



10-Point Plan to ensure Minimum Standards in Prisons



International & National Framework

**UN Sustainable
Development Goals
2030**

**UN Minimum
Standard Minimum
Rules for the
Treatment of
Prisoners, 2015**

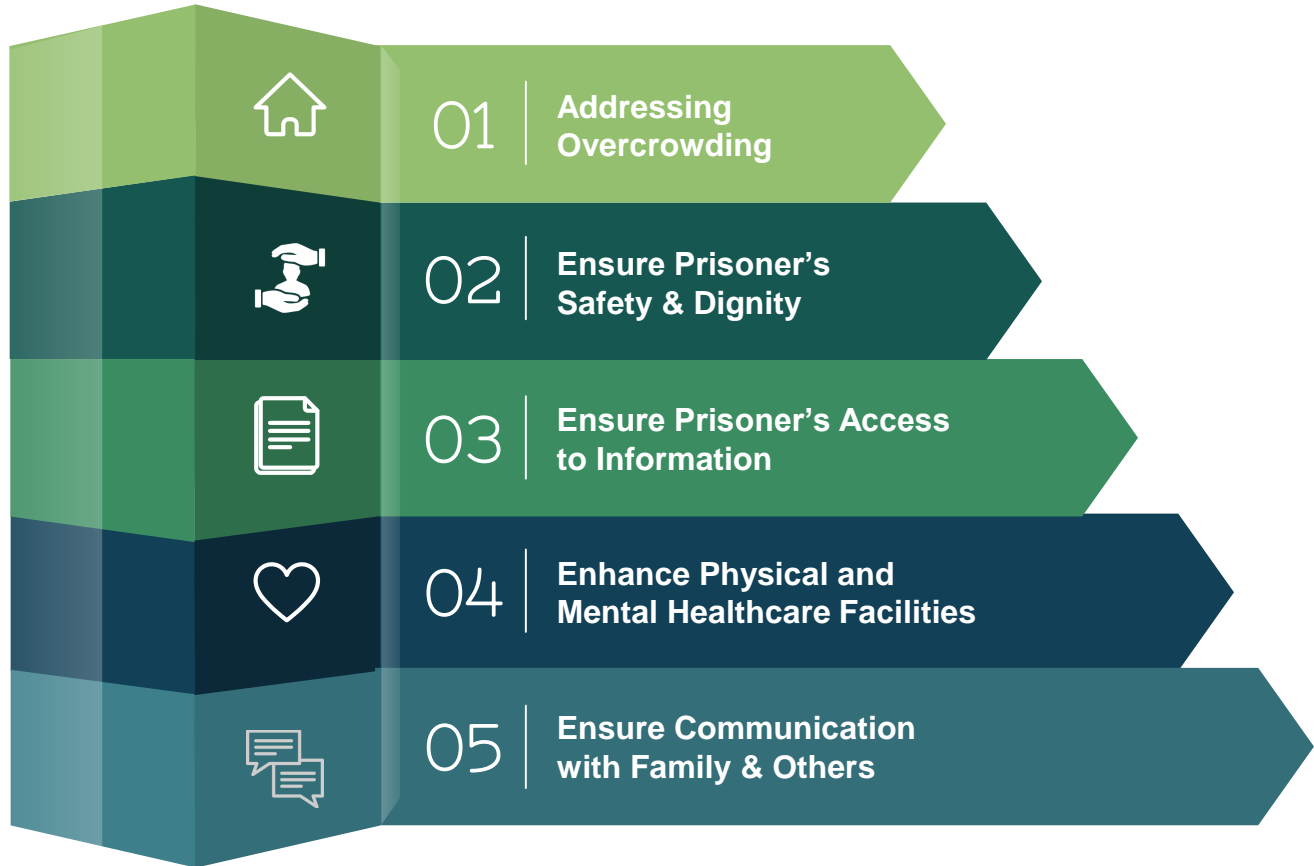
**Model Prison
Manual, 2016**



*“The following rules are not intended to describe in detail a model system of penal institutions. They seek only, on the basis of the **general consensus** of contemporary thought and the **essential elements** of the most adequate systems of today, to set out what is **generally accepted as being good principles and practice** in the treatment of prisoners and prison management.”*

