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### **Personal growth and civic education will help prisoners return to society after release**

Starting from April 20, 2021, a series of trainings will be conducted on personal growth and civic education for 70 prisoners in the penitentiary institutions of Nurek City and Yavan district.

Trainers will adapt their curricula considering respective regimes in penitentiary institutions. The training sessions will enable prisoners to improve their communication skills, self-esteem and motivation, as well as to understand the process of conflict resolution. Participants will learn how to write resumes, compose applications, discuss their behavior during job interviews, get acquainted with the existing legislative framework in the country that will help prisoners adapt in the society.

Moreover, during the training sessions issues regarding re-socialization after release will be discussed and contact details of authorities/organizations that can help released people in various life situations, including the restoration of documents and job search will be provided. It is expected that training participants would be better oriented in the modern society applying the knowledge gained.

All precautions for contamination of COVID-19 (masks, antiseptics, and social distancing) will be observed.

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