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SUCCESS STORY

USAID CONTRIBUTION IN RESOSCALIZATION AMONG EX-PRISONERS IN TAJIKISTAN



Ulugbek started to use drugs when he was 17. Many years ago he was convicted for 12 years.

In March 2016 Ulugbek got released as a result of the amnesty. Social workers from USAID HIV React Project prepared Ulugbek for the release and further meeting with the reality.

Just after the release Ulugbek was supported with necessary medical examinations and free visits to doctors.

Ten years in prison, isolation from the outside world affected Ulugbek, who could hardly accept and understand present life conditions. Project social workers met him on a regular basis. During such

meetings they provided him with important information about services available, his rights and opportunities and necessary psychological support was provided.



Due to this support, Ulugbek could quickly integrate into the new environment, having coped with his fears and tension.

“Everybody knows that a person released from prison has always difficulties with adaptation into the society, finding his/her place in life. I hope that I will have

support and understanding from people around me”- says Ulugbek.

Presently, Ulugbek runs a healthy, drug-free, life style and surrounded by the care of his family, he makes future plans and looks for a job.

Ulugbek is one of the 41 former prisoners, who have received comprehensive support from “AFEW-Tajikistan” as part of the HIV React Project, implemented with the support of USAID.