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18 November 2021





07 October 2021





15 July 2021

WHO WE ARE

OUR VISION

Inclusive, empathetic and resilient societies can fight growing social polarization, bring inclusiveness and human dignity.

OUR MISSION

Mobilise against social injustice and human rights violations through prevention: we generate support for prevention from international, regional and national non-state actors

Engage relevant actors in constructive dialogue: we facilitate cooperation between many stakeholders to identify specific and sustainable solutions to prevent any form of violation of fundamental rights

Support national efforts to protect persons at risk: we offer strategic advice, tools and expertise to our partners working at the national level for inclusive, empathetic and resilient societies

Drive new thinking and analysis: we inspire action to promote inclusiveness and human dignity, through our ongoing research into its risk factors and root causes

OUR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

The Institute for Activism and Social Change is a national independent non-governmental organisation guided by strong values that form the basis of our identity and our work:

Commitment: We know that preventing social injustice is essential to protecting human dignity, as well as for building good governance and peaceful and inclusive societies.

Inclusion & equality: We place non-discrimination at the centre of our mission and promote diversity and inclusion in our work.

Integrity and transparency: We work impartially and independent of political or economic interests. We are open and accountable to our partners, supporters and beneficiaries for what we do and how we do it.

Partnerships: We strategically engage, ally and collaborate with a plurality of actors to develop sustainable prevention strategies. We call on duty bearers to meet their responsibilities and empower rights-holders to assert for their rights. We strengthen the capacity of both, careful to avoid dependence on our advice and support.

Quality and perseverance: We strive for excellence in seeking solutions and in demonstrating the added value of inclusiveness and human dignity. We recognise this work requires long-term vision and we focus our efforts accordingly.

Continuous learning and creativity: We share skills, knowledge, experiences and perspectives across all areas of our work. We learn from our partners and encourage innovation and new thinking. We continually explore different ways to measure the impact of our work and use these lessons to build new actions.

ORGANIZATION

The Institute for Activism and Social Change is a nongovernmental, non-partisan and non-political organization that is founded in 2015 and officially registered by Court Decision no.6150, dated 31.01.2019 in the Tirana District Court, and tax Identification number L91420451O.

IANS is a member organization in various national, regional and international networks and platforms:

- Anna Lindh Foundation Network/ Platform
- Radicalisation Awarenness Network (RAN)
- Council of Europe
- ODIHR's Network on Hate Crime Victim Support (HCVS Network)
- International Detention Coalition
- World Health Organization Platform
- National Coalition on Memorialisation

IANS becomes member organization in the National Refferals Mechanism for Mental Health

IANS finalizes partnership Agreement with State Agency for Child Protection.

BOARD

The <u>Board Members</u> of the Institute for Activism and Social Change are as following:

Name, surname	Professional background	Position
Mrs. Blerta Brovina	Legal and European Studies: Deputy Director/ Legal Adviser on projects related to legislative and policy reforms, good governance and consumer rights at Studio D	Chair
Mrs. Anisa Asllanaj	Psychology and youth Development studies: Certified Psychologist, Prison monitoring Expert and Gender based violence expert	Member
Mr. Admir Duraj	Mr. Admir Duraj Legal and criminal studies: Executive director of Women' Democracy Network	
Mr. Marsela Allmuca	Human Rights, Law and Development: Freelance attorney, advanced studies in human rights	Member

IANS has finalized a strategic document reshaping priorities through an inclusive processes that were facilitated by PARTNERS ALBANIA.

LIST OF DONORS:

- European Commission
- International Committee for the Missing Persons
- GCERF/ Insitute for Democracy and Mediation
- National Youth Congress
- ODIHR/OSCE
- Royal Embassy of the Netherlands
- UNICEF
- USAID, Global Fund
- World Health Organization

- National Youth Congress/ Municipality of Tirana
- Save the Children
- Swiss Cooperation for Development

More about the donors' contribution may be found in the section of the financial information. The Institute for Activism and Social Change is grateful for all the support and trust.