- Preliminary Observation, The Nelson Mandela Rules, 2015

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Addressing Overcrowding

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- ✓ Monthly review of prison-wise occupancy
- ✓ Temporary arrangements after risk-assessment
- ✓ Inter-prison transfers
- ✓ Buildings capable of housing to be repaired for habitation
- ✓ Upward Construction of prison barracks, use of bunk beds
- ✓ Ensure minimum cell space allocation to each prisoner
- ✓ Setting up of more open and semi-open prisons
- ✓ For new prisons, forecast prison population growth



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Ensure Prisoner's Safety & Dignity

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- ☑ Proper Segregation on the basis of age and previous criminal record
- ☑ Formulate Rules for Physical Search



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- ☑ Orientation of Prisoners at the time of Admission
- ☑ Access to Individual's History Ticket



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Enhance Physical and Mental Healthcare Facilities

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- ☑ First Health Screening to be diligently followed
- ☑ Minimum Medical and Mental Healthcare Staff in every prison
- ☑ Availability of Ambulance and Medical Escort in every prison



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**Ensure
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- ✓ Liberal Family Meetings and Phone Calls to be encouraged
- ✓ In-person meetings for prisoners and their children
- ✓ Facilitate contact with Legal Counsel with minimal restrictions
- ✓ Prison Library to be well-equipped



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**Emphasize on
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- ✓ Correctional Units to be established in every prison
- ✓ Literacy Campaign for prisoners
- ✓ Work Opportunities for prisoners
- ✓ Streamline procedure for grant of Parole/ Furlough
- ✓ Liberalise Rules for Pre-mature release



7

Focus on Welfare of Personnel

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- ✓ Adequate Remuneration and Review of Service Conditions
- ✓ Assessment of Required Strength and increasing the sanctioned strength
- ✓ Staff Recruitment and Trainings in a phased manner
- ✓ Staff Grievance Redressal Mechanism
- ✓ Recognition for good work
- ✓ Regular maintenance of staff accommodation



8

Promote Accountability and Transparency in Prison Administration

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- ✓ Regular updating of Prison Management System
- ✓ Compliance with S.4 of the RTI Act, 2005
- ✓ Regular Internal and External Monitoring
- ✓ Checks to curb corruption in prisons



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**Improve
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- ✓ Providing space for Jail Legal Aid Clinics
- ✓ Regular sharing of data on prisoners with the Undertrial Review Committee
- ✓ Coordinate with police authorities to ensure adequate number of escorts
- ✓ Ensuring regular visits by Board of Visitors

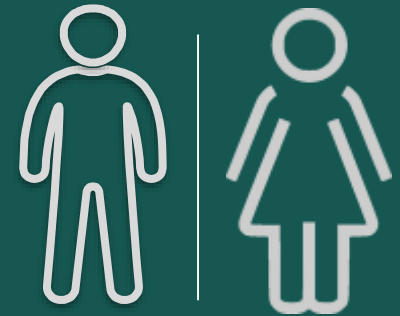


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**Focus on Special
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- ✓ Newly Admitted Prisoners
- ✓ Women Prisoners
- ✓ Transgender Prisoners
- ✓ Mentally ill
- ✓ Foreign Nationals





GAPS

How far are we from reaching the minimum standards?

Identify the policy and on-ground implementation gaps vis-à-vis Minimum Standards.



CHALLENGES

What are the obstacles in achieving minimum standards?

Make an assessment of the challenges which come in the way of implementation of minimum standards.



SOLUTIONS

How do we bridge the gap between – “what is desirable” and “what exists”?

Innovate solutions to ensure practical realisation of the minimum standards.



PLANNING

What must be the basis of prioritisation for implementation of minimum standards?

Develop a comprehensive plan consisting of short and long term targets.

Thank you!

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