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WISDOM CORNER:



"If you always put limit on everything you do physical or anything else. It will spread into your work and into your life. There are no limits. There are only plateaus and you must not stay there, you must go beyond them."

Bruce Lee

"Create your future from your future, not your past."

Werner Erdnard

"Thought is the seed of action."

Ralph Waldo

"Never promise more than you can perform."

Publius Syrus

"Desire is key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal - a commitment to excellence - that will enable you attain the success you seek."

Mario Andretti



FRANK BAINE MAYANJA

**SENIOR COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS
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Welcome to the July 2023 Edition of the Uganda Prisons Service Monthly Newsletter.

This issue highlights on: MIA Integrated Training Strategy, Healthcare Partnerships Hands On Leadership, UPS' Livestock Revolution, Food Security Strategy, Athletics Champions, Prisons' Queens; The Engines of She Cranes, Memory Lane, among others.

Enjoy!

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MONTHLY STATISTICS SUMMARY

June 2023

1. PRISONERS

1.1. Population Change

Table 1: June, 2023 Average Population of Prisoners

Categories	June-2023			May-2023			Percentage Change (%)
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Convicts:	36,813	1,639	38,452	36,503	1,618	38,121	0.9
Remands:	35,279	1,842	37,121	35,282	1,857	37,139	-0.05
Debtors:	365	103	468	369	108	477	-1.9
Total:	72,457	3,584	76,041	72,154	3,583	75,737	0.4
Percentage (%)	95.3	4.7	100.0	95.3	4.7	100.0	
Approved Capacity			20,321			20,321	
Occupancy Rate (%)			374.2			372.7	1.5

1.2. Percentage composition of remands, convicts and debtors

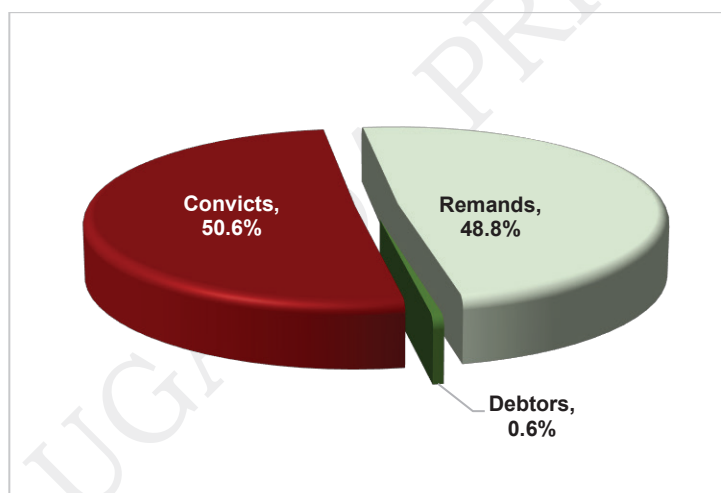


Figure 1: Composition of Prisons population

1.3. Monthly Population Trend of Prisoners during FY2022/23

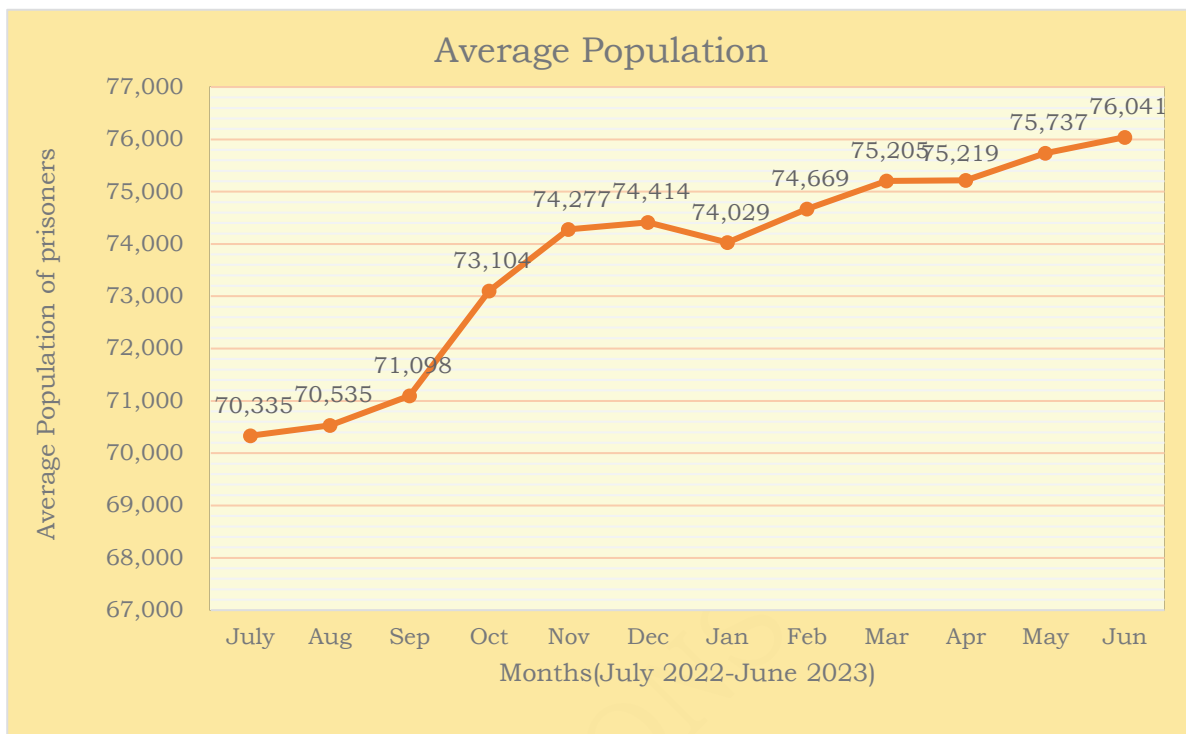


Figure 2: Trend of prisoners' population growth during FY2022/2023

1.4. Population Composition Trends for Convicts, Remands, and Debtors during FY2022/2023

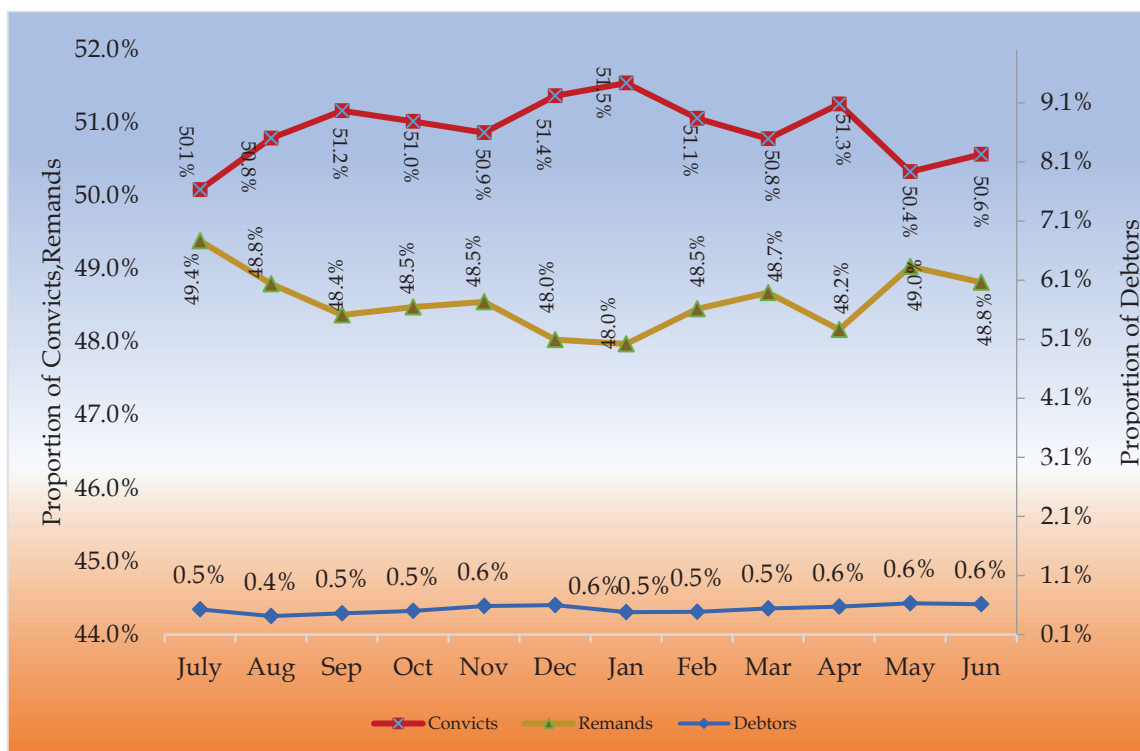


Figure 3: Monthly composition trends of convicts, remands, and debtors during FY 2022/2023.

