

Raphael Rowe Foundation Annual Report

2024

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INTRODUCTION

In 2024, the Raphael Rowe Foundation continued its tireless work advocating for the basic human rights of individuals affected by the criminal justice system. From addressing the fundamental rights of prisoners to advocating for systemic reform in prison conditions, our focus has remained on ensuring dignity, equality, and justice for those imprisoned. We are committed to improving conditions, enhancing rehabilitation efforts, and working toward a more humane, fair, and effective criminal justice system.

Our work would not be possible without the unwavering support of our partners, donors, and volunteers. This annual report provides an overview of the progress we've made, our financial status, and the impact of our programs.

MISSION & VISION

To work with those who administer prison systems throughout the world, and inspire them to abolish dehumanising, degrading and dangerous practices, putting more emphasis on the health, education and rehabilitation. Our vision is to end dehumanisation of people in prison and build safer societies.

PILLARS

Rethink.

Inspire systems which enable the mistreatment of people in prison to rethink their approach.

Rehumanise.

Give every person in prison across the world their basic human rights.

Reintegrate.

Allow empowered and rehabilitated people in prison to be welcomed into society.



VALUES

Passionate

We care about what we do, and we are determined to make positive and permanent changes

Practical

We understand that environments shape people. Prisons can further damage the health and life chances of those within their walls. We provide practical solutions, and evidence the impact of our work.

Authentic

We tell it like it is. We are real. We also make real changes, including changing the narrative around people in prison.

Empathetic

We do not reduce people in prison to their crimes, we see them as human beings. Human beings who, with the right support, have the capability to positively transform their lives

Courageous

We have the strength to stand alongside, and stand up for, those who are often feared and shamed, and compel society to rethink its preconceptions and prejudices.



IMPACT SUMMARY

Fact-Finding Mission to Moldovan Penitentiaries

A mission to Moldova's prison system uncovered critical insights into the conditions faced by male and female prisoners and young offenders. This initiative has laid the groundwork for cross-border collaboration to improve correctional practices and improve basic human rights.

Preparation for Renovations at Rezina Penitentiary 17, Moldova

The RRF has initiated preparations for essential renovations at Rezina Penitentiary 17 in Moldova, with a focus on enhancing wellbeing and mental health. Plans include the development of a gymnasium to provide prisoners with access to physical activity and recreational facilities. This initiative is designed to uphold human rights, improve mental health, and promote physical fitness, creating a healthier and more rehabilitative environment. Prisoners will be actively involved in the renovation developing new skills.

Equipment for Young Offenders in Moldova

Sport equipment provided to young offenders in Moldova have enhanced wellbeing and physical activity, reducing boredom and stress, leading to them being more engaged with rehabilitation programs that will reduce the likelihood of reoffending upon release.



Research on Women in Prison

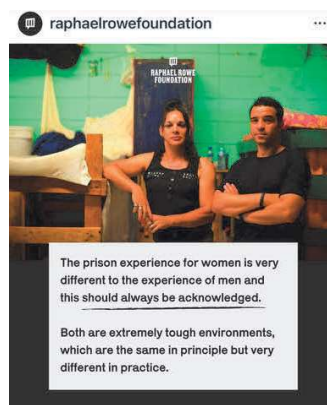
A qualitative study that explored the unique challenges faced by women in prisons. This research, and information sharing campaign, via the RRF social media platforms, focused on issues such as trauma, mental health, and family separation, paving the way for gender-sensitive projects and programs to be developed. Our focus initially is to provide sanitary products in prisons that do not meet these needs.

Street Racket Activities in UK Prisons

The introduction of the RRF wellbeing and conflict reduction innovative street racket activities has shown through evaluation that by introducing teamwork and mutual respect, these activities have built stronger relationships between staff and prisoners, contributing to a safer and more constructive environment.

Collaboration to Build Bunk Beds in Indonesian Prisons

In response to overcrowding and poor living conditions, the RRF is currently collaborating on a project with Second Chance Foundation and the Directorate General of Corrections, Indonesia, to construct bunk beds within an Indonesian prison. This initiative will improve living conditions, reduced overcrowding, and meet essential human rights standards, promoting dignity and safety for incarcerated individuals.



