

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANCE

EXPLANATION OF SCORES

CLUSTERS A, C and E provide information about the right to receive spiritual assistance in prisons, healthcare facilities and the military.

CLUSTERS B, D and F concern the right to have worship/meeting places within these institutions.

CLUSTER G examines two issues related to the right to manifest one's religion or belief: exemption from service of military personnel on their religious holidays; right of inmates to obtain food not forbidden by religious rules.

In most countries spiritual care in public healthcare facilities is arranged on a local basis, unlike spiritual care in prisons and the military. For this reason, it is not possible to ascertain with sufficient accuracy which RBMs actually have chaplains in public healthcare facilities and which chaplains are actually paid. This explains the absence, in the cluster devoted to spiritual care in public healthcare facilities, of a question corresponding to **QUESTIONS 2.3 and 8.3** of the clusters on spiritual care in prisons and the military and the different wording of the **QUESTION 5.3**.

A coefficient of 0.50 was applied to **QUESTIONS 2.3 and 8.3** because, unlike the right to have a chaplain, the fact that chaplains are actually serving in prisons and the military is related to the number of people who require their assistance. As a result, the presence/absence of a chaplain in these institutions cannot automatically be considered an indication of promotion/restriction of RBM rights.

The same coefficient was applied to the **QUESTIONS 4.1, 7.1 and 10.1** because the existence of worship and meeting spaces permanently reserved for a particular RBM cannot be ascertained with certainty.

Additional information about how scores are awarded and detailed indications of the applicable international standards are provided in the section **SPIRITUAL ASSISTANCE** of the page **POLICY AREAS**.

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CLUSTER A, CLUSTER C, CLUSTER E: RIGHT TO RECEIVE SPIRITUAL ASSISTANCE IN PRISON, IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, IN THE ARMY

QUESTION 1 *Are prisons entitled to collect information about the religious affiliation of the inmates?*

Yes, with the inmate's consent, or no, score 0; yes, without the inmate's consent, score -1.

QUESTIONS 2 *Is spiritual assistance provided in prisons?*

QUESTION 5 *Is spiritual assistance provided in public healthcare facilities?*

QUESTION 8 *Is spiritual assistance provided in the army?*

Spiritual assistance is provided, score 0; spiritual assistance is not provided, score -1.

QUESTIONS 2.1 [prison] - 5.1 [healthcare facilities] - 8.1 [army] *Is there a state organized and/or supported chaplaincy?*

Yes (there is a state organized and/or supported chaplaincy), score 1; no, score 0.

QUESTIONS 2.2 [prison] - 5.2 [healthcare facilities] - 8.2 [army] *Which RBMs have access to state organized and/or supported chaplaincy [de jure situation]?*

Depending on the number of RBMs which enjoy this right, the following scores are given: score 0, no RBM; score 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; score 0.66, from 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; score 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs.

QUESTIONS 2.3 [prison] - 8.3 [army] *Which RBMs have access to state organized and/or supported chaplaincy [de facto situation]?*

Depending on the number of RBMs which enjoy this right, the following scores are given: score 0, no RBM; score 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; score 0.66, from 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; score 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs.

QUESTION 5.3 *Which RBMs are entitled to have chaplains/representatives in the healthcare facilities financially supported by the state/healthcare institution [de jure situation]?*

Depending on the number of RBMs which enjoy this right, the following scores are given: score 0, no RBM; score 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; score 0.66, from 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; score 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs; score N/A, if the answer to QUESTION 5.2 was “no RBM”.

When RBM representatives are not paid but receive expense reimbursement or a lump sum, the score is halved.

QUESTIONS 2.4 *Which RBM chaplains/representatives are financially supported by the state/prison [de facto situation]?*

QUESTION 8.4 *Which RBM chaplains/representatives are financially supported by the state/prison [de facto situation]?*

Depending on the number of RBMs which enjoy this right (chaplains/representatives financially supported by the state/prison/army [*de facto* situation]), the following scores are given: score 0, no RBM; score 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; score 0.66, from 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; score 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs.

QUESTIONS 3 *Are RBM representatives entitled to visit the prisons?*

QUESTION 6 *Are RBM representatives entitled to visit the public healthcare facilities?*

QUESTION 9 *Are RBM representatives entitled to visit the military facilities?*

The questions concern both regular visits and visits upon request of the inmates, patients, and military personnel.

If RBM representatives have the right to visit inmates, patients, military personnel, score 0; if they do not have this right, score -1.

QUESTIONS 3.1 [prison] - 6.1 [healthcare facilities] - 9.1 [army] *Which RBM representatives have this right to visiting?*

Depending on the number of RBMs which enjoy this right, the following scores are given: score -1, no RBM; score -0.66, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; score -0.33, from 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; score 0, more than 2/3 of RBMs.

CLUSTER B, CLUSTER D, CLUSTER F: RIGHT TO HAVE WORSHIP/MEETING PLACES

QUESTIONS 4 *Have RBMs the right to have their own chapels/meeting places in prisons?*

QUESTION 7 *Have RBMs the right to have their own chapels/meeting places in public healthcare facilities?*

QUESTION 10 *Have RBMs the right to have their own chapels/meeting places in the military facilities?*

If RBMs are entitled to have their own chapels/meeting places, score 1; if RBMs do not have this right, score 0.