2. STAFFING POSITION

2.1 Staff Strength

Table 2: June 2023 Staff Strength.

STAFF CATEGORY	GENDER		TOTAL
	Males	Females	
Uniformed	8,176	3,351	11,527
Senior officers	358	80	438
Principal officers	423	114	537
NCOs	7,395	3,157	10,552
Non-Uniformed	275	242	517
Senior officers	99	79	178
Junior officers	176	163	339
Total	8,451	3,593	12,044
<i>Trainees at PATS</i>	1,712	705	2,417
CASPs	164	36	200
CPOs	256	62	318
Recruit Wdrs/Wdrss	1,292	607	1,899
GRAND TOTAL	10,163	4,298	14,461
Percentage	70.3	29.7	100.0

2.2 Uniformed staff by Rank

Table 3: Uniformed staff by Rank

Rank	Sex		Total
	Male	Female	
CGP	1	-	1
DCGP	1	-	1
ACGP	6	-	6
SCP	4	-	4
CP	15	5	20
ACP	16	6	22
SSP	41	7	48
SP	98	29	127
SASP	33	8	41
ASP	140	25	165
CASP	3	-	3
CASP (Trainees)	164	36	200
PO I	250	63	313
PO II	173	51	224
CPO(Trainees)	256	62	318
Ch/Wdr I	241	60	301
Ch/Wdr II	301	96	397
Ch/Wdr III	538	217	755
Sgt/Wdr	1,228	587	1,815
Cpl/Wdr	2,077	1,036	3,113
L/Cpl	690	322	1,012
Wdrs	2,320	839	3,159
R/Wdrs (Trainees)	1,292	607	1,899
Total	9,888	4,056	13,944

A CONTINUATION OF NEWLY PROMOTED SENIOR MANAGEMENT PRISONS OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS OF PRISONS



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MIA INTEGRATED TRAINING STRATEGY TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY



Hon. Major General (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, Minister of Internal Affairs (Middle), DIGP Katsigazi Tumusiime to his left, AIGP Goloba Godfrey to his right, other senior Police Officers, CP Sana Brenda and Senior Lectures of UMI pose for a group photo with newly passed out senior Prisons Officers after completion of the course.

On the 13th July , 2023, Hon. Major General (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, Minister of Internal Affairs presided over the Pass out ceremony of officers of the Senior Command and Staff Course Intake 006/2022/23 at Senior Command and Staff College, Bwebajja. The course comprised of 41 senior officers, including 3 females and 38 males drawn from the Uganda Police Force and Uganda Prisons Service, they underwent a one year training program that began on August 15th, 2022

The objective of the Senior Command and Staff Course was to equip officers with advanced knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary for effective leadership and management within their respective agencies. The curriculum aimed to enhance their capacity to analyze complex situations, make informed decisions, and lead teams through dynamic challenges.

The rationale behind the course was rooted in the understanding that a knowledgeable and well-prepared institution is essential for maintaining law and order, upholding justice, and serving the people of Uganda.

Major General Otafiire emphasized the critical role of knowledge in leadership, stating that a leader without knowledge has no place in society. He urged the officers to translate the skills and insights gained during the course into practical solutions for the benefit of the community.V

Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) Katsigazi Tumusiime addressed the graduands, highlighting the importance of applying their master's degrees in practice. Rather than merely boasting about their academic achievements, he urged them to leverage their newfound knowledge to improve the police force's operations and ultimately contribute to the betterment of society.



Hon. Major General (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire honouring Ms. Doreen Assimwe, SSP with Certificates of completion after course.



The Five Senior Prisons Officers who participated in the Senior Command and Staff Course

Dr. Onesmus Bitaliwo, Senior Superintendent of Prisons, expressed his gratitude by thanking the Commissioner General of Prisons for granting them the opportunity to partake in the Course, which successfully climaxed in Bwebajja after one solid year of intense training."



Dr. Onesmus Bitaliwo, SSP salutes to the front as a sign of compliment when the National Anthem was being sung.

The course was a collaborative effort involving Uganda Management Institute (UMI), and various partnering universities. This collaboration underscored the commitment to knowledge development and aimed to create a well-rounded curriculum that addressed the evolving challenges of modern policing.



Hon. Major General (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, Minister of Internal Affairs (Middle), DIGP Katsigazi Tumusiime to his right and AIGP Goloba Godfrey to his left during the function.

During the ceremony, Mr. Deogracious Ogwapit, Senior Superintendent of Prisons, was recognized for his exceptional achievements. He was awarded the Special Commandant's Award for his outstanding excellence shown during the Senior Command and Staff Course. His professional stimulation of debates, exemplary service paper writing, and impressive presentation of policy research proposals stood out among his peers.

As middle managers, the graduated officers are now expected to serve as conduits of knowledge, passing on their acquired insights to their colleagues within their respective agencies. By doing so, they will not only enhance the capabilities of their fellow officers but also play a crucial role in shaping the future of the Ugandan police force, ensuring its continued excellence and adaptability in an ever-changing landscape.



Mr. Deogracious Ogwapit, SSP after receiving his award of excellence

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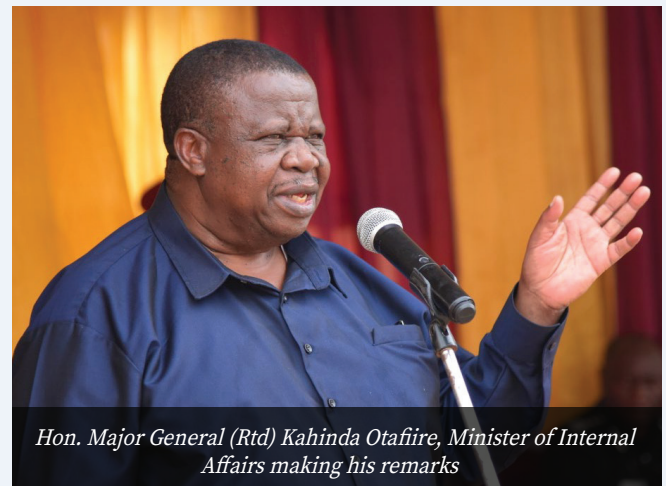


Hon. Major General (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, Minister of Internal Affairs (Middle); CGP Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija and Maj. Gen. Godfrey Goloba, AIGP to his left; Ms. Sana Brenda, CP (Commandant PATS); Members the UPS top management and Senior Lectures of UMI pose for a group photo with newly passed out Prisons Officers after completion of the first Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff course

On the 7th of July 2023, a significant event marked the culmination of a rigorous four-month 'Intermediate Command Staff Course' for 20 dedicated Prison Officers at the esteemed Prisons Academy and Training School in Luzira. This event symbolized a critical milestone in the ongoing journey towards enhancing professionalism within the Uganda Prisons Service.

The training imparted to the first cohort of officers was comprehensive, covering an array of crucial areas that are essential for effective prison management and leadership. These encompassed security operations, command strategies, administrative procedures, and the general staff responsibilities that contribute to the smooth functioning of a correctional facility.

The dignified occasion was graced by the presence of Hon. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, Minister of Internal Affairs. In his role presiding over the pass-out ceremony, Hon. Otafiire expressed his unwavering confidence in the quality of training that had been provided to the participants. He emphasized the pivotal role that this training would play in shaping their professional growth



Hon. Major General (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, Minister of Internal Affairs making his remarks

and development throughout their careers in the correctional service.

Drawing attention to the core values and principles that should guide their conduct, Maj. Gen. Otafiire urged the graduating officers to consistently uphold discipline, adhere to a strong ethical code of conduct, and comprehend the pivotal roles that state institutions play in the holistic process of nation-building. To further emphasize these principles, the Honorable Minister underscored the importance of embracing the five essential characteristics of government: Cohesion, Integrity devoid of corruption, Integration, Patriotism, and unwavering dedication to delivering faultless services.

