Collecting Data

Torture rehabilitation service providers have a unique capacity to access vital information from survivors of torture whilst providing them with holistic rehabilitation. In recognising this, the Anti-Torture Database supports the sector's ability to provide better services and to evidence its work. It does so through the collection of appropriate, consistent and comparable information provided by torture victims to their care providers.

The Database is particularly unique as it allows users to take clinical information and generate both aggregated and disaggregated data, which can then be mobilised to support various human rights outputs.

Our Mission

The IRCT's mission is to ensure that torture victims have access to appropriate health-based torture rehabilitation services. We aim to tackle impunity, achieve full access to justice for victims of torture and prevent torture worldwide. We strive to become a leading hub of global knowledge on health-based rehabilitation and lead global consensus-making processes on the contents, scope and standards of the right to rehabilitation.

Please visit www.irct.org to learn more about our work.

Your Support Matters

By supporting the IRCT, you support our members and their efforts to heal the mental and physical wounds caused by torture, you help survivors rebuild a life after torture and you enable us to work towards making the right to rehabilitation a reality for all victims of torture around the world.

Please visit www.irct.org/support-the-irct to aid the fight against torture.

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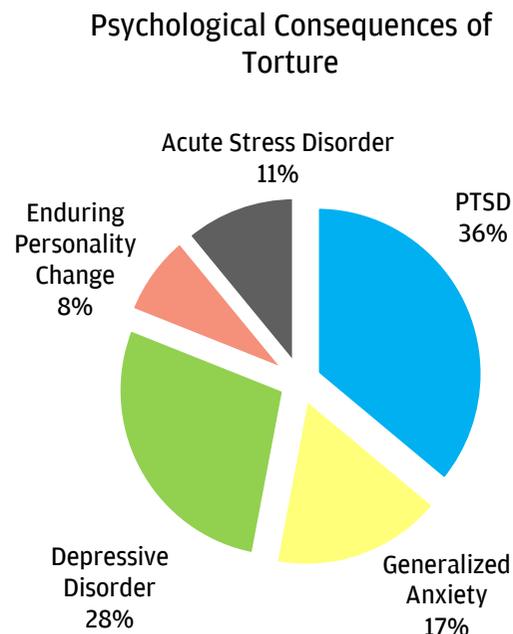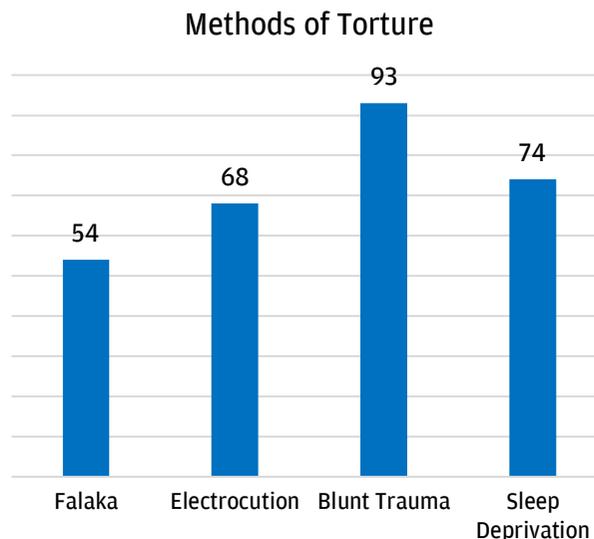
The Anti-Torture Database

The IRCT developed the Anti-Torture Database during the period 2013-2017 with funding from the European Union. The Database allows torture rehabilitation centres to capture, store and analyse data collected from torture victims throughout the rehabilitation process, within strict ethical and safety standards. The information is used to improve the quality of services and identify patterns of torture through, among other aspects, information about victims, perpetrators, context of perpetration, methods of torture and related damage. The Anti-Torture Database is currently in operation in 28 countries where the IRCT is present and the information collected informs interventions towards national, regional and international decision-makers and the general public.

The implementation of the Anti-Torture Database is made possible through the generous support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

Sample Graphs

Methods of Torture

Method	Value
Falaka	54
Electrocution	68
Blunt Trauma	93
Sleep Deprivation	74

Psychological Consequences of Torture

- PTSD 36%
- Generalized Anxiety 17%
- Depressive Disorder 28%
- Enduring Personality Change 8%
- Acute Stress Disorder 11%

What do practitioners have to say?

"The Database has allowed us to assume leadership in the fight against torture in Bolivia. The quality of the data and its international application have been instrumental in pursuing positive change."

~ Andres Gautier, ITEI Bolivia

"We have learned a lot about data management and capturing client information. The Database has allowed us to consolidate our clinical records in a very organised manner, which has been very helpful to our work. The holistic nature of the Database means that we can securely capture the client's biographical data, torture history and needs, all in one place."

~ Esther Nabwire, ACTV Uganda