

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS OF DRUG USERS IN MALI PRISONS

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Background : The high incarceration rates of PUDs in Mali results in overcrowding of prisons thus generating inhumane living conditions and facilitating the spread of diseases such as HIV, hepatitis, tuberculosis. The research is conducted in eight (8) prisons on the basis of a reasoned choice taking into account the following criteria: Three prisons in Bamako, prisons for women, men and children. Prisons taking into account the urban dimension, a high density, and being able to bring out specific differences in gender and also in relation to the age of the prisoners. A prison (1) in the Koulikoro region, taking into account the peri-urban dimension. One (1) Prison in the Sikasso region, taking into account the urban and rural dimension, but above all a border context due to their proximity to Burkina Faso. One (1) prison in the Kayes region, given the rural dimension, in a border context close to Senegal. One (1) prison in the Ségou region, rural context, and proximity to Mauritania. And a prison(1) in the Mopti region, urban context, specific geographical location in the north of the country, and particular socio-political context.

Methods : The study targets inmates and the PC aged at least 13 years (children, men and women). It includes a cross-sectional quantitative survey collecting behavioral data on a sample of 384 people selected by a random method. On the other hand, a qualitative survey based on the realization of individual interviews will make it possible to deepen certain questions at the PUD. Quantitative data will be analyzed using descriptive methods, but also linear or logistic regression techniques depending on the nature of the variables of interest. Qualitative data is subject to thematic and lexicometric analyses.

Results : The results of the study will be available in time for the conference.

Conclusion : Findings will inform strategies to address the health needs of PUDs in prison settings and contribute to Harm Reduction.

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