With an emphasis on the critical responsibility of safeguarding government assets and personnel, Maj. Gen. Otafiire underscored the need for constant vigilance and proactive measures to thwart potential threats or attacks on governmental installations. This call to action highlighted the officers' role as protectors of vital institutions and assets that contribute to the overall functioning of the nation.

Hon. Kahinda Otafiire eloquently articulated that this pass-out ceremony stood as a tangible testament to the collective efforts of the participants in their mission to elevate the Uganda Prisons Service to a higher standard of professionalism. The event marked not only the completion of an educational journey but also the beginning of a renewed commitment to serving the nation with excellence and dedication.



The Minister awarding best performers during the ceremony

During this significant occasion, the stage was also graced by the presence of Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, who took the opportunity to extend his heartfelt congratulations to the accomplished officers for their successful completion of the intensive four-month training program.

In his words of wisdom and encouragement, Commissioner General Byabashaija called upon the graduating officers to consistently apply the wealth of knowledge and practical skills they had gained over the past four months. He reminded them that they had now transitioned into the esteemed role of ambassadors, entrusted with the responsibility of elevating performance standards within their

respective domains. Emphasizing the significance of their role, he urged them to hold fast to the core values of the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) as a compass for their professional development and growth as dedicated correctional officers.



CGP Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija making his remarks

Dr. Byabashaija went on to elucidate the overarching goals of the course, which focused on enriching the capabilities of middle-level managers within the prison system. Recognizing these managers as the essential implementers of operational policies and strategies, he stressed the course's intention to fortify their knowledge, understanding, attitudes, skills, and behaviors. This multifaceted approach was aimed at honing their expertise in the professional execution of the UPS mandate, as outlined by the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, in its amended form.

He expressed his conviction that the course would undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the officers who had completed it. He envisioned a positive ripple effect emanating from their enhanced skills and knowledge, influencing not only their own performance but also the collective effectiveness of the entire Uganda Prisons Service. This sentiment resonated with his profound belief in the power of continuous education and growth to bring about transformative change within the correctional system.

Beyond being a mere conclusion of training, it represented a pivotal moment of empowerment and renewal for the graduating officers, as they embarked on their professional journeys with a heightened sense of purpose, equipped with newfound knowledge and skills to lead and serve within the dynamic landscape of the Uganda Prisons Service.



Hon. Major General (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, Minister of Internal Affairs (Middle); CGP Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija and Maj. Gen. Godfrey Goloba, AIGP to his left; Ms. Sana Brenda, CP (Commandant PATS) during a photo moment with the newly passed out officers.

In the Prisons Context, this course is an enhancement course for middle level managers charged with implementation of Prisons Operations at the Stations, Districts and Regions. It guarantees effective linkage between strategic and operational levels. It further exposes the participants and equips them with coping mechanisms towards the ever changing global trends in criminality.

It is also hoped to nurture the ideological orientation of the participants and influence their thinking towards alignment to and fulfillment of national aspirations and development priorities.

Before Passing out, the participants conducted country wide tours of some of the country's key strategic installations and projects such as Karuma Hydro Power Dam, National Command and Control center and Namukenkere Rural Industrial Park among others.



The CGP introduces members of the Top and Senior Management of UPS to the Minister as he is officially welcomed into PATS, Luzira



The Minister upon his arrival at Prisons Academy and Training, he took a walk around the impressive facility.



Our sister forces were fully represented as they share a light moment during the ceremony



The Minister inspects the Officers after a Quarter Guard Parade was mounted upon his arrival into the Luzira Group of Prisons



The graduands at the pass-out ceremony after their course was declared end.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: PRISONS OFFICERS HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN INTERMEDIATE COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE



Mr. Innocent Draville, SSP (Middle); Mr. Joseph Mpagi, SSP and Ms. Babra Mbeiza, PO I, to his right; Mr. Simon Peter Ingabat, ASP and Mr. Albert Ayesigamukama, PO I to his left

A group of five exceptional Prisons Officers distinguished themselves by showcasing remarkable proficiency in distinct facets of the Intermediate Command and Staff Course. Their dedication and excellence did not go unnoticed, as they were honored and commended by Hon. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, the esteemed Minister of Internal Affairs. The awards bestowed upon them were a demonstration to the outstanding performances they delivered throughout the course, standing as a shining example of their commitment, expertise, and the valuable contributions they made to the program.

MR. INNOCENT DRAVILLE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS



He earned the title of Best Overall Participant through his remarkable display of supportive leadership.

With a remarkable blend of humility and commendable consideration for his colleagues, he consistently extended care, leaving no one behind.

His adept time management skills further underscored his commitment to his role.

MR. JOSEPH MPAGI SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS



He garnered a well-deserved recognition as the Best in Leadership. His leadership style, characterized by a resolute focus on achieving results, reflects a skillful command that inspires those around him. A master of time management, Mr. Mpagi adeptly balanced his responsibilities, showcasing an impeccable ability to prioritize tasks effectively.

Notably, his unwavering commitment to the course was emphasized by a consistently positive attitude that radiated a self-driven spirit. Beyond his professional excellence, his kindness and courteous demeanor exemplified an inspirational character that touched all those he interacted with.

**MR. SIMON PETER INGABAT
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS**



He stands out as the recipient of the Special Commandant's Award.

His exceptional scholarly and research prowess shone brilliantly as he skillfully crafted the PATS Commandant's Service Paper, effectively showcasing his deep understanding of the subject matter.

Demonstrating an unwavering focus and a high degree of efficiency, Mr. Ingabat's dedication to his work is truly commendable.

**MR. ALBERT AYESIGAMUKAMA
PRINCIPAL OFFICER I**



He rightfully earned the distinction of being recognized as the Most Innovative Participant. His active and engaged presence was evident both within the classroom and during field activities, marking him as an exemplary cadre. Displaying an exceptional degree of flexibility, Mr. Ayesigamukama seamlessly adapted to changing situations, proving his significance in various contexts.

His remarkable ability to multitask, while maintaining a high standard of output, further solidified his reputation as an asset to the team. A testament to his leadership abilities, he successfully spearheaded the publication of the course magazine, showcasing his dedication and organizational skills. Importantly, his

commitment extended beyond personal achievements, as he provided unwavering support to his colleagues, embodying a spirit of collaboration and inclusivity.

**MS. BABRA MBEIZA
PRINCIPAL OFFICER I**



She was rightfully honored with the title of the Most Disciplined Participant. Her unwavering commitment to the values of cooperation, respect, and consideration shone through consistently throughout the duration of the course. Demonstrating the highest level of professionalism, Ms. Mbeiza's conduct served as a beacon of inspiration to her peers.

Her interactions with others were characterized by a deep sense of cooperation, fostering a collaborative environment that enriched the learning experience for all. Moreover, her respect for others and thoughtful consideration of differing perspectives highlighted her exceptional interpersonal skills, making her an exemplary role model for the entire cohort.

FORGING HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIPS: NATIONAL MEDICAL STORES AND UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE COLLABORATE FOR IMPROVED DRUG DISTRIBUTION



The Commissioner General of Prisons Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, Mr. Moses Kambare, the Executive Officer of National Medical Stores (both in the Middle) and some Members of both the UPS and NMS Senior Management Team pose for a group photo in front of the NMS Headquarters in Kajjansi

In a significant stride towards enhancing the efficiency of healthcare distribution in Uganda, the National Medical Stores (NMS) recently welcomed a delegation from the Uganda Prisons Service, led by the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija. The rendezvous took place at the state-of-the-art warehouse and office complex of NMS in Kajjansi, marking a pivotal moment in fostering collaboration between the two crucial institutions.



Discussions in progress at the NMS main boardroom between the two key Government departments

The discussions held between NMS and the Uganda Prisons team was characterized by enthusiasm and shared commitment to improving the healthcare landscape in the country. Dr. Byabashaija and his team engaged in fruitful dialogues aimed at strengthening the partnership between the two organizations. With both NMS and the Uganda Prisons playing indispensable roles in the nation's healthcare infrastructure, this collaboration holds the potential to streamline medical supply chains and enhance patient care.

One of the highlights of the visit was a comprehensive tour of NMS's new facility. The cutting-edge warehouse and office complex is a testament to NMS's dedication to ensuring efficient storage and distribution of medical supplies.

