

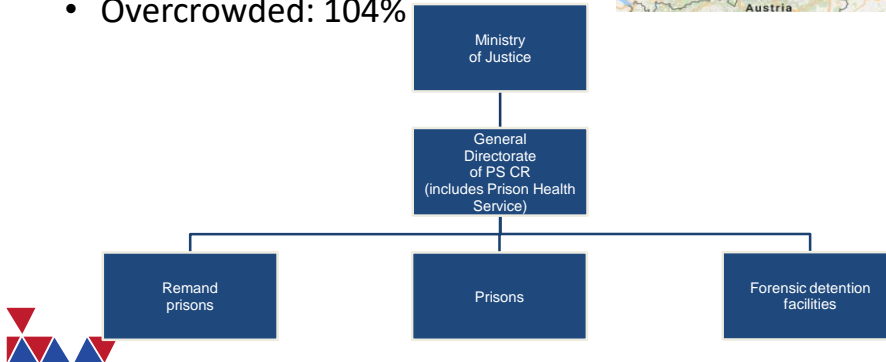


Pilot Condom Distribution in Czech Prison

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Background: Czech Prison System

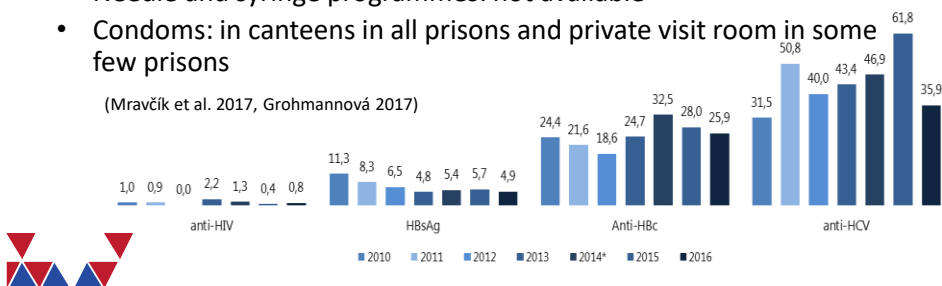
- Inhabitants: 10,5 million
- Prisons: 35
- Prisoners: 21 788 (31/08/2018)
- Foreigners: 1 710 (31/08/2018)
- Overcrowded: 104%



Background (2): Situation in CZ prisons

- Problem drug users represent 28% of prison population (i.e. drug injecting and/or repeated use of meth, opioids or cocaine one month prior incarceration)
- Lifetime prevalence of injecting in prisons: 7% of prisoners
- HIV prevalence: 0.8%, HCV prevalence: 35.9% (through diagnostic testing, 2016 data)
- Substitution maintenance treatment (2017): 6 prisons, 63 patients
- Needle and syringe programmes: not available
- Condoms: in canteens in all prisons and private visit room in some few prisons

(Mravčík et al. 2017, Grohmannová 2017)

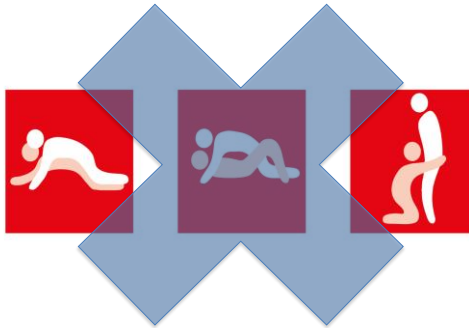


Prison Condom Distribution— implementation

- 12 months pilot started in August 2017
- 1 prison, 2 prison units (240 male inmates): 4 vending machines installed in bathroom/toilets
- Other units: condoms available on request at prison educational staff (not guards, not health staff)
- Prison administration preconditions:
 - written agreement
 - information leaflets for staff (about BBDs, STDs and condom distribution) and for inmates (about pilot project and prevention of infectious diseases)
 - special bins for „dangerous infectious waste“
- **Extension of agreement / project in August 2018**
- Results after 12 months: **4 000 condoms distributed**



What is possible? Packing of condoms



Media attention

- Sensitive issue for prison service
- Not always useful

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Kondomy zdarma. Vězeňská služba chystá výdejní automaty jako před HIV



Vězni dostanou kondomy zdarma, stát tím chce zabránit šíření HIV

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Česko chce do vězení zavést výdejní automaty na prezervativy, které by si vězňové mohli vyzvedávat anonymně a zdarma. Vězeňská služba tak chce zabránit šíření viru dalších pohlavních chorob. Projekt se podle zjištění Lidových novin bude testovat u vybraných věznicích.



