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MONTHLY STATISTICS SUMMARY
August 2026

1 CHARACTERISTICS OF PRISONERS' POPULATION

1.1 Population Change

Table 1.1 Average Prison population for July and August 2026.

Categories	Jul-26			Aug-26			% change
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Convicts:	42,211	2,071	**44,282**	42,867	2,073	**44,940**	1.5
Remands:	36,351	1,729	**38,080**	35,411	1,777	**37,188**	-2.3
Debtors:	502	262	**764**	405	201	**606**	-20.7
Total:	**79,064**	**4,062**	**83,126**	**78,683**	**4,051**	**82,734**	**-0.5**
Percentage (%)	95.1	4.9	100.0	95.1	4.9	100.0	
Approved Capacity			23,437			23,437	0.0
Occupancy Rate (%)			354.7			353.0	-1.7

1.2 Percentage composition of Remands, Convicts and Debtors

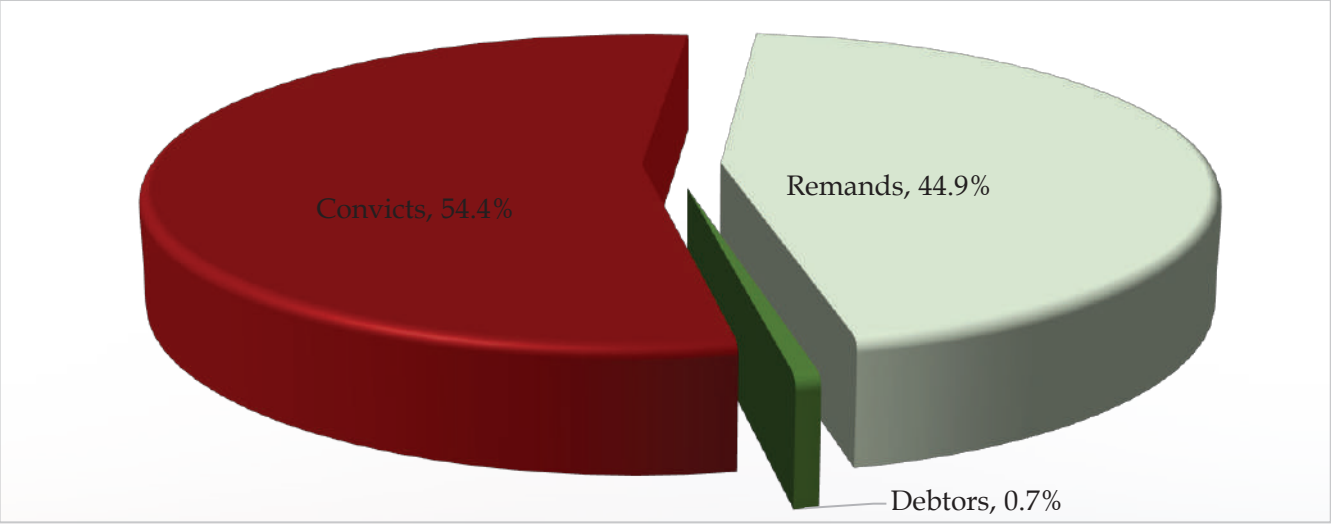
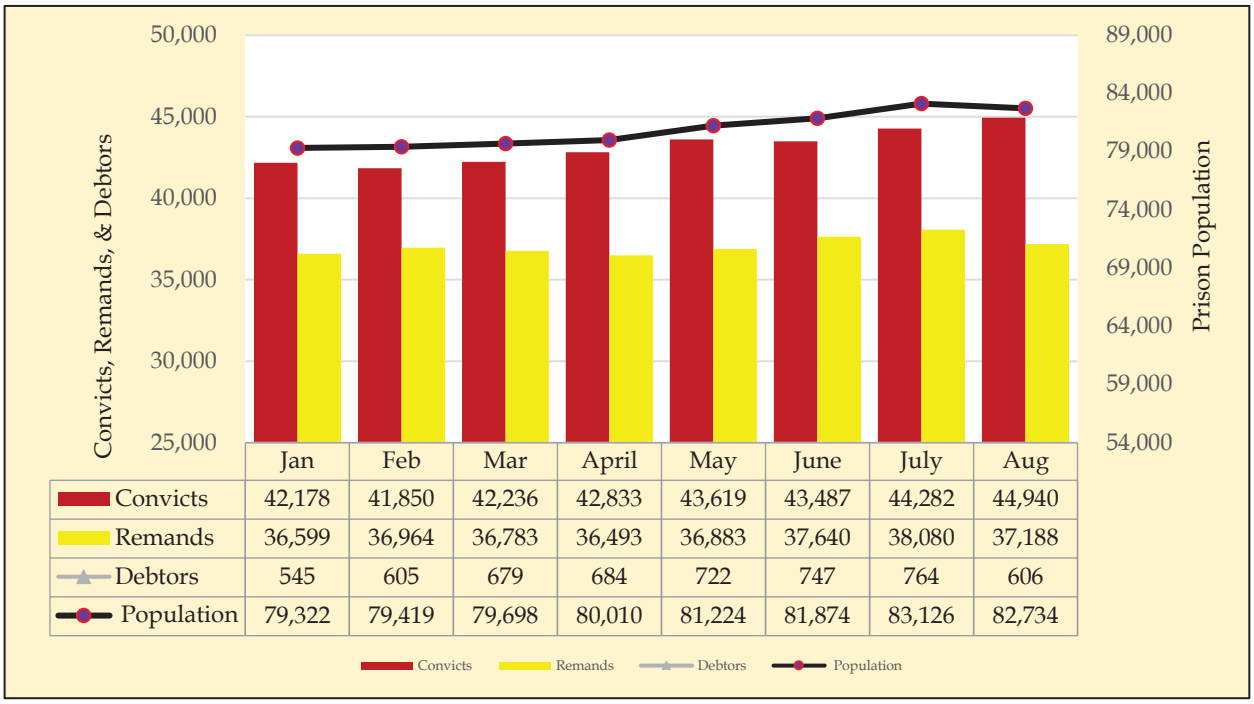