The delegation from Uganda Prisons Service had the opportunity to witness firsthand the state-of-the-art infrastructure, advanced inventory management systems, and robust quality control measures implemented by NMS.

NMS's critical role in distributing medical supplies across the country was emphasized during the visit. The organization is responsible for supplying medicines not only to government health facilities but also to vital institutions such as the Uganda Prisons Service, the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) and the Uganda Police Force. This expansive network ensures that medical necessities reach every corner of Uganda, contributing to the well-being of citizens and the effectiveness of various public services.

By optimizing the distribution process, healthcare facilities within the Uganda Prisons system can expect improved access to vital medicines and medical equipment. Furthermore, the partnership has the potential to enhance resource utilization, reduce wastage, and foster a culture of shared knowledge and best practices between the institutions. As both NMS and Uganda Prisons Service move forward with their collaborative efforts, it is evident that this partnership holds significant promise for the healthcare landscape in Uganda.

The visit of the Uganda Prisons delegation to the new warehouse and office complex of the National Medical Stores marks an important milestone in strengthening ties between these two key institutions. The discussions held and the insights gained during the tour signify a progressive step towards improved healthcare distribution. As NMS continues to play a pivotal role in supplying medical necessities across Uganda, the collaboration with the Uganda Prisons underlines the power of cooperation in shaping a healthier future for the nation.



The team engage in a lengthy discussion at the Logistics wing of NMS Headquarters



The CGP during a walk a round tour at the State of art NMS ware house

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE



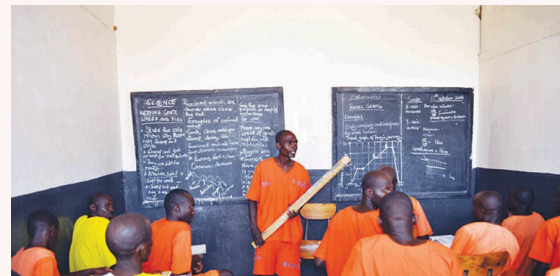
Commissioner General Of Prisons Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija Receives Abeto Africa Award

In a heartfelt tribute to his remarkable achievements, The Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, has been honored with the prestigious Abeto Africa Award for his exceptional contributions to the nation. The recognition serves as a testament to his unwavering dedication, innovative leadership, and profound impact on the Uganda's Prison system and the society at large.

A VISIONARY LEADER AND REFORM ADVOCATE

Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija's journey in shaping Uganda Prisons Service began with a vision for meaningful reform. Under his stewardship, UPS underwent a profound transformation, shifting from punitive to rehabilitative practices. His tireless efforts have championed the cause of Prisoner rehabilitation, emphasizing skill development, education, and mental health support. By placing a renewed focus on the holistic well-being of inmates, Can. Dr. Byabashaija's leadership has not only redefined the concept of incarceration but also sparked positive change within the lives of countless individuals.

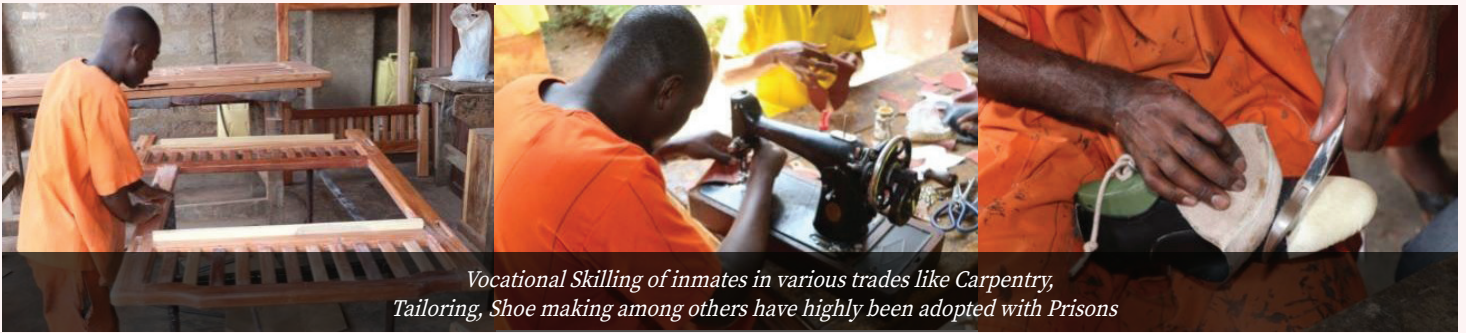
REFORMING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS



Under the strategic leadership of Dr. Byabashaija, inmates have embraced formal education from Primary to Tertiary levels, various schools have been established within Prisons countrywide

One of Dr. Byabashaija's most significant contributions lies in his pioneering approach to rehabilitation programs within the prison system. Recognizing that sustainable change requires education and skill-building, he launched various initiatives that equip inmates with tools for successful reintegration into society.

Vocational training, educational opportunities, and counseling services have become cornerstones of his vision for prisoner reform. These programs not only address the root causes of criminal behavior but also empower inmates to become productive members of society upon release.



Vocational Skilling of inmates in various trades like Carpentry, Tailoring, Shoe making among others have highly been adopted with Prisons

PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY

Beyond revolutionizing rehabilitation, Can. Dr. Byabashaija has taken commendable strides to uphold the human rights and dignity of inmates. His commitment to improving prison conditions, access to healthcare, and nutrition has created an environment where individuals are treated with respect and empathy. By advocating for the rights of prisoners, he has set a precedent for compassionate governance within the criminal justice system, garnering praise from both national and international quarters.

These partnerships not only bridge the gap between Prisons and the community but also foster a culture of empathy and understanding, breaking down stigmas associated with incarceration.



Through Open door policies, Uganda Prisons Service has partnered with various Organisations both local and international including the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime

AN INSPIRATION TO ALL

The Abeto Africa Award bestowed upon Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija is a reflection of his outstanding contributions to the nation and his dedication to fostering positive change within the criminal justice system. His journey is a testament to the power of vision, leadership, and commitment in driving meaningful societal transformation. By recognizing his achievements, we not only honor his legacy but also set a precedent for future leaders to follow in his footsteps, ensuring a brighter and more equitable future for all.

In celebrating Can. Dr. Byabashaija's accomplishments, the nation acknowledges the importance of reform, compassion, and the pursuit of justice. His story serves as an inspiration, reminding us that with determination and unwavering dedication, individuals can make an indelible mark on the world, transforming lives and shaping a better future for generations to come.



Access to Justice as a key strategic objective of UPS is on top of Dr. Byabashaija's agenda with various initiatives being done in all Prisons Units

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Under Can. Dr. Byabashaija's visionary leadership, the Uganda Prison Service have become an integral part of the community. Collaborative efforts with NGOs, Civil Society Organizations, and Educational Institutions have facilitated the successful reintegration of former inmates into society.

HANDS ON LEADERSHIP



Focus On Northern, Mid-north And Mid-western Regions: Commissioner General's Working Tour Of Ugandan Prisons

In a proactive move to assess Prisons conditions and enhance the rehabilitation of inmates, the Commissioner General of Prisons Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija embarked on a three day working tour to Northern and Midwestern Uganda. The tour included visits to UG. Prison Farm Logore in Northern Uganda, UG. Prison Farm Loro in the Mid North Region, and UG. Prison Farm Isimba in Mid Western Region. This endeavor marked an important step in the ongoing efforts to improve the penal system in Uganda and create a more humane and effective correctional environment.

ENHANCING HOLISTIC PRISON MANAGEMENT AT LUGORE PRISON FARM

During his visit to Lugore Prison, Dr. Byabashaija addressed staff on vital topics, emphasizing his commitment to holistic Prison management. He stressed the significance of upholding human rights for both inmates and staff, highlighting the need for fair treatment and dignity within the Prisons.

Dr. Byabashaija also discussed human resource development, emphasizing the importance of ongoing training and skill enhancement for Prison staff. He recognized that well-trained and motivated personnel contribute to effective inmate management and a culture of continuous improvement.



The CGP addressing the staff at Logore

The Commissioner General's address also covered health services for inmates and staff, promoting adequate medical care and sanitation facilities. Lastly, he highlighted the need for prison welfare improvements; ensuring inmates have access to basic necessities and proper nutrition. His approach aims to create a rehabilitative, humane, and efficient correctional environment in Ugandan prisons.