SOME IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS





WHAT WE DO

ACHIEVEMENTS

Detention monitoring and preventing torture and impunity:

IANS has been an active voice in protecting rights of persons deprived of their liberties. With highly professional team of experts, IANS was able to consolidate a system of data collection, reccomendations and case refferals that enable response to any particular case of maltreatment, negligence or misuse of power.

IANS has been a voice n translating the "Mandela" rules and the use of the international Guidelines on non-coercive interviewing and safeguards. Furthermore, the IANS data shows that unannounced visits and private interviews with detainees contribute to reduce torture. It also highlighted that for all measures there is a huge gap between law and practice, and monitoring bodies have an important role to play.

Monitoring bodies increasingly focused their attention on the way safeguards are implemented in practice (country report of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture focus on first hours of police custody; there were no thematic reports by NPMs).

Our approach is strategic, so that as well as representing an individual we target the policy reasons that enabled the torture to take place, by building a campaign that uses advocacy, community engagement, and communications to influence change.

IANS contributes to the US Department of State Country Report on Human Rights. "In October the Institute for Activism and Social Change (IANS) reported concerns about the identification, rehabilitation, and reintegration of violent extremist inmates in prison settings due to the lack of standard of practices and appropriate training for prison staff".

https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/albania/

Memorandum of understading were finalised with General Prisons Directorate, Albanian State Police, the Ombudsperson.

Radicalisation prevention:

The program started with a launching event, on October 4th 2022, which brought together high representatives from General Prisons Directorate, CVE Centre and Ministry of Interiors, police, State Agency for Child protection and municipal actors. This event was an opportunity to introduce the program approach at an objective levels and confirming the support. Following such starting event, on monthly basis, the program has combined monitoring visits and multiagency forums in each of the visited prison:

October, 2022 – 4 inspection visits in Elbasan, Burrel, Kukes and Shkodra. Visits were followed by multi agency meetings with representatives from prisons, police, municipality and educational actors.

November, 2022 – 3 monitoring visits in Durres, Kavaja, Lezha. On 15th November, through an order of the general Prisons Director, a Multi Agency forum was organized in Tirana with the presence of prison staff from Peqin, Burrel, Tirana, Elbasan, Korca, Kushe-Kruja. Basic topic was with regards information sharing and particular preventive role played by multi professionals experts and structures.

During November, 2022 IANS took part in the closed meetings with the EU Peer review mission to Albania regarding the EU-WB Action Plan and the upcoming priorities.

December, 2022- 3 monitoring visits in Women prison, 302, 313 pretrial detention facilities. IANS distributed publications for the prison libraries. On the 14th December, through an order of the General Police Director, a dedicated training on the role of the community police officers brought together both prisons, police, human rights institutions, to discuss about the approach and proactive role of the police in prevention.

A 3-day-training with 220 security officers was finalized in 27-28-29 December 2022; where a dedicated training module, was prepared and certified by the Albanian Police Academy and the Ministry of Education and Sports. The closing ceremony brought together police, prisons, educators, security officers, international community (i.e) the OSCE Presence and Dutch Embassy.

Raising awareness

National seminars with criminal justice actors held in parallel to meetings of the Albanian parliament, National Ceenter for the prevention of Radicalism and Violent Extremism, help raise awareness and discuss the domestic challenges and good practices related to interviews and implementation of safeguards.

Justice:

As part of a project on victims' rights, IANS published a report exploring the challenges victims face to participate effectively in transitional justice processes. The report makes a number of recommendations to international policymakers, including donors. A short review was also sent to the Special reporteur on extrajudicial killings.

Access to health

IANS is actually cooperating with Dutch organization ANTARES, Dutch Helsiki Committes, ODIHR on impact of violence to victims of hate crime

IANS was invited to participate in the Lugano Mental Health Summer Academy, organized by Swiss Cooperation Fund presenting the Good Practices on mental health reviews.