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Vending machines for condom distribution



Special bins for dangerous infectious waste



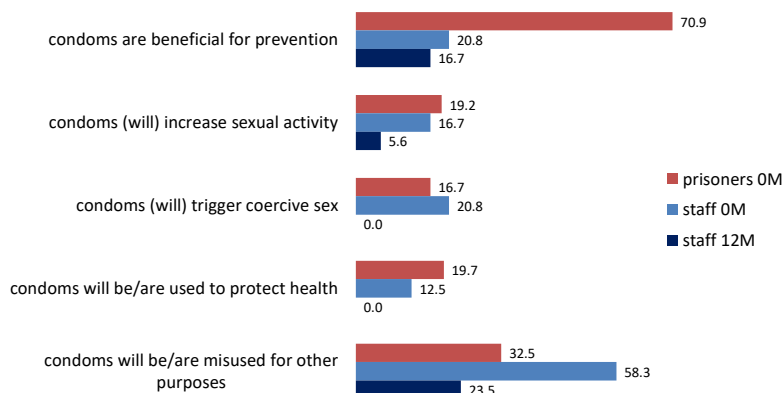
Evaluation design

- Baseline measurement prior start of condom distribution
- Follow-up in months 1, 6 and 12
- Tools:
 - Questionnaire for prisoners and for prison staff
 - Structured interviews with prisoners and with prison staff
 - FGs with prison staff and management
- Topics:
 - Experience and opinions on sex in prisons
 - Opinions on condom distribution and other prevention measures
 - Experience with risk behaviour in prison
 - Expectations from condom distributions
 - Attitudes towards homosexual orientation



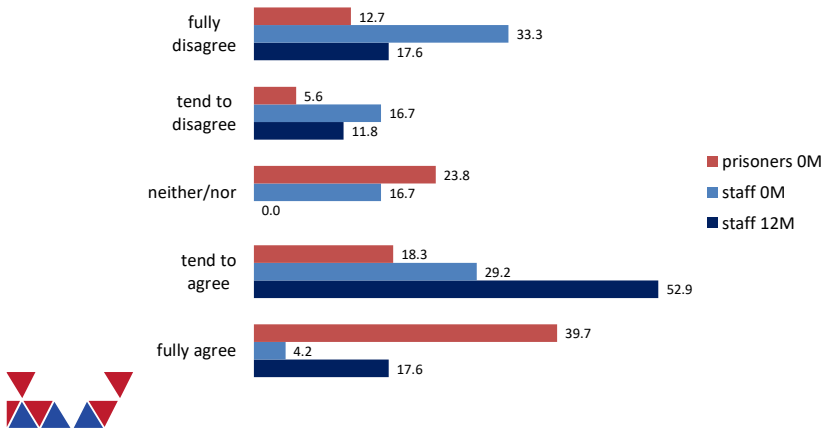
Results prior and after 12M: questionnaires

- Opinions on condom distribution (answers „fully agree“, in %):



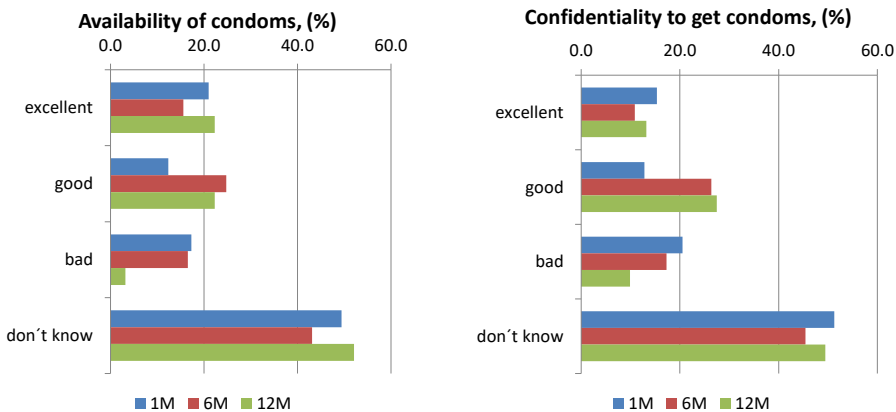
Results prior and after 12M: questionnaires

- Opinion on appropriateness of condom distribution via vending machines in prisons (%):



Questionnaires: prisoners

- Have you taken condoms from the condom machine or other way of distribution in the last 30 days while being in this prison? **12 M: YES 6.3%**



Results prior: interviews with ... prison staff

- Find condom distribution as unnecessary, they see other priority issues (e.g. hygiene, clothes)
- No need of preventive measures
- Concerns about condom distribution:
 - misuse for drug dealing
 - drug-free urine
 - fun, weapon etc.



Results after 12M: interviews with ... prison staff

- No problems, positive evaluation
- Find vending machines as a most anonymous and confident way of condom distribution
- Focus of attention on other topics/problems in prison
- Positive/neutral opinion on prolongation of pilot project and implementation also in other prisons in CZ



Conclusions/Lessons learned

- A lot of bureaucratic / technical / formal barriers before start (written agreements, bins etc.)
- Acknowledgement of the measure in the national strategic documents is important
- Informal relationship between project team and prison management (ice-breaking) helps
- Prisoners: quite positive attitudes also before start
- Prison staff: quite conservative/negative attitudes before, changed during project and remained after 12M (neutral/positive)
- No major problems during 12M pilot, fears of prison staff not confirmed
- Condom distribution works, machines are preferred, project prolonged



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