A TRANSFORMATIVE DAY AT LORO PRISON FARM



Quarter Guard Parade at Loro being mounted as the CGP arrives

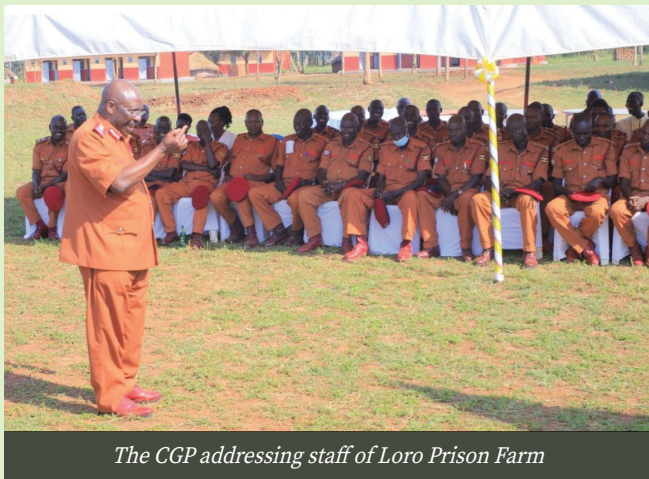
Dr. Byabashaija's visit to Loro Prison was marked by a walk around tour the Prison Unit and two impactful addresses that left a lasting impression. First, he engaged Officers in Charge Prisons from the Mid Northern Region in a wide-ranging discussion covering essential topics such as Prisons management, human rights, welfare improvements, Prisons Production enhancement, and the strategic direction of UPS. His visionary insights set the stage for a more forward-thinking approach to correctional facilities.



The CGP, Senior Managers from Prisons Headquarters and Officers incharge Prisons from the Mid-Northern regions pose for a photo moment at Loro

Later, addressing the Loro Prison staff directly, the CGP delved into the fundamental values that underpin a successful Prisons Officer. He stressed the importance of discipline, hard work, and upholding human rights.

These succinct yet powerful addresses showcased his commitment to driving positive change within the prison system, fostering a culture of improvement and compassion that will undoubtedly shape the future of Uganda Prisons Service.



The CGP addressing staff of Loro Prison Farm



The CGP inspecting newly constructed staff houses in Loro



The CGP walking through the Prison Unit as inmates look on

FOSTERING PROGRESS AND VALUES AT ISIMBA PRISON FARM



The CGP takes a nice aerial glance at the Maize plantation at Isimba, he was impressed with the Grain ready to be harvested

The CGP's visit to Isimba Prison commenced with an inspection tour of the Maize Grain Plantations and Livestock Section. Impressed by the evident dedication and remarkable accomplishments, he personally commended the officer in charge for their outstanding contributions towards boosting productivity and self-sustainability within the Prison.

Following this, Byabashaija engaged Officers in Charge Prisons from the Mid Western Region in an insightful discussion. Covering a wide range of critical topics, including prisons management, human rights, improved staff and prisoner welfare, enhanced production, human resource development, access to justice, and the strategic direction of the Uganda Prisons Service, his address provided a comprehensive blueprint for a more effective and compassionate correctional system.



The CGP, Senior Managers from Prisons Headquarters and Officers incharge Prisons from the Mid-Western region pose for a photo moment at Isimba



The CGP inspecting the livestock herd at Isimba

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UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE DEMONSTRATES FOR THE YOUNG AGRIPRENEURS AT THE 2ND NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION SHOW 2023



Hon. Fred Kyakulaga Bwino, Minister of State for Agriculture together with UPS senior officers inspecting the cotton demonstration farm in Jinja

In a remarkable display of innovation and commitment to fostering agricultural excellence, the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) took center stage at the 2nd National Agricultural Education Show held between 10th and 15th July 2023 at the source of the Nile in Jinja. Under the theme "Empowering Young Agripreneurs," UPS showcased its dedication to cultivating the next generation of agricultural leaders. The event witnessed the participation of various stakeholders and institutions in the agricultural sector, highlighting the critical role that collaboration plays in driving agricultural growth and development.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPOWERMENT

The National Agricultural Education Show has become a significant annual event in Uganda's agricultural calendar. It serves as a platform for diverse stakeholders to share knowledge, showcase innovations, and promote best practices in farming, animal husbandry, and agribusiness. The theme of "Empowering Young Agripreneurs" underscores the importance of nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit among the youth, encouraging them to view agriculture not just as a traditional occupation but as a dynamic and profitable venture.



Hon. Fred Kyakulaga Bwino, Minister of State for Agriculture together with UPS officers take on a guided tour around a horticulture farm.

UPS' CONTRIBUTION TO AGRICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT

During the event, the Minister of State for Agriculture, Hon. Fred Kyakulaga Bwino, embarked on a tour of the UPS demonstration farm and livestock exhibition center. His visit provided an opportunity to witness firsthand the contributions UPS has made to the agricultural sector. The Minister's commendation of UPS's innovations in Seed Multiplication, Horticulture, and Cotton Production highlights the institution's commitment to adopting modern agricultural practices.

INNOVATIONS IN SEED MULTIPLICATION

Seed multiplication is a fundamental aspect of ensuring food security and sustainable agriculture. UPS's dedication to this endeavor is evident in its innovative approaches to seed production. By adopting advanced techniques and technologies, UPS is not

only enhancing crop yields but also contributing to the availability of high-quality seeds for farmers across the country.



The visiting team inspecting grain stores

HORTICULTURE EXCELLENCE

The growing demand for fresh and nutritious produce presents ample opportunities in the horticulture sector. UPS's involvement in horticulture showcases its commitment to exploring diverse avenues within agriculture. The display of various horticultural products at the exhibition demonstrated UPS's ability to cultivate crops that meet both local and international standards.



CP Amos Turyashaba leads the minister and team around the horticulture farm

REVIVING COTTON PRODUCTION

Cotton production has historically played a significant role in Uganda's economy. UPS's efforts in cotton production indicate its commitment to reviving this industry. Through innovative farming practices and the adoption of sustainable cotton farming techniques, UPS is not only contributing to economic growth but also encouraging the resurgence of a vital agricultural sector.



CP Amos Turyashaba inspecting the Cotton Demonstration Farm in Jinja



SP Generous Betungu taking Students through Livestock Production and Management during the show in Jinja

UPS' LIVESTOCK REVOLUTION AND A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE



The CGP Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija inspecting Livestock at Isimba Prison Farm, the station boasts over 500 heads of cattle

In the heart of Uganda's correctional facilities lies a surprising success story that has been gaining momentum in recent years - the modernization of livestock production within the Prison system.

The history of livestock production within Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) reflects the country's journey through wars and challenges. Since 1962, UG. Prison Farms like Mubuku, Kiburara, Isimba, Logore, Ruimi, Fort Portal, and Tororo among others have employed livestock programs to promote self-sufficiency and inmate rehabilitation. However, wars such as the 1979 upheaval, the 1986 transition, and the LRA insurgency disrupted these efforts. The 1979 war strained resources and affected production, while the LRA conflict and the 1986 transition caused disruptions and displacement.



A carrier mounted onto a bull being loaded with food stuff by inmates as Prison Officer on duty looks on at Tororo Prison Farm in 1967

Despite these setbacks, Uganda Prisons Service demonstrated resilience, adapting their programs to modernize and sustain livestock production, embodying the nation's ability to overcome challenges and shape a more stable future.

Learning from the Past, Shaping the Future:
The evolution of livestock production in UPS underscores Uganda's history of resilience and adaptation. Wars highlighted the vulnerability of these programs, yet post-conflict eras saw efforts to rebuild and modernize. By learning from past disruptions, Uganda Prisons Service is working to ensure the sustainability of livestock initiatives, reinforcing their commitment to self-sufficiency and rehabilitation in the face of adversity.

Gone are the days when Prisons were solely synonymous with confinement; today, they have evolved into centers of rehabilitation, education, and even self-sustaining enterprises.