For the meaning of “chapel/meeting place” see the paragraph devoted to SPIRITUAL ASSISTANCE in the section GLOSSARY of the page DATA.

QUESTIONS 4.1 [prison] - 7.1 [healthcare facilities] - 10.1 [army] *Which RBMs have their own chapel/meeting places [de facto situation]?*

Depending on the number of RBMs which enjoy this right, the following scores are given: score 0, no RBM; score 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; score 0.66, from 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; score 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs.

QUESTIONS 4.2 [prison] - 7.2 [healthcare facilities] - 10.2 [army] *Are there any multi-faith spaces that can be used by members of different RBMs?*

No score because answers are not based on sufficiently reliable data.

CLUSTER G: RIGHT TO MANIFEST ONE'S RELIGION OR BELIEF

QUESTION 11 *Have the members of the military personnel the right to be exempted from service on occasion of the festivities of their RBM?*

If military personnel have the right to be exempted from service on their religious holidays, score 0; if military personnel do not enjoy this right, score -1 (in the policy area RBM RIGHTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, the same question is scored differently because teachers and students are not subject to the same restrictions that apply to military personnel).

QUESTION 11.1 *Which RBM members enjoy this right?*

Depending on the number of RBMs which enjoy this right, the following scores are given: score 0, no RBM; score 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; score 0.66, 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; score 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs; score N/A, if the score of the QUESTION 11 was -1.

QUESTION 12 *Have inmates the right to receive food that is not forbidden by the rules of their RBM?*

If inmates are entitled to receive food which is not forbidden by their religious/belief rules, score 1; if they do not enjoy this right, score -1; if there is no right but just a possibility, score 0 (in the policy area RBM RIGHTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, the same question concerning schools is scored differently because students can get access to food not forbidden by their religion or belief more easily than inmates).

QUESTION 12.1 *Have the inmates who are members of the following RBMs the right to receive food that is not forbidden by the rules of their RBM?*

Depending on the number of RBMs which enjoy this right, the following scores are given: score 0, no RBM; score 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; score 0.66, 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; score 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs; score N/A, if the score of the QUESTION 12 was -1.

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CLUSTER A, CLUSTER C, CLUSTER E: RIGHT TO RECEIVE SPIRITUAL ASSISTANCE IN PRISON, IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, IN THE ARMY

QUESTIONS 2.2 [prison] - 5.2 [healthcare facilities] - 8.2 [army] *Which RBMs have access to state organized and/or supported chaplaincy [de jure situation]?*

Score 1 to each RBM which has access to state organized and/or supported chaplaincy [*de jure* situation]; score -1 to each RBM which does not enjoy this right.

QUESTIONS 2.3 [prison] - 8.3 [army] *Which RBMs have access to state organized and/or supported chaplaincy [de facto situation]?*

Score 1 to each RBM which has *de facto* access to state organized and/or supported chaplaincy; score -1 to each RBM which does not have access.

QUESTION 5.3 *Which RBMs are entitled to have chaplains/representatives in the healthcare facilities financially supported by the state/healthcare institution [de jure situation]?*

Score 1 to each RBM which enjoys the right [*de jure* situation] to have representatives financially supported by the state/healthcare institution; score -1 to each RBM which does not enjoy this right.

QUESTIONS 2.4 *Which RBM chaplains/representatives are financially supported by the state/prison [de facto situation]?*

QUESTION 8.4 *Which RBM chaplains/representatives are financially supported by the state/prison [de facto situation]?*

Score 1 to each RBM whose representatives are financially supported by the state/prisons/Army; score -1 to each RBM which does not enjoy this right.

QUESTIONS 3.1 [prison] - 6.1 [healthcare facilities] - 9.1 [Army] *Which RBM representatives have this right to visiting?*

Score 1 to each RBM whose representatives are entitled to visit the prison, healthcare facility, military barracks; score -1 to each RBM whose representatives do not enjoy this right.

CLUSTER B, CLUSTER D, CLUSTER F: RIGHT TO HAVE WORSHIP/MEETING PLACES

QUESTIONS 4.1 [prison] - 7.1 [healthcare facilities] - 10.1 [army] *Which RBMs have their own chapel/meeting places [de facto situation]?*

Score 1 to each RBM which is entitled to have a chapel/meeting place in prison, healthcare facility, military barracks; score -1 to each RBM which does not enjoy this right.

CLUSTER G: RIGHT TO MANIFEST ONE'S RELIGION OR BELIEF

QUESTION 11.1 *Which RBM members enjoy this right?*

Score 1 to each RBM whose members (military personnel) have the right to be exempted from service on their religious holidays; score -1 to each RBM whose members do not enjoy this right; score N/A, if the answer to QUESTION 11 was "no RBM".

All Christian minorities and the Mormon minority (which shares the most important holidays with the Christian minorities) always scored 1 as everywhere the military personnel are entitled to be exempted from service on these holidays.

QUESTION 12.1 *Have the inmates who are members of the following RBMs the right to receive food that is not forbidden by the rules of their RBM?*

Score 1 to each RBM whose members (inmates) are entitled to receive food not forbidden by their religious/belief rules; score -1 to each RBM whose members do not enjoy this right.