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### The impact of the pandemic on prisons

The Covid-19 pandemic has hit prisons particularly hard, as they are particularly prone to the spread of the virus due to the promiscuity and insalubrity that prevails there. To prevent the spread of the virus in these places, many States have banned visits by relatives of detainees, even though they often provide a vital moral and material support for the persons deprived of their liberty.

#### Presentation of the programme

With the programme on abusive pre-trial detention (APD), the FIACAT is fighting against overcrowding, torture and ill-treatment in prisons. Indeed, prisons are overcrowded partly due to the many cases of APD.

Pre-trial detention exceptionally deprives a person awaiting trial of his or her liberty. It is strictly circumscribed by a procedure and time limits. When a person is kept in detention in violation of these rules, he or she is said to be in abusive pre-trial detention.

During the pandemic, the courts functioned slowly. Thus any detainees have had their trials delayed and the number of cases of APD has increased.

#### What we do

Our ACAT volunteers talk to detainees to find out their situation. Beyond the vital social tie that this represents, these interviews make it possible to identify cases in which the detention of the person awaiting trial is illegal. These cases are then passed on to referring lawyers who work with the courts to obtain the release of these people.

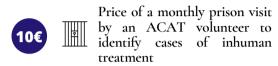
ACAT volunteers also take advantage of these visits to provide the prisons with basic necessities linked in particular to the Covid-19 crisis.

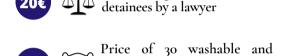
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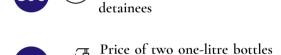


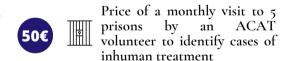
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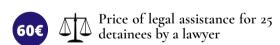
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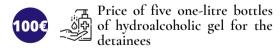
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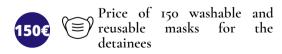
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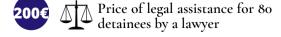












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