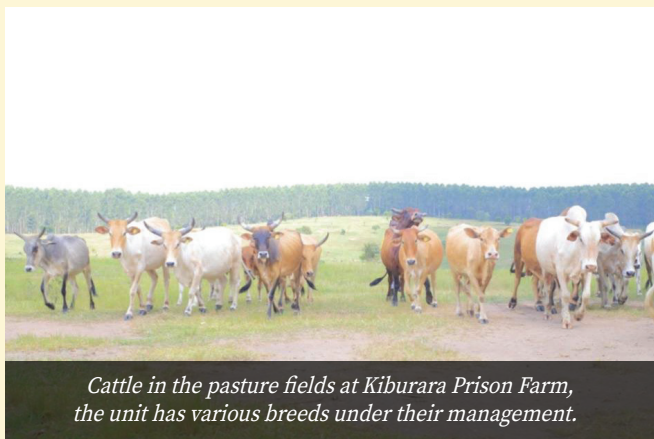
A Brahman Cattle Breed and other Boran cattle at Logore Prison Farm

Delving into the captivating world of livestock production, Uganda Prisons has highlighted modern practices offering a sneak peek into the promising future of this burgeoning sector.

MODERN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PRACTICES

Uganda Prisons' livestock production practices have undergone a remarkable transformation. Traditional methods are being replaced by modern, innovative techniques that maximize efficiency, animal welfare, and overall productivity. With a focus on sustainable and ethical practices, the correctional facilities have embraced the following modern methods:

INTEGRATED FARMING: Uganda Prisons have adopted integrated farming systems, where different livestock species are reared alongside crops, creating a harmonious ecosystem. This approach optimizes resource utilization, minimizes waste, and improves soil fertility.



Cattle in the pasture fields at Kiburara Prison Farm, the unit has various breeds under their management.

ANIMAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT: Uganda Prisons Service have invested in modern animal health practices, including vaccination programs, regular health checks, and disease prevention measures. This has led to healthier livestock and increased productivity.



Uganda Prisons Service has partnered with NARO to develop the anti tick vaccines, trials are being conducted at Kiburara and Isimba Prison Farms

NUTRITION OPTIMIZATION: Livestock nutrition has been revolutionized, with scientifically formulated diets that ensure optimal growth, reproduction, and overall health. High-quality feed ingredients and balanced rations have led to improved feed conversion rates.



UPS has prioritized the choice of pastures for animal feed management initiative

BIOSECURITY MEASURES: Prisons are implementing stringent biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of diseases. Controlled access, quarantine protocols, and strict hygiene practices are integral to maintaining a disease-free environment.



The quarantine section at Isimba Prison Farm where the anti-tick vaccine trials are being conducted

BREEDING PROGRAMS: Selective breeding programs have been established to improve the genetic potential of livestock. This results in higher-yielding animals that are better suited to the local environment.



Calf Management is a key element of Uganda Prisons Farms

THE FUTURE OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IN UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE

The trajectory of livestock production within Uganda Prisons Service points towards a future filled with promise and potential. Several key developments are set to shape the sector's evolution:



Boram and Brahman Cattle breeds at Logore Prison Farm

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT: Livestock production in prisons is not just about raising animals; it's also about equipping inmates with valuable skills. Training programs on animal husbandry, veterinary care, and agribusiness management empower inmates with employable skills for their reintegration into society.

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY: Livestock production within prisons is emerging as a self-sustaining enterprise. By selling surplus produce to local markets, the correctional facilities are generating revenue that can be reinvested into the system for further expansion and modernization.

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS: Uganda Prisons are actively seeking collaborations with governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and research institutions. These partnerships foster knowledge exchange, technology transfer, and best practice sharing, accelerating the sector's growth.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: Livestock production within prisons is increasingly embracing eco-friendly practices. This includes waste recycling, energy efficiency, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions, contributing positively to the environment.

MARKET ACCESS: As the quality of livestock and livestock products improves, Uganda Prisons are positioning themselves to access wider markets, both domestically and internationally. This not only boosts revenue but also enhances the reputation of the correctional facilities as centers of excellence.



Calves gather at water point at Logore Prison Farm



*Photo 1: Cattle in a spray crush at Logore Prison Farm
Photo 2: Calves getting out of a Calf Pen at Isimba Prison Farm*

ADDRESSING STAFF ACCOMMODATION CHALLENGE



H.E The President during the commissioning of low cost housing project in Luzira (2017)

Staff accommodation is a crucial aspect of any institution, especially in the context of correctional facilities. The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) has recognized the importance of providing suitable living conditions for its staff members. The improvements that have been made within the UPS focusing on prominent Prisons like Luzira Prisons Complex, Loro, Mbarara, Ntungamo, Kitalya, Lira, Lugore, and Ruimi among so many others. Furthermore, we will explore the potential future developments that are set to improve staff accommodation across all prisons in Uganda.

Over the past years, the Uganda Prisons Service has undertaken significant efforts to enhance staff accommodation. These efforts have led to notable improvements in various Prisons, resulting in better living conditions for the staff. Some of the improvements include:

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES: Many prisons have undergone infrastructure upgrades to modernize existing staff accommodations. This includes renovations of existing buildings, creation of new housing units, and improved facilities.



AMENITIES: Basic amenities like sanitation facilities, water supply, electricity, and heating have been improved to ensure a higher standard of living for staff members and their families.

SECURITY MEASURES: Ensuring the safety of staff is of paramount importance. Therefore, security measures have been strengthened to protect staff accommodation areas from potential security threats.

COMMUNITY SPACES: Creating community spaces within the accommodation complexes fosters a sense of unity and support among staff members and their families.



FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS

The Uganda Prisons Service is committed to further advancing staff accommodation across all prisons in the country. Some of the future development prospects include:

SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE: Incorporating sustainable building practices to create energy-efficient and eco-friendly staff accommodations.

FAMILY-ORIENTED SPACES: Designing accommodation that caters to the needs of staff members' families, including children's play areas and recreational facilities.



Newly Constructed Staff Houses at Ruimi Prison Farm in Western Region

HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION: Proximity to healthcare facilities and educational institutions has been taken into account when planning staff accommodation improvements, making it more convenient for staff and their families.

SUCCESS STORIES

Luzira Prisons Complex, a prominent correctional facility in Uganda, has been at the forefront of the staff accommodation improvement initiatives.

Renovations of housing units, improved sanitation facilities, and enhanced security measures have resulted in a better quality of life for the staff. Similarly, Loro, Lira, Lugore, and Ruimi Prisons have also seen positive changes in their staff accommodation facilities.

SKILLDEVELOPMENT: Offering training programs for staff in construction and maintenance, which could potentially lead to better upkeep of the accommodation facilities.

Uganda Prisons Service's commitment to enhancing staff accommodation signifies a positive step towards improving the overall work environment for correctional staff. The improvements made so far, such as infrastructure upgrades, increased amenities, and enhanced security measures, reflect a genuine concern for the well-being of the staff members and their families. As the UPS continues to invest in these improvements and collaborate with various stakeholders, the future holds the promise of even better living conditions for those working within the correctional facilities across Uganda.



FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY: UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE'S GRAIN SILO CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE



In the pursuit of bolstering food security and fostering self-sufficiency, Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) has embarked on an ambitious endeavor: the construction of grain silos across the country. These silos are not only poised to play a pivotal role in preserving harvested grains but also contribute significantly to the country's food security intervention. Shedding light on the ongoing construction works at Ruimi Prison Farm in Western Uganda and Logore Prison Farm in Northern Uganda, UPS's is committed to securing the nation's food resources.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD SECURITY

Food security is a pressing concern in Uganda, where a significant portion of the population relies on subsistence agriculture. Erratic weather patterns, pests, and other challenges often result in fluctuating crop yields, leaving communities vulnerable to food shortages. Addressing this issue is crucial for the well-being of the population, economic stability, and overall national development.

UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE'S ROLE

Recognizing the pivotal role it can play in contributing to food security, the Uganda Prisons Service has taken a proactive stance. The construction of grain silos serves as a multi-faceted solution. These silos offer secure storage for surplus grains, ensuring that

the harvest is preserved and protected from spoilage, rodents, and other hazards. This, in turn, helps stabilize food supply and reduces post-harvest losses.



The CGP and senior officers from Prison Headquarters during an inspection of the ongoing site construction at Ruimi Prison Farm

RUIMI PRISON FARM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

In Western Uganda, the Ruimi Prisons construction project is underway. The initiative involves the establishment of modern grain silos with ample capacity for storing a substantial quantity of grains. These silos are designed to meet international standards for efficient storage and preservation. The project is not merely an infrastructural endeavor; it also involves capacity building for prison staff involved in grain management. Training programs

ensure that the grains are stored optimally, maintaining their quality over time.



