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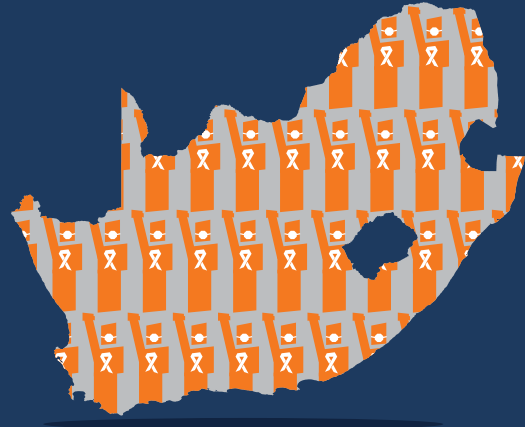
HIV/AIDS • GENDER EQUALITY • HUMAN RIGHTS

ONE JUDGE, ONE JAIL

The 'One Judge, One Jail' campaign aims to bring together the judiciary, the Judicial Inspectorate for Correctional Services (JICS) and civil society to strengthen prison oversight and to ensure the humane treatment of prisoners in South African correctional centres.

1 THE PROBLEM

South African prisons are fraught with conditions that lead to human rights abuses and high rates of sexual violence, HIV transmission and TB infection.



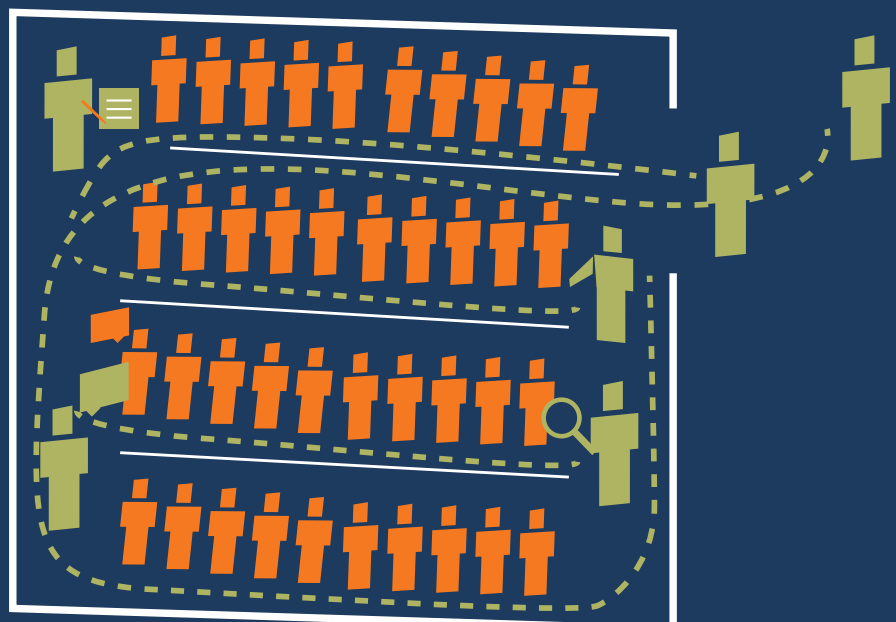
2 THE SOLUTION?

Regular monitoring and reporting acts as a preventative measure against human rights abuses in prisons, including ill treatment and torture.



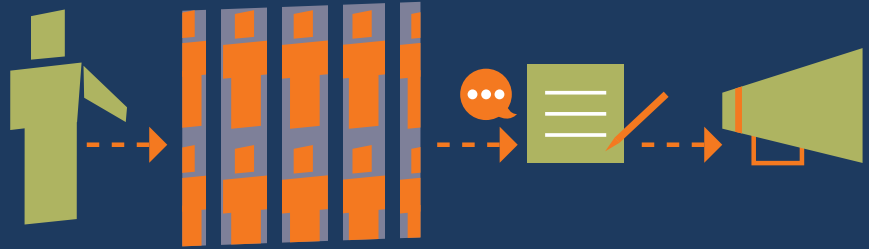
3 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ACT

The Correctional Services Act 111 of 1998 empowers judges and magistrates to visit any prisons in their jurisdiction at any time, and to access all areas of the prison, interview any prisoners, and access all prison records and documents.



4 CONSTITUTIONAL COURT PRISON VISITS PROGRAMME

The Constitutional Court started a prison visit programme in 2009. Every year, each judge on the bench of the Constitutional Court visits one or two prisons and publishes a report on their findings, which is made available to the public.



5 A SOUTH AFRICAN SOLUTION

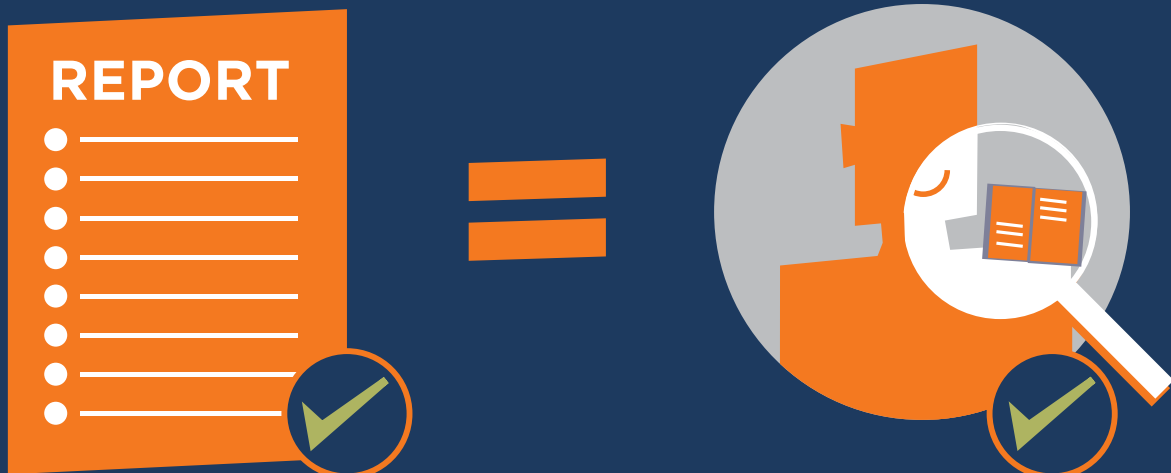
There are approximately 232 judges in the high courts, Supreme Court of Appeal and Constitutional Court. If each judge visited one prison per year, every prison would receive an annual inspection, allowing for consistent monitoring.



6 ONE JUDGE, ONE JAIL

We need judges to visit prisons.

If one judge visits one jail every year and provides a detailed report, we will achieve improved human rights for prisoners.



EVERY JUDICIAL OFFICER SHOULD VISIT AND REPORT ON A PRISON EVERY YEAR!