



The Prisoner Pre-release and Resettlement Programme

Vision on Mission's *Preparation for Release & Resettlement Programme* promotes collaborative efforts to help offenders return to their communities as productive, more responsible and less acquisitive citizens. Through this programme, the State and local agencies, businesses and civil organisations join forces to identify and provide a unique combination of services needed to successfully guide participants as they leave the correctional facilities and return to society; either to their homes or to transitional housing such as Vision on Mission's Reintegration Transitional Facilities.

Duration: 24 months

Budget: €135,083.53

Overview:

Vision on Mission (VOM) is a Non-Governmental Organisation incorporated in 1995, which addresses the challenges faced by both inmates who exit Trinidad and Tobago's penal institutions on a monthly basis, as well as the influx of returning citizens (deportees). The organisation seeks to provide necessary services such as in-prison preparation for release, after-care services, counselling and rehabilitation, employment and job placement and temporary accommodation through its in-transit facilities. These services are provided along a four year continuum, which covers two years prior to release and two years post release. VOM currently serves an average of 800 clients annually, both in and out of prison.

The proposed project will focus on expansion of the organisation's Pre-release Programme focusing on a post release skills training incubator.

Objective

To increase successful re-integration of VOM clients to society by reducing risk of recidivism through addressing the psychological and socio-economic needs of the identified clientele.

Specific Outcomes

1. Train the trainers' workshop for 10 coaches/trainers within VoM, using the Enneagram method, to enhance the organisation's provision of rehabilitation services to its clients (so as to reduce by 60% outsourcing of trainers).
2. To train 20% of pre-release clients (approx. 70 persons – 50 males; 20 females) in food and agro processing over a period of 6 months.
3. To establish an Outreach Centre in San Fernando.
4. Provide service to additional 40% of VOM clients (80 males, 40 females), in the San Fernando outreach centre who reside in communities within central and south Trinidad (to allow for ease of access for its clients).
5. To transition (a maximum of) 40% of its clients to the job market (20 males, 15 females) and enterprise development through full time employment.
6. Launch 28% (approx. 20 persons – 15 males, 5 females) in their own enterprise.



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Beneficiary

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