

## Uganda: Fact Sheet on Women and Incarceration

- More than 2,600 women are incarcerated ([World Prison Brief](#), 2019)
- Women in contact with the law face significant [challenges](#) in accessing quality legal representation.
- Women in prison face [challenges](#) with access to gender-specific health care, mental health services and support for [children detained with them](#).
- In 2015, [Penal Reform International & Foundation for Human Rights Initiative](#) conducted research into the backgrounds of women in prison in Uganda. They interviewed 10% of the total female prison population:
  - 76% of women surveyed identified themselves as poor or very poor; 32% had never been to school.
  - Over half of the women were held in pre-trial detention, with some of these women being in detention for more than two years
  - 63% of women surveyed said they suffered from depression
  - 60% of women highlighted finding employment post-release as a priority as well as financial support (47%).
- Approximately 86% of all women in prison are either charged or convicted for murder, manslaughter or assault. One quarter of all homicides by women in prison in Uganda involve the death of an intimate partner. [Research](#) shows most women imprisoned for offences against life (murder, assault or manslaughter), have experienced prolonged domestic violence at the hands of a partner, spouse or another family member, and for many the abuse had occurred several times.

### Organisations Working to Support Incarcerated People in Uganda \*

[ACTV Uganda](#)

[FIDA Uganda](#)

[Foundation for Human Rights Initiative](#)

[Justice Defenders](#)

[Legal Aid Project, Uganda Law Society](#)

[Penal Reform International, Africa](#)

[Prison Fellowship Uganda](#)

[Sunny African Children's Centre](#)

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