In order to adhere to the principles of continuity and equivalence of healthcare in prisons, the GDP should consider the transfer of healthcare governance to the Department of Health.

Reparation:

ANS trained more than 200 prison and police staff, local municial services and NGO representatives on Human Rights Sanctions regime, increasing their ability to file effective submissions seeking sanctions against the perpetrators of human rights abuses. IANS also participated in the discussions at the Albanian Parliament in Legacies of the Past.

Strategic Litigation

With this method we represent individual clients but also use the case to challenge the underlying

problem. We adopt a holistic approach, ensuring referrals for psycho-social support and accompanying survivors through the process. We provide training and mentoring to partner NGOs on this technique. As set out in the narrative report above, we progressed a number of cases during the course of the year. New Cases. During the year we had more than 25 new case inquiries. We intervened in two of them as amicus curiae, provided assistance on two cases, and referred two more to other specialist lawyers. Other inquiries were considered carefully, before being rejected with reasons being given for the decision (usually because cases do not fall within our mandate or expertise), and general signposting materials provided where relevant

Policy Advocacy

Among national P/CVE efforts and extensive mapping exercises from state and non-state actors towards well-coordinated referral system, of particular importance is the role of the school security officers (SSOs). Such position was first introduced in 2018 (with the assignment of 140 SSOs) and it has continued expanding into a community of 220 inspiring professionals, with a proactive liaison role within school environment.

A few basic trainings have been offered by MoES and Security Academy in the last four year for this community of professionals. Yet, considering challenging contexts, social drivers and community dynamics, a consolidated and accredited training curricula was considered necessary to be introduced to the actual SSOs workforce. IANS comes with this program, having consulted it with national coordination center on CVE and Ministry of Education representatives; and, by inviting multi-agency and trustworthy professionals. Additionally, some of the activities of this project will be implemented in partnership with OSCE Presence in Albania, which is one of the international organizations supporting the empowerment of SSOs in the country.

The moto of this program is: in a "see something, say something" world, trusted resources who are readily available can drastically reduce the chance of a violent act occurring on a school environment. The program aims to set up, train and make an operational mechanism/ SSOs' workforce for the coordination and referrals on P/CVE and public security.

Communications and Media

We support our litigation and policy advocacy through the press and social media, to influence stakeholders, draw attention to the issues, ensure that survivors have a voice, and to raise our profile to enhance our influence.

Online Events. We sought to respond to the Covid-19 lockdown by enhancing our online events, enabling us to engage with civil society, survivor communities, and government policy makers. We organized eight major webinars that were attended by over 1,200 people, and participated in many other webinars. Some highlights include:

• Protecting LGBT+ Persons from Torture and III-Treatment, which brought together experts on strategic litigation to discuss.

- The Forgotten Victims of Enforced Disappearance, which marked the International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances on 30 August.
- Not Without Us: Strengthening Victim Participation in Transitional Process, which included victims and high-level representatives from government
 - Interns, Fellows, Volunteers, and other supporters

This year, ians' volunteers provided invaluable support to all of our programme areas. ians has been fortunate to host a range of interns and volunteers, who have contributed substantially to our work. We are also very grateful to a number of lawyers who worked pro bono for a period of time

Rehabilitation:

The program was introduced as the first attempt towards a tailored rehabilitation and reintegration (R&R) approach as a support to the Albanian government targeting Albanian citizens that were involved as foreign terrorist fighters in the war theatre in the Middle East and have returned in the country. The first Albanian rehabilitation and reintegration program for repatriated women and children started in 2020. Such program was an opportunity to address the gaps in the so-called "self-driven" integration process. Until that moment, their quiet return was not followed by any risk or needs assessments that could potentially help front liners in shaping any support for them. By quoting official data, the number of voluntary returns from 2012 to 2019 in Albania was 45 individuals, of whom 30 men, 7 women and 8 children 1. Such data were not aggregated by families, and this challenge was overcome by targeting the "identified" hotspots throughout Albanian territory. 4 families of returned FTFs and 5 families in extreme social conditions were included in the program, representing an overall number of 41 persons (16 adults and 25 children); of 4 families 6 adults and 11 children. The program had a mutual and dynamic setting; from one side, attention was given to the consolidation of partnerships and coalition-building both at local and central levels; and from the other side, consolidating professional expertise that could orient in-depth case analysis and tailored interventions.

