

## INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN UPS: SPOTLIGHT ON UG. PRISON FARM NGOGWE



The Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, led a strategic and policy working tour at UG. Prison Farm Ngogwe in Buikwe District, East Central Region, where he officially opened a newly established female section. Accompanied by UPS top management, department heads from Prisons Headquarters, and Regional and District Prisons Commanders, the visit highlighted the Uganda Prisons Service's (UPS) strides in infrastructural development, staff welfare, and inmate rehabilitation.

Dr. Byabashaija praised Ms. Esther Lamunu, Superintendent of Prisons and Officer-in-Charge of Ngogwe Prison, for spearheading the infrastructural advancements, particularly the new female section, which enhances access to justice and humane custody for female inmates. He lauded Ngogwe Prison as a flagship facility, encouraging Officers-in-Charge (OCs) across the region to emulate its success to strengthen UPS's corporate image.



Addressing OCs and their deputies from the East Central Region, Dr. Byabashaija emphasized compliance with H.E. President Yoweri Museveni's April 29, 2022, directive on staff accommodation. He emphasized adherence to UPS's transfer policy, proper authorization, and the importance of pursuing professional courses to build capacity. To address prison congestion, he urged collective efforts while upholding UPS's core values of discipline, security, integrity, and professionalism, both on and off duty.

In his address to Ngogwe Prison staff, the Commissioner General outlined policies on transfers, training, and education, advocating for regular medical checkups and healthy lifestyles. He encouraged income-generating activities to improve welfare and thanked President Museveni for the recent salary increment for all UPS staff. Commending their smartness and patriotism, he urged them to maintain exemplary standards.

Speaking to inmates, Dr. Byabashaija emphasized discipline, hard work, and cleanliness, commending their neat appearance and efforts to maintain their surroundings. He reaffirmed UPS's commitment to safe, secure, and humane custody, with a focus on rehabilitation to support reintegration.



Ngogwe Prison has emerged as a model of infrastructural excellence. The facility has constructed new prisoner wards to alleviate congestion, built staff houses to enhance welfare, and launched a tree planting campaign to promote environmental sustainability. During the visit, Dr. Byabashaija officially launched the campaign, highlighting its role in combating climate challenges and promoting sustainable practices within prison facilities.