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Approach Analysis

What Approach am I Looking at?

"UNODC assists Member States in breaking the cycle of re-offending by providing prison administrations with technical guidance on how to initiate and/or enhance rehabilitation programmes, in close coordination with other (non-)governmental stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector. All guidance and advisory services are based on the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules) - UNODC's 'normative compass' in this regard."

"As part of its global efforts to reduce reoffending and provide prisoners with [#ANewChance](#) upon release, UNODC recently opened two new rehabilitation centres in Zambia. The new facilities are aimed at curbing recidivism in the country and promoting social reintegration"

Pro's and Con's:

By implementing this approach in all prisons, correctional facilities and jails I believe our system and our society as a whole could benefit from it. I believe that it is programs like this that have the power to make criminals into well functioning members of society as well as helping to possibly reduce recidivism rates and keep America safer. This program teaches them valuable life skills that they can use to better their future. From vocational programs, to better education programs, to work programs that implement physical activity and labor. This program "Highlights the importance of supporting measures to support the rehabilitation and social reintegration of prisoners into the community."

With this being said, one thing I think could improve this approach is to make policy changes for private prisons. Starting with the fact that private prisons must have a certain amount of occupants imprisoned in order to receive funding. This also means that the more prisoners they hold the more money they receive. This policy is terrible because it gives private prisons an incentive to arrest more and keep inmates for longer periods of time for the simplest reasons which happen all of the time. Another thing that could be beneficial to add to this program is to help improve guard and inmate relationships. Prisoners, especially females, are subjected to terrible treatment from guards in many prisons. This occurs for

many different reasons. One of them being the power trip guards may gain after being in the position for certain periods of time. Another reason being that they can. In all states it is still legal to strip search at random points whenever the guard feels like even if their cause isn't exactly plausible. By improving these relationships and implementing more restrictions to actions like write ups and strip searches this can really improve the prison community as a whole and can help encourage prisoners to value the ability to change.

There are many issues that this specific approach does not change or help to benefit but this is one approach that seems to be making a huge impact and still addresses huge problems that many facilities face. The biggest problem with this approach is the lack of awareness to the public. As of right now Zambia (as far as I could find) is the only place that I found that is implementing these strategies into their prison system. So not too many people in the world know a whole lot about what UNODC does.

How might I apply aspects of this approach to my proposed solution?

I am applying the benefits of this approach to my proposal and adding in things that I think could further benefit my overall proposal.

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