GLOBAL PRISON HEALTH RESEARCH AND TRAINING PRIORITIES

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Background

Prison health is a vital area of research which is key to ensuring that equitable healthcare is provided across the globe. No previous studies identified and ranked global health research and training priorities. This modified, 2 round Delphi study was designed to determine the priority research and training topics in prison health protection/health security and training globally for the next 10 years.

Methodology and Methods

Round 1 Key stakeholders were invited to identify up to 5 research and 5 training priorities in prison health. These were categorised and themed. In Round 2 participants were asked whether they strongly agreed, agreed, neither agreed or disagreed, disagreed or strongly disagreed with each theme/category. The results were categorised by country income (as defined by the World Bank), as well as by participant role.

Key Results - Prison Health Research Priorities

Research priorities	High income countries		Middle income countries		Low income countries	
	Priority	Consensus (%)	Priority	Consensus (%)	Priority	Consensus (%)
	Addictions	92.1%	Mental health	88.9%	Non-communicable disesases	93.6%
	Health equity	89.7%	Public health	84.9%	Human rights	91.8%
	Transitions	89.4%	Substance use and misuse	80.4%	Prison conditions	89.9%
	Prison conditions	87.5%			Sub-populations in prisons	89.6%
	Data Gathering in Prisons	87.1%	Non communicable diseases	78.4%	Communicable diseases	88.0%
	Recidivism	87.0%	Transitions	77.8%	Mental health	85.4%

Key Results - Prison Health Training Priorities

Training priorities	High income countries		Middle income countries		Low income countries	
	Priority	Consensus (%)	Priority	Consensus (%)	Priority	Consensus (%)
	Communicable diseases	87.8%	Management of diseases	89.1%	Communicable disesases	93.9%
	Management of diseases	87.3%	Mental health	87.8%	Mental health	91.2%
	Mental health	85.8%	Research	87.5%	Public health	91.2%
	Education for prisoners	84.6%	Education for prisoners	83.2%	Non-communicable diseases	90.6%
			Communicable diseases	80.7%	Prevention and management of disease	85.4%

Conclusion

The results from this study will help guide the sector when setting the prison health research and training priorities for the next decade.