

Questionnaire

I write to ask if you (or any concerned others) would consider writing back with responses to the questions below. We will compile responses into a slide-show for the attendees to see during the training and to take home with them and access on their computers. We may take pictures of the letters and scan them in, or we may type up portions and include them. The deadline is June 6th.

1. Would you be interested in submitting materials to train attendees?
 - a. Would you like your name and contact information included? If so, please indicate in your response. YES HARIBU L.M. SORIANO-MUGABI
 - b. Would you like a short, (3-4 sentence) biography about you included? If so, please send one similar to the samples enclosed. SEE ADDED PAGE #2)
2. This training is aimed to focus on practical skills development for activists, legal workers, and lawyers to understand the nitty gritty methods and best practices for supporting and advocating for people inside prisons.
 - a. What skills should people work on developing? (For example: correspondence, writing letters to officials, organizing, legislative work, media work, becoming familiar with prisoners' rights, becoming familiar with certain rules or policies, etc.) THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILL TO DEVELOP IS A STRONG UNDERSTANDING OF ALL RULES AND THE LANGUAGE GOVERNING THESE RULES. CDCR IS KNOWN IN ATTEMPTING TO MIS USE (INTERPRET) THE LANGUAGE TO BENEFIT THEIR PURPOSE.
 - b. We plan to teach participants about basic rights (conditions, medical, staff conduct, etc.) and potential remedies within and external to CDCR. What should participants know about?
 - c. What forms or documents or policies should people be familiar with? ALL CDCR DOCUMENTS CONCERNING POLICIES ABOUT OUTSIDE MEDICAL TREATMENTS. CDCR IS CONSTANTLY DENYING DENYING OUTSIDE TREATMENT TO PRISONERS AND NOT ALLOWING PRISONERS TO VIEW THESE RULES & GUIDELINES. ALSO THE POLICIES CONCERNING UNLAWFUL PRISONERS COMMUNICATIONS.
 - d. We plan to teach participants "the nuts and bolts of: confidentiality, correspondence, visits, records requests, and re-entry." What should participants know about these topics? AS YOU STATED EVERY THING CONCERNING THESE TOPICS. CDCR KEEPS ALOT OF PRISONERS IN THE DARK ON THE INTERNAL POLICIES CONCERNING ITS OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, SO AS TO ABUSE THEIR RECLATIONS. OUTSIDE PEOPLE KNOWING THESE TOPICS WOULD BE GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THOSE PRISONERS WHO COME ACROSS THE VIOLATIONS.
 - e. What common mistakes do activists, legal workers, or attorneys make in trying to support people on the inside? How do you advise that we correct these?
 - f. Why is it important for people to volunteer with programs present at the training - Human Rights Pen Pal Program offering correspondence, California Prison Focus offering legal visits to Corcoran and Pelican Bay SHUs, and the Advocacy Network program advocating for people in solitary (this program may or may not be ready to launch by June). THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO IN SOME FORM WILL BE DEALING WITH PRISONERS WHO WILL BE RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITIES AND BEING HELD TO INTERACT WITH PRISONERS INSIDE. THEY WILL BE ABLE SEE FOR THEMSELVES THAT ALL THIS NEGATIVE PROPAGANDA GO TO NEGON PT.
3. Other information that should be included in the training?
4. Other comments?



F. CONTINUED. THAT THE PRISON OFFICIALS USE TO DEHUMANIZE PRISONERS. FURTHER OUTSIDE SUPPORT IS NECESSARY FOR PRISONERS TO MAINTAIN GOOD MENTAL HEALTH. WHEN PRISONERS HAVE PEOPLE TO CORRESPOND WITH, OR WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUALS IN RETURN EXTEND THE SAME RECOGNITION, BETTER PUT WILL RECIPROCATATE THE KIND KINDNESS. ANY TYPE OF NETWORK THAT ADVOCATES SOLIDARITY WITH US IN THESE TORTURE CHAMBERS IS EXTREMELY NECESSARY IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS WE ARE WITH ON A DAILY BASIS.

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1.) (B) SHORT BIOGRAPHY: MY NAME IS HARIBU L.M. SERIANO-MICABE, HE IS A NEW AFRICAN FROM SAN DIEGO-CALIFORNIA, HOWEVER HE ORIGINATED FROM ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH BARBADOS. HE IS 60 YRS OLD AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE TO PAST STRUGGLES OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT. FURTHER HE IS A PRISONER WHO IS DOING AN INDETERMINATE SENTENCE FOR HIS POLITICAL BELIEFS AND HIS ACTIVITIES IN EDUCATING PRISONERS ABOUT THE STATE AND ITS REPRESSION ACTION ON VIOLATING BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN THE WALLS OF ALL PRISONS. HE IS CURRENTLY HOUSED AT CSP CORCORAN TORTURE UNIT (SHU).