Workshops in UK Maximum Security Prisons

A motivational workshop inside HMP Garth, a maximum security prison in the UK, provided prisoners with inspiration and personal growth. This particular program emphasise using time constructively, helping participants to envision a more positive future and make meaningful contributions to society. Here is some prisoners feedback:

“I wish to express my gratitude to staff who organised Raphael Rowe to speak at HMP Garth this morning. Listening to him has been the most meaningful experience i have had at HMP Garth and was inspiring to listen to his struggles which i can relate to being able to compare and contrast.”

“It was really inspirational to see someone with a similar background to me, come out and become so successful. His messages have motivated me to utilise my time better so I can come out with new skills and qualifications. You can tell he is genuine, it was an honour to meet him.”

“I attended the Raphael Rowe talk and I'd just like to say it was very positive and inspirational. I also want to give credit to the geezer that was interviewing Raphael, he done a wicked job.”

“The Raphael Rowe talk was really good, it helped to give me a bit of motivation to start writing my book. Learnt a lot about other prisons around the world, to realise we don't have it that bad. The interview was really well done.”



CONCLUSION

The impact of the Raphael Rowe Foundation illustrate the transformative potential of targeted funding and collaborative efforts in addressing the challenges within the global prison system. From advancing research on marginalised groups and improving living conditions to developing rehabilitation through physical and mental health initiatives, each project reflects a commitment to upholding human rights and creating opportunities for growth and reintegration.

The preparation for impactful projects, such as the development of a gymnasium and wellbeing facilities in Rezina Penitentiary 17 and the introduction of practical solutions like bunk beds in overcrowded prisons, highlights the RRF's ability to address urgent needs while laying the foundation for long-term systemic change.

By supporting innovative programs, international collaboration, and sustainable fundraising strategies, the RRF continues to pave the way for meaningful reform. These achievements not only enhance the lives of individuals within the prison system but also contribute to building safer and more inclusive communities, proving that rehabilitation is not just a possibility, it is a reality with the right investment and vision.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Funding for Strategic Fundraising Initiatives

Investment in a strategic fundraising report and the organisation of a dedicated fundraiser strengthened the RRF's capacity to focus on revenue streams for sustainable funding. The initiative expanded donor networks and provided a clear roadmap for future resource development, ensuring the continuation of impactful programs. A volunteer dedicated to submitting grant applications has now be recruited to support fund raising efforts throughout 2025.

Fundraising Plan 2024/2025

Please click on the link below to view fundraising Plan:

[Fundrasing Plan](#)

Discussion Documents:

Accounts Prepared by RRF Accountant

RRF Estimated Income & Expenditure FY2025



Governance and Leadership

The Raphael Rowe Foundation is overseen by a Board of Trustees, each bringing diverse expertise in criminal justice reform, human rights advocacy, nonprofit management, and finance. The current trustees of the foundation are:

- Jonty Camsey
- Alex South
- Andrew Morris
- Kate Ruby

Volunteer and Donor Engagement

The ongoing support from our volunteers and donors is vital to our success. In 2024, numerous volunteers dedicated their time across various programs, including prison-based activities, research, and fundraising efforts. Additionally, we experienced growth in partnerships with organisations like Forest with Impact, Meetmagic, and My Perfect Cosmetics, all contributing to the sustainability of our human rights and prison reform resources.

Strategic Goals for 2025

As we look ahead to 2025, the Raphael Rowe Foundation has outlined the following priorities:

- Expand our Street Racket initiative aimed at enhancing prison wellbeing to five additional facilities in the UK and abroad.
- Partner with Moldovan male penitentiary authorities to renovate gym facilities.
- Team up with Moldovan youth penitentiary authorities to establish an outdoor multipurpose court for Street Racket and other activities.
- Work with Moldovan female penitentiary authorities to introduce Street Racket activities.
- Collaborate with Indonesian correctional staff and the Second Chance Foundation Charity to construct bunk beds to alleviate overcrowding and enhance human rights.
- Implement Street Racket activities within HMP Belmarsh, a maximum-security prison, to build engagement and reduce conflict.
- Launch a pilot program for educational and skills training through digital devices.
- Set fundraising objectives.



CONCLUSION

In 2024, Raphael Rowe Foundation has made significant strides in advocating for the human rights of those impacted by the criminal justice system and improving prison conditions. We are committed to making meaningful changes in the system to ensure that every incarcerated individual has access to the basic rights they are entitled to, as well as the support needed to reintegrate into society.

With your continued support, we are confident that we can build a more humane and just system that focuses on rehabilitation, dignity, and second chances for all.

Founder & Director

Raphael Rowe

