



PRISON REFORM IN MOROCCO

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ABSTRACT

The Moroccan penal system has been progressively (albeit slowly) moving towards a more rehabilitative oriented penal culture over the past decade. King Mohammed VI has institutionalized and dramatically increased the move towards more human rights oriented penal policies.

The instruments of these reforms include the development of a human right training curriculum for prison guards, the introduction of vocational training to prison facilities and the cooperation with outside groups such as the British Embassy and the Moroccan Prison Observatory.

Despite these reforms, Moroccan prisons are still faced with three core problems: overcrowding, corruption and a lack of resources. Because of these problems, Morocco has been unable to meet the standards of the international agreements to which it belongs; most significantly, the inability to effectively separate its juvenile and adult prison populations.