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HIGH RATE OF SUICIDE AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN THE LIPJAN DETENTION CENTER (LDC), COMPARED TO OTHER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF KOSOVO (CIK)

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¹Kosovo Correctional Service, Ministry of Justice, ²NGO 'Labyrinth', Pristina, Albania Introduction: In Correctional Institutions of Kosovo (CIK), the rate of suicide and attempted suicide is low (in the last six years have been six suicide).

Disturbing is the fact that during the period October 2007 to January 2009 at the Lipjan Detention Center (LDC) have been nine suicide and three attempted suicide, while in all other correctional institutions has not happened any suicide and only one attempted suicide. This level is to high when we consider the fact that the capacity of LDC is approximately 200 prisoners, while in all other correctional institutions have about 1500 prisoners.

Objectives: The objective is to find reasons for such a high level of suicide and attempted suicide in LDC.

Aims: The aim is to return the low level of suicidal behavior in LDC.

Methods: Mapping:

- 1. Survey documentation
- 2. Interviews
- 3. Focus groups

Results:

- 1. Lack of detection of cases at risk for suicide during admission.
- 2. Inadequate administrative and health management.
- 3. Insufficient communication between staff and prisoners

Conclusions:

Better management in early detection of cases

Creation of a multidisciplinary team for management of cases referred as risky for suicide