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### Visit to the Rehabilitation and Social Adaptation Centre "Clean zone"

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On October 27, the EU Delegation in the Kyrgyz Republic staff and CADAP 7 implementing agency FIIAPP made a visit to the Clean Zone, built with CADAP support – which is the only female correctional institution in Kyrgyzstan located in Stepnoye village for convicted women who made a choice to quit using psychoactive substances.

“With the support of the European Union, the ‘clean zone’ improves the availability and variety of the treatment and rehabilitation facilities within the female prison. It aims to improve the quality of life and opens the road to it. The comprehensive package of services for clients makes the female colony in Kyrgyzstan one of the most advanced in Central Asia,” – told Mr. Cosimo Lamberti, EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic Programme Manager.

CADAP supports the so-called “Atlantis” drug treatment programmes in the prison system in Kyrgyzstan. The “Clean Zones” and “Atlantis” centres were introduced within the CADAP previous phases with the EU financial support. Trained professionals from the public health system, social workers and psychologists work with patients willing to stop using drugs. Clients come to the Clean Zone subject to their agreement to give up all drug abuse and to undergo regular screening to confirm they remain free of drugs. The centre is located in a separate building within the prison setting, which is equipped and supplied to carry out rehabilitation.

In a living block designed to accommodate 30 people, the trained staff - social workers and psychologists work with the inmates. With the support of CADAP, a living block with classrooms, a gym, a dining room, and a small sewing room have been refurbished and equipped. Also, a checkpoint and a greenhouse have been constructed. A video surveillance system, computers, sewing machines and furniture were provided for the Centre. The cost of construction and equipment is about 140 thousand Euro.

*Since its launch in 2003, the different phases of the EU-funded CADAP Programme have been supporting the governments of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in implementing strategies and measures to reduce the demand for drugs, promoting prevention initiatives and improving the treatment offered by public institutions to drug users in the region. The new 7<sup>th</sup> phase, with a total budget of 6.8 million Euros, intends to continue targeting interventions in the development of integrated and evidence-based drug policies and to improve access to quality drug demand reduction initiatives to vulnerable groups, following a gender and human rights-based approach (HRBA).*



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