A state-of-the-Art Silo under construction



The view of the ware house at the Ruimi site

LUGORE PRISON FARM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

In Northern Uganda, specifically at Lugore Prisons, a similar construction project is taking shape. The Lugore Prisons project aims to address the food security needs of the region by providing a reliable storage solution for surplus grains. The silos will be equipped with advanced technology to monitor and control temperature and humidity levels, further safeguarding the quality of stored grains.



Construction works on site

COMMUNITY IMPACT AND BEYOND

These construction projects extend beyond the walls of the prisons. The surplus grains stored in these silos can have a cascading effect on surrounding communities. In times of food scarcity or emergencies, the stored grains can be distributed to vulnerable populations, making a significant contribution to community well-being.

Uganda Prisons Service's construction of grain silos at Ruimi Prisons in Western Uganda and Lugore Prisons in Northern Uganda stands as a beacon of hope in the nation's journey toward enhanced food security. These projects reflect UPS's dedication to not only efficient correctional management but also to the welfare of the broader society.

By taking proactive steps to preserve surplus grains and mitigate food shortages, Uganda is positioning itself to overcome the challenges of food insecurity and forge a path toward a more resilient and prosperous future.

REHABILITATION: EMPOWERING INMATES THROUGH VOCATIONAL SKILLING IN UPS



Hon. Major General (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, Minister of Internal Affairs together with CGP Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija on a guided tour at Kitalya Mini-Max Prison tailoring workshop

In recent years, the Uganda Prisons Service has been at the forefront of a transformative initiative aimed at equipping inmates with valuable vocational skills that offer them a chance to rebuild their lives upon release. This laudable effort, under the leadership of Commissioner General of Prisons Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, has not only redefined rehabilitation within the criminal justice system but has also paved the way for inmates to reintegrate into society as skilled and productive citizens.

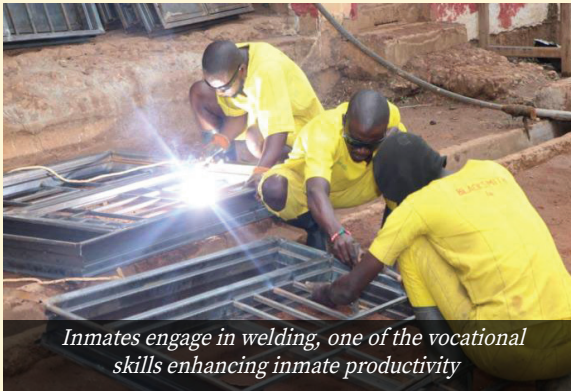


Inmates attending a computer class session

Recognizing the importance of providing inmates with opportunities for rehabilitation, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija has spearheaded an innovative approach that places vocational skilling at the heart of prison reforms. Under his leadership, the Uganda Prisons Service has implemented a diverse range of vocational training programs that cater to various interests and aptitudes. From carpentry, tailoring, and agriculture to information technology and hairdressing, inmates are offered a chance to learn skills that can empower them upon reentry into society.

The impact of these vocational programs has been nothing short of transformative. Inmates who engage in vocational training not only acquire practical skills but also gain a sense of purpose and self-worth. These programs have the potential to break the cycle of re-offending by offering inmates an alternative path to success, reducing the likelihood of returning to a life of crime upon release.

Moreover, the vocational skilling programs also foster a sense of responsibility, discipline, and teamwork among the inmates. As they work together to learn and apply new skills, they develop a stronger sense of community and camaraderie. This shift in mindset not only benefits the individuals themselves but also contributes to a safer and more harmonious prison environment.



Inmates engage in welding, one of the vocational skills enhancing inmate productivity

One of the key strengths of Dr. Byabashaija's approach is the emphasis on collaborations through open door policies. Recognizing that successful rehabilitation requires a holistic approach, the Uganda Prisons Service partners with various organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, to enhance the impact of vocational training programs. This collaborative spirit has led to increased resources, improved training facilities, and a more comprehensive support system for inmates seeking to turn their lives around.

The success stories emerging from the vocational skilling initiatives are inspiring. Inmates who have completed these programs are not only better equipped to secure gainful employment upon release but are also empowered to contribute positively to their families and communities. By focusing on rehabilitation, the CGP has ensured that the Uganda Prisons Service is playing a pivotal role in nurturing responsible citizens and promoting social reintegration.

The Uganda Prisons Service's commitment to vocational skilling under the visionary leadership of Commissioner General Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija is a beacon of hope for inmates seeking a second chance in life. Through a holistic approach that combines practical skills, discipline, and community building, this initiative is breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for transformation.

As more inmates embrace vocational training and reshape their destinies, the positive impact on families, communities, and society at large is a testament to the power of rehabilitation and the dedication of those who believe in the potential of every individual, regardless of their past.



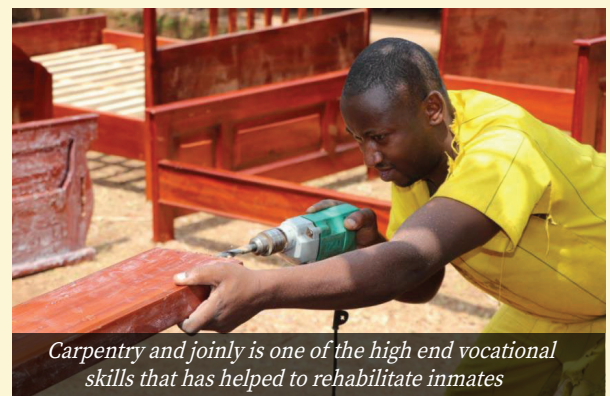
Inmates displaying their hand made leather products



An inmate sews uniform using one of the contemporary electric sewing machines



An inmate Preparing cloth to sew together the national flag



Carpentry and joinry is one of the high end vocational skills that has helped to rehabilitate inmates

INAUGURAL JOINT CADRE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS



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40 Non-Commissioned Officers of the Uganda Prisons Service completed the inaugural Joint Basic Cadre Development Course at the Oliver Reginald Tembo School of Leadership and Pan African Centre of Excellence in Kaweweta, Nakeseke District. This event marked an important step towards fostering cooperation among various forces.

During the pass-out ceremony, Maj. Gen. Dr. Lucky Kidega, representing the Chief of Defence Forces, emphasized the significance of government support for such training initiatives, underscoring the benefits they bring to Uganda as a whole.

Maj. Gen. Kidega encouraged the NCOs to uphold discipline and patriotism, as these qualities contribute to their resourcefulness for the nation. He urged them to set an example for others and to continue embracing further training opportunities.

The course also saw the participation of 200 other Officers from diverse organizations, including the Uganda People's Defence Forces, Uganda Police Force, Uganda Wildlife Authority, and Internal Security Organization. Notably, 30 of the participants were female.

Representing the Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Baker Asinjah, Commissioner of Prisons (Human

Resource Planning and Development) was in attendance at the passout ceremony.



Above: UPS officers pose for photo moments after the training

WE ARE THE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS



Mr. Jimmy Anguzu, Senior Superintendent of Prisons (Officer in Charge of Sports) poses for a photo moment with Uganda Prisons Athletics Club officials and team members.

Uganda Prisons Athletics Club concluded the 2022/23 Athletics season on a resounding note by securing victory at the highly anticipated National Track and Field Athletics Championship. The event, held at Mandela National Stadium, Namboole, showcased the club's prowess as they clinched triumphs across multiple categories, solidifying their dominance in the sport.

Based in Luzira, the Uganda Prisons Athletics Club left an indelible mark on the championship by sweeping all major categories in a remarkable display of skill, speed, and strength. Their impressive performance spanned events like the 100M, 200M, 400M, 5000M, short put, discus, triple jump, long jump, short jump, 4X100 relay, 4X400 relay, and the challenging 10,000M race, among others.

The club's remarkable achievement extended beyond individual events, as they excelled in both the Men's and Women's brackets, earning them the prestigious title of overall winners. This feat showcased their well-rounded talent and dedication to training, fostering an environment of teamwork and commitment.

