



About INL

The international community faces a multitude of security challenges which threaten global security, economic growth, and community development. Weak law enforcement and justice sector institutions and the convergence of criminal networks in many countries around the world heighten these challenges. Within the Department of State, the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) assists countries in their efforts to enhance their own capacity to fight crime, administer justice, and safeguard the rule of law. INL has programs in over 80 countries and employs approximately 7,000 professionals.

INL Corrections, Justice and Police programs contribute to U.S. national and international security priorities, benefit country partners and support stable, sound governance and democratic values.

OUR MISSION

INL aims to strengthen partner criminal justice systems, and as a result enhance citizen security. INL's work in corrections is shaped by the belief that sustainable reform of criminal justice systems must be all-inclusive and integrate police and justice programs. To promote lasting improvements to corrections systems abroad, U.S. corrections officials assist host nation counterparts to develop and implement prisons and corrections systems that are safe, secure, humane and transparent. To achieve each country program's goals, INL provides:

- Training in all facets of corrections;
- Advising and mentoring of host nation counterparts with the goal of promoting sustainable reforms;
- Basic equipment, such as officer duty and emergency response gear; and
- Advising on correctional facility design, construction, and renovation.



SAFE, SECURE, HUMANE AND TRANSPARENT

Correctional systems—which include detention, imprisonment, probation, parole, and alternatives to incarceration—are essential components of a country’s criminal justice system. Effective correctional systems support law enforcement and judicial systems, and promote public safety.

STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

INL has established relationships with state and local law enforcement, corrections and justice sector institutions to leverage their expertise in support of the Department of State’s foreign assistance goals. U.S. experts in police, corrections, prosecutorial, and judicial systems serve on short assignments abroad to mentor, advise and/or train host country counterparts. In some cases, domestic agencies may host foreign counterparts for training or mentoring. These partnerships are mutually beneficial: the Department of State benefits from the knowledge and expertise of active-serving police officers, corrections, and legal professionals. State and local partners expand their ties with countries of interest to their communities, develop new skill sets, collaborate with the Department of State, and represent the U.S.

WHY CORRECTIONS MATTERS

Ineffective, corrupt and inhumane correctional systems negatively effect security, contribute to societal instability, and exacerbate crime by allowing hardened criminals and criminal networks to continue their activities. Numerous examples illustrate how prisons and jails have failed in their missions. In 2011, for example, 488 Taliban prisoners escaped from the Sarposa Prison in Afghanistan through a tunnel that had been dug from the outside into a cell block. While even good prison systems can encounter problems, well-managed systems are more likely to be successful in their core missions of securely, safely and humanely incarcerating those convicted or awaiting trial, and protecting society from further crime.

CASE STUDY: INL CORRECTIONS IN MEXICO

In 2009, INL formed a partnership with the Mexican government to create a professional corrections workforce by establishing the country’s first federal penitentiary training academy. By combining the U.S. investment of just over \$23.4 million with Mexico’s \$8 billion investment, Mexico has transformed its federal penitentiary system, even receiving accreditation by the American Correctional Association for many of its federal facilities. Key to the program’s success were INL’s partnerships with three state correctional systems, California, New Mexico and Colorado and INL’s partnership with the U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons. New Mexico’s corrections department has trained more than 370 academy instructors in the United States, who have in turn trained more than 7,000 Mexican penitentiary agents, while California, Colorado and the FBOP have trained hundreds of mid and senior level managers who represent the foundation of Mexico’s reformed penitentiary system.



CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS IN OVER 20 COUNTRIES



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The Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), Criminal Justice Assistance and Partnership Program is actively seeking current and recently retired corrections professionals to participate in its overseas missions to promote peace, help manage complex security operations, and support U.S. foreign policy. If you are interested, send your resume to: INLCorrectionsJobs@state.gov.



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—Assistant Secretary William R. Brownfield



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