Dissent: Enforced Disappearance.

IANS raised the profile of enforced disappearance in Albania as a form of torture that has had little attention, supporting the efforts to include over 6000 missing persons under the compensation scheme of the former politically persecuted in Albania; an alternative report was published, putting the issue on the agenda of the international community. A partnership agreement was finalized with the ICMP.

• Discrimination: Gender-Based Violence.

In December 2020, IANS introduced a case management system, that addressed gender as a form of the hate crime in Albania. Contributions were provided to Albania's Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) during its third Review. The documents on which the reviews are based are: 1) national report - information provided by the State under review; 2) information contained in the reports of independent human rights experts and groups, known as the Special Procedures, human rights treaty bodies, and other UN entities; 3) information

https://www.gcerf.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/GCERF-Strategy-for-Investment-in-the-Western-Balkans.pdf

provided by other stakeholders including national human rights institutions, regional organizations and civil society groups.

PRIORITIES AND INTERVENTIONS

Priority areas of action		Programs	Challenges
Quality health services for people in need (focus on people deprived of their liberties) Resource network of multi professional experts	Policy recommendations; Development of the Prison Regulations and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for prison staff Academic innovations and cooperation with universities	Advocacy and Research	A context of continuous development; New legislation
Mental health	Leading organization and Roster Partner of the WHO, Country Office Legal analysis of the Mental Health Law and New Strategy	Cross sectoral Engagement	CPT/CoE Recommendations to Albanian Government COVID-19 challenges
Law on Mental Health. Bylaws and the new Strategic Document	Cross-sectoral cooperation with Ministry of Health and Social Protection MoU with MHSP MoU with MoH	Networking and Cooperation	
Support to civil society networks	Media dialogue Capacity building Promotion of good practices	Awareness raising	Partnerships for for Goal Media as the 4 th power

PARTNERSHIPS

With the Prime Minister Office:

• IANS is currently supporting the work of the National Centre on Countering Terrorism, at the Prime Minister Office on finalization of the rehabilitation programs for 170 individuals (foreign terrorist fighters) returning to Albania

With MoHSP

 IANS is an accredited organization by the National Professional Medical training Centre (QKEV) with a program that includes 25 credits and dedicated to Stress Management for Patients suffering from HIV/AIDS and so far has trained over 540 medical staff all over the country

- IANS has a Letter of Support for this Call, along the MoU signed with the MoHSP.
- IANS is a member of the CRM on HIV/AIDS
- IANS has an observatory status within the National Commission on Mental Health
- IANS has a written agreement with the State Agency for the Child Rights
- IANS has a written agreement with the MoHSP on the Implementation of the Global Fund Program on HIV/AIDS Prevention Program (3-years)
- IANS has prepared the National Review on "School Health" Legislative Review, contracted by the WHO Country Office and endorsed by the MoHSP
- Endorsement of basic training curricula on rehabilitation and reintegration of children raised in returned families – for school psychologists, educators, social protection employees – Ministry of Health and Social Protection, CVE Centre

With the Ministry of Justice

- IANS has 2-years signed and in force Agreement with the General prisons Directorate on Radicalization Prevention
- IANS has trained over 150 prison staff on radicalization prevention, through Council of Europe

With Ministry of Interiors

- IANS has a 2-years agreement with the Albanian State Police
- IANS has closely exchange with the Albanian Police Academy
- IANS has a mutual agreement with National Coordination Centre for violent extremism
- Endorsement of basic training curricula on post-traumatic stress disorders of children and adults from returned families for school psychologists, educators, and social protection employees Ministry of Health and Social Protection, CVE Centre.

DONORS

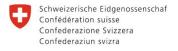












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