In a heartwarming moment that capped off their

victorious campaign, the trophies and accolades were handed over to Mr. Jimmy Anguzu, Senior Superintendent of Prisons (Officer in Charge of Sports) in Luzira. The presentation was made by Mr. Paul Okello, the Organizing Secretary of the Uganda Athletics Federation, solidifying the significance of the accomplishment on a national level.

As the sun sets on the 2022/23 Athletics season, the victory serves as an inspiration to athletes across the country, highlighting the importance of hard work, perseverance, and unity in achieving remarkable success. The dedication of the club's athletes and the guidance of their coaching staff have undoubtedly played a pivotal role in their triumphant journey.



The UAF organising secretary, Paul Okello hands over the athletics trophy to SSP Jimmy Anguzu

PRISONS QUEENS: THE ENGINE OF SHE CRANES



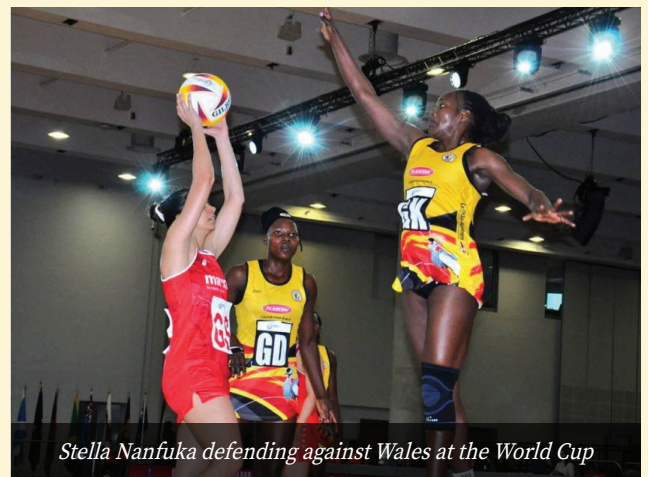
The She Cranes (Uganda Netball National team) players pose for a group photo

In a thrilling showcase of athleticism, dedication, and teamwork, three staff members of the Uganda Prisons Service, doubling as star players of the Prisons Netball Club, took center stage at the Netball World Cup held in Cape Town, South Africa.

Representing their country with pride, Stella Nanfuka, Christine Namulumba, and Viola Asingo, three exceptional athletes, exhibited remarkable performances that guided Uganda's She Cranes to a resounding triumph on the global stage.

The Netball World Cup is a pinnacle event for netball enthusiasts around the world, a stage where nations gather to showcase their prowess, talent, and hard-earned skills. The She Cranes, Uganda's national netball team, left an indelible mark on the tournament, securing their position as one of the top contenders. The three players from the Uganda Prisons Service, who donned the She Cranes jersey, played a pivotal role in the team's spectacular journey.

Goal Keeper Stella Nanfuka proved herself as a stalwart defensive force, demonstrating an uncanny ability to anticipate and thwart opponents' scoring attempts. Her tenacity, agility, and strategic thinking fortified the She Cranes' defense, creating a formidable barrier that opponents found difficult to breach.



Stella Nanfuka defending against Wales at the World Cup

Meanwhile, Goal Shooter Christine Namulumba showcased her scoring prowess, consistently finding the net with finesse and precision. Her ability to read the game, create scoring opportunities, and execute shots under pressure was a vital component of the team's offensive strategy. Namulumba's performance was a testament to her dedication and skill, leaving an indelible mark on Uganda's journey through the tournament.

At the heart of the She Cranes' defensive maneuvers was Goal Defender Viola Asingo, whose unwavering determination and unyielding resolve made her an indispensable asset to the team. Asingo's ability to intercept passes, disrupt opponents' plays, and protect the team's territory earned her a reputation as a force to be reckoned with.



Christine conquered Singapore converting 15 times after 15 successful attempts

Collectively, these three athletes demonstrated that their success was not merely a result of individual brilliance, but a testament to the power of unity and teamwork. Their seamless coordination, mutual understanding, and harmonious blend of skills showcased the essence of netball as a team sport.

Guided by the leadership of these three exceptional players, Uganda's She Cranes secured a historic first-place finish in Africa and an impressive 5th place worldwide. Their accomplishments on the international stage not only brought glory to their nation but also inspired countless aspiring netball players back home.

The journey of Stella Nanfuka, Christine Namulumba, and Viola Asingo from the Uganda Prisons Service to the Netball World Cup exemplifies the heights that can be achieved with dedication, hard work, and a passion for one's sport. Their remarkable performances serve as a reminder that talent knows no boundaries and that with the right mix of skill and determination, any challenge can be overcome.



Stella Nanfuka in action

As the world applauds these athletes for their exceptional achievements, they stand as shining examples of what can be accomplished when individuals come together, unified by a common goal. The legacy they have built on the netball court will undoubtedly inspire generations of players to strive for greatness and proudly represent their nation on the global stage.



The National Head-coach Fred Mugerwa with the Prisons Queens ahead of the World Cup journey



The Uganda Netball Federation Vice President Brig. Gen. Flavia Nalweiso in a photo moment with the Prisons Queens in Cape Town, South Africa

WE LEAD OTHERS FOLLOW



Uganda Prisons player takes a short during one of their league games

In the heart of the Uganda Handball Super League's first round, the Uganda Prisons Handball Club has emerged as a shining beacon of excellence, showcasing an awe-inspiring performance in both the female and male categories. With an exceptional display of skill, determination, and teamwork, the club has once again demonstrated why they are the most successful team in Uganda over the past one and a half decades.

DOMINATING THE FEMALE CATEGORY:

The women's team of the Uganda Prisons Handball Club has taken the league by storm, playing a total of 7 electrifying games. Out of these intense battles, they have secured victory in 5, while bravely accepting defeat in 3. This accomplishment has landed them in a commendable 3rd position on the league table, amassing a total of 10 hard-earned points. Remarkably, they stand just 4 points behind their fierce rivals, the Uganda Police team, who currently reign at the top.

MEN'S TRIUMPH:

The male team of the Uganda Prisons Handball Club has been no less impressive during this riveting first round of the Uganda Handball Super League. Competing in 6 enthralling matches, they have achieved victory in an impressive 5 games, with a solitary loss marring their near-perfect record. Accumulating a

The Uganda Prisons Handball Club's remarkable performance is not an isolated event; it's a testament to their consistent dominance in the sport. Over the past one and a half decades, they have established themselves as the most successful team in Uganda, amassing accolades and recognition both on and off the court. Their legacy is a reflection of their dedication, passion, and relentless pursuit of excellence.

TEAMWORK, DEDICATION, AND SKILL:

Behind the club's triumphant performance lies a potent combination of factors that has propelled them to the forefront of Ugandan handball. Their commitment to teamwork and the pursuit of a common goal is evident in every pass, shot, and defensive maneuver. Countless hours of practice, training, and honing their skills have paid off in the form of victories and accolades.



Uganda Prisons player flies high to take a short during one of their league games



Uganda Prisons Mens Handball Club players pose for a team photo



The Prisons goal keeper taking on the hardest shots



No way through; Defense so tight

A BRIGHT FUTURE:

As the Uganda Handball Super League continues to unfold, all eyes are on the Uganda Prisons Handball Club. Their unwavering determination and remarkable performance make them strong contenders for championship titles in both the female and male categories. With their rich legacy and current form, they are well-positioned to make a lasting impact and inspire the next generation of handball enthusiasts.

The Uganda Prisons Handball Club's exceptional performance in the first round of the Uganda Handball Super League is a testament to their legacy of excellence, unwavering dedication, and incredible teamwork. Their prowess on the court has solidified their position as a force to be reckoned with, continuing to captivate fans and enthusiasts alike. As they forge ahead, their performance serves as a shining example of the heights that can be achieved through passion, hard work, and a united team spirit.

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE



Livestock Production: UG Prisons farm Tororo in 1967



The Uganda Prisons Printing Press machine in 1965 at Industrial Area, Kampala

ORBITUARY

The Commissioner General of Prisons announces the deaths of fallen Comrades



6482 Ch. Wdr I.
Peter Tumwujukye
Prisons Headquarters
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D: 5th July 2023



19526 Wdr.
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U.G Prison Soroti Main
B: 5th January 1991
D: 10th July 2023



8010 Ch. Wdrss III.
Placidia Tumwesigire
U.G Prison Ngoma
B: 26th January 1976
D: 15th July 2023



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