Figure 1.1 Composition of the Prison population

1.4 Monthly Prison Population trends for the period January to August 2026



	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug
Convicts	42,178	41,850	42,236	42,833	43,619	43,487	44,282	44,940
Remands	36,599	36,964	36,783	36,493	36,883	37,640	38,080	37,188
Debtors	545	605	679	684	722	747	764	606
Population	79,322	79,419	79,698	80,010	81,224	81,874	83,126	82,734

Figure 1.3 Monthly prison population trend for the period January to August 2026

1.5 Prison population composition trends for the period January to August 2026

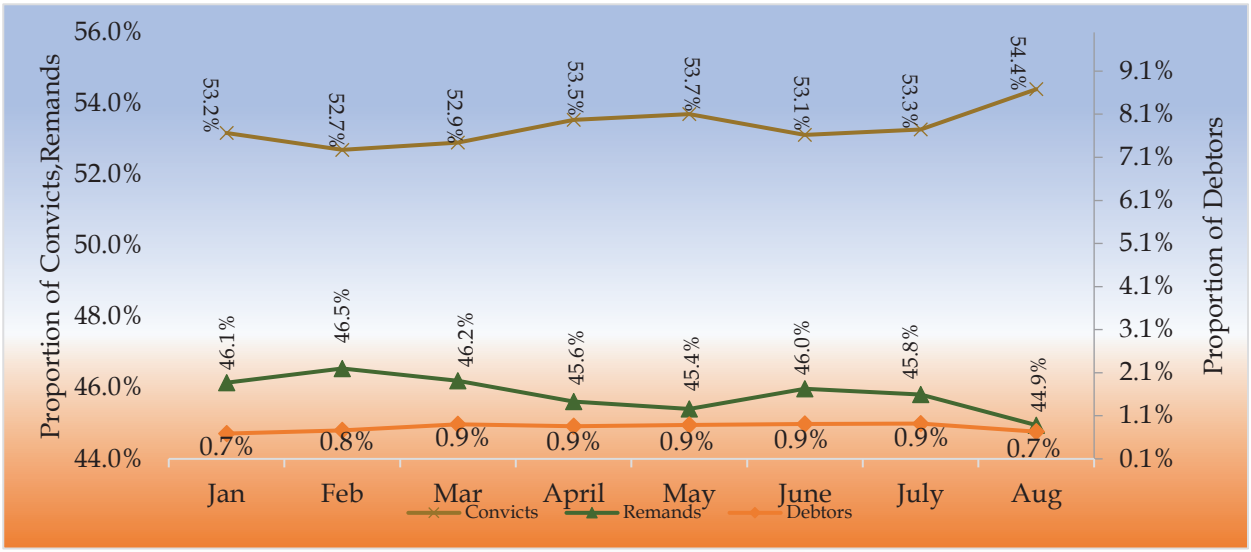


Figure 1.4 Composition trends of convicts, remands, and debtors for the period Jannuary to August 2026

2 STAFFING POSITION

2.1 Staff Strength

Table 2.1 Staff Strength as at 31st August 2026

STAFF CATEGORY	GENDER		TOTAL
	Males	Females	
Uniformed			
Senior officers	520	125	645
Principal officers	762	199	961
Non-Commissioned Officers	8,724	3,948	12,672
Total Uniformed	**10,006**	**4,272**	**14,278**
Non-Uniformed			
Senior officers	100	81	181
Junior officers	144	152	296
Total Non Uniformed	**244**	**233**	**477**
GRAND TOTAL	**10,250**	**4,505**	**14,755**
Percentage	*69.5*	*30.5*	*100.0*
Approved Staff Establishment			39,462
Staffing filled (%)			37.4



The Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, together with ministry officials engage Uganda Prisons Service top management on advancing technology, rehabilitation and strategic partnerships for a modern correctional system.

INSIDE THE TRANSFORMATION OF UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE: TECHNOLOGY, REHABILITATION AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AT THE HEART OF MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu called on the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) to accelerate the use of technology and innovation as part of efforts to build a modern correctional system that strengthens security, rehabilitation and national development.

Prof. Kamuntu made the call during a familiarisation visit to UPS Headquarters on Parliamentary Avenue in Kampala, where he met the Service's top management and heads of departments. He was accompanied by the Permanent Secretary, Lt. Gen. Joseph Musanyufu, and received by the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, together with the UPS leadership.

The visit gave the Ministry leadership an opportunity to understand the progress made by the Service, assess its current priorities and discuss areas requiring greater support to improve correctional services. The Ministry of Internal Affairs provides policy direction and coordinates programmes across the institutions under its mandate, including the Uganda Prisons Service, Uganda Police Force, Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control, National Identification and Registration Authority, Government Analytical Laboratories, National Bureau for NGOs and other departments and agencies.

Its mandate covers internal security, law and order, peace and stability, citizenship and identity, while its objectives specifically include providing safe, secure and humane custody of prisoners and supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders.

It is within this oversight and coordination role that the Minister's visit to UPS was held, bringing together the political and technical leadership of the Ministry and the correctional institution to review progress and agree on priorities.

Technology at the centre of modern prisons

Addressing the UPS leadership, Prof. Kamuntu commended the Service for the progress made in transforming its operations, particularly in rehabilitation, production, skills development and infrastructure.

He encouraged the Service to make greater use of digital systems, advanced technology and Artificial Intelligence to improve prison management, strengthen security, reduce delays and support better decision-making.



Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, and the Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Lt. Gen. Joseph Musanyufu, join Uganda Prisons Service top management for a group photo following success discussions on advancing a modern correctional system.

He said technology should become part of the way modern correctional institutions operate, rather than being treated as an additional activity.

The Minister also stressed the need for all institutions within the criminal justice system to work together, noting that effective crime prevention, fair administration of justice, rehabilitation and reintegration are closely connected. He further said the purpose of correctional services goes beyond keeping offenders in secure custody.

