community services		14.3%	1
Group support (i.e. AA, NA)		28.6%	2
3rd sector services (NGO)		28.6%	2
Other, please specify		71.4%	5
		Total Responses	7

**Drug Rehab and Getting a home** 

#### Long term plans

More Employment with prison

More Social Workers and Psychologists

**Full-time Educators** 

Prison Sentencing Plan has to be done with the above

#### Short Term plan

#### With Management and policy makers

- Seminar on the results of the questionnaires to raise awareness
- Long term proposal document on what could be done to help female inmates

#### With Staff

A seminar on how to motivate inmates

#### With inmates

- Approach ETC to organise an information session on possibility of courses that will lead to employment
- Organise a seminar on possible ways to access the world of employment