> *"The ultimate goal of correctional services is not only secure custody but also transforming offenders into responsible citizens who positively contribute to national development, he said*

UPS links correction to national development

The Minister also recognised the contribution of UPS beyond custody, particularly through commercial agriculture, vocational training, education, infrastructure development and other rehabilitation programmes.

These programmes give prisoners practical skills and opportunities that can help them return to their communities better prepared to earn a living and lead law-abiding lives. The UPS strategic direction similarly places safe and humane custody alongside rehabilitation and reintegration, access to justice, production and productivity, and stronger governance and institutional capacity.

For the Ministry, this wider approach is important because correctional services form part of the country's broader justice, security and development system.

Dr. Byabashaija outlined UPS priorities

In his briefing, Can. Dr. Byabashaija outlined the major reforms and programmes being undertaken by the Service.

He highlighted progress in commercial production, infrastructure expansion, access to justice, rehabilitation, vocational skills training, education, healthcare and the welfare of staff and prisoners.

The Commissioner General also presented the Service's priorities for the current financial year, including strengthening prison security, expanding production, modernising infrastructure, improving rehabilitation and reintegration, enhancing staff accommodation and welfare, increasing the use of technology and strengthening partnerships.

UPS has increasingly worked with government institutions, development partners, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders to improve correctional services and support rehabilitation. The Service says such partnerships are important to improving service delivery and preparing prisoners for successful reintegration into society.

A shared responsibility

Prof. Kamuntu reiterated the Ministry's commitment to supporting UPS in addressing challenges

affecting the Service, including prison congestion, staff welfare, prisoners' welfare and the modernisation of correctional facilities. The familiarisation visit ended with a commitment by the Ministry and UPS to continue working together to strengthen correctional management, embrace innovation and improve the delivery of safe, secure and humane custody.

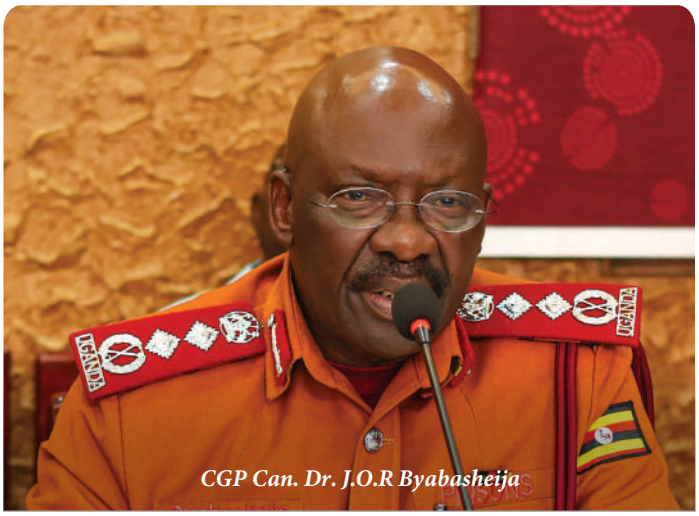
The engagement also provided a platform for the two institutions to align their priorities as Uganda works towards a correctional system that protects society while giving offenders a genuine opportunity to change, acquire skills and return to their communities as productive citizens.



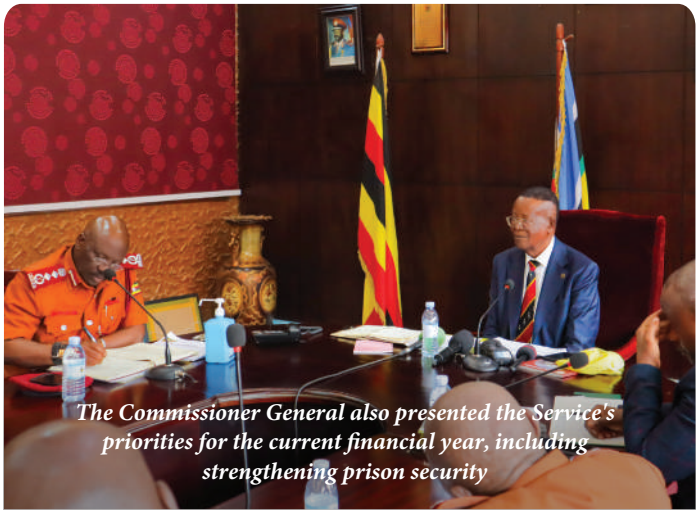
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Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu



CGP Can. Dr. J.O.R Byabasheija



The Commissioner General also presented the Service's priorities for the current financial year, including strengthening prison security



Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, arrives at UPS Headquarters for discussions on technology, rehabilitation and strategic partnerships.



Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, and newly appointed State Minister, Hon. Juma Witonze Kisekka, join service chiefs, and other government officials for a group photo following the handover and assumption of office ceremony.

HON. WITONZE KISEKKA ASSUMES OFFICE AS MINISTER OF STATE, PLEDGES CITIZEN-CENTRED INTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY

The newly appointed State Minister for Internal Affairs, Hon. Juma Witonze Kisekka, officially assumed office, pledging to make the Ministry of Internal Affairs more focused on serving citizens and improving access to government services.

Hon. Witonze made the commitment during the handover and assumption of office ceremony presided over by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu.

He said the Ministry should become a service centred institution where citizens can access government services efficiently, fairly and with dignity. He also called for stronger efforts against corruption, saying digital systems can help reduce opportunities for corruption while improving the delivery of government services.

Hon. Witonze's appointment followed President Yoweri Museveni's nomination of him as Minister of State for Internal Affairs in July 2026. He was subsequently vetted by Parliament's Appointments Committee before receiving approval to take up the position.

The appointment came after Parliament declined to approve the earlier nominee for the position, Dr. Lawrence Muganga, creating a vacancy in the Internal Affairs docket. He was later approved and sworn in by President Museveni at State House, Entebbe, on August 11, 2026.

The following day, August 12, he took the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of a Member of Parliament and joined Parliament as an ex-officio member. Before his appointment, Hon. Witonze served in political and mobilisation roles, including as Vice Chairperson of the National Resistance Movement in Gomba District. He also served as the Greater Mpigi regional coordinator of the Patriotic League of Uganda, according to reports on his parliamentary vetting.

As State Minister for Internal Affairs, Hon. Witonze joins a ministry responsible for important areas of government that affect the daily lives and security of citizens. The Ministry's mandate includes guaranteeing Uganda's internal security, maintaining law and order, promoting peace and stability, and ensuring the identification, protection and preservation of citizens.

The ministry also works through institutions and departments responsible for areas including



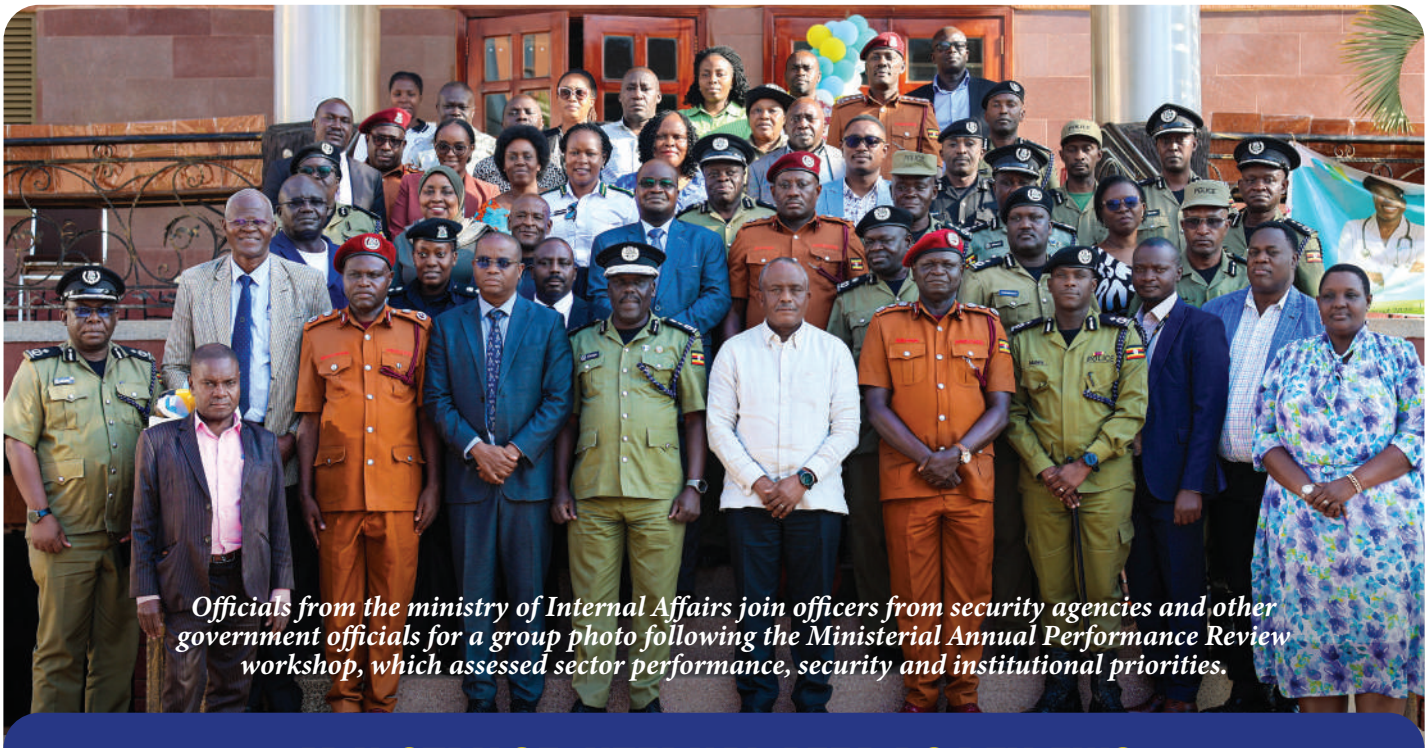
Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, hands the new State Minister, Hon. Juma Witonze Kisekka instruments of power during the assumption of office ceremony.

citizenship and immigration, national community service, the NGO sector, inspection and compliance, the Amnesty Commission and other functions under Internal Affairs.

The ministry also oversees key security and correctional institutions, including the Uganda Police Force, Uganda Prisons Service and other agencies within the internal security sector. Hon. Witonze is therefore expected to work with the Minister, Permanent Secretary and heads of the various institutions under the ministry to implement government policies, improve service delivery and address challenges affecting the sector.

At his parliamentary vetting, Hon. Witonze pledged to serve all Ugandans and acknowledged that the new assignment would come with a demanding workload. His assumption of office comes at a time when the Ministry is pursuing improvements in service delivery, accountability and the use of technology across government services. The new minister has now called for a stronger focus on citizens, arguing that government institutions must make services easier to access while maintaining fairness, accountability and dignity.

His priorities on corruption and digitalisation also fit within the wider call by President Museveni for newly appointed ministers to address corruption and inefficiency in government institutions. With Prof. Kamuntu as the Minister and Lt. Gen. Joseph Musanyufu as Permanent Secretary, Hon. Witonze will work as part of the ministry's leadership to advance its mandate of maintaining internal security, law and order, peace and stability while improving public services.



Officials from the ministry of Internal Affairs join officers from security agencies and other government officials for a group photo following the Ministerial Annual Performance Review workshop, which assessed sector performance, security and institutional priorities.

MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS REVIEWS SECTOR PERFORMANCE, SECURITY AND INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

The Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) conducted its Ministerial Annual Performance Review workshops to assess the performance of agencies under the Ministry and set priorities for the coming period. The review, presided over by the Permanent Secretary, Lt. Gen. Joseph Musanyufu, brought together agencies under the Ministry, including the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), Uganda Police Force, National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA), Government Analytical Laboratory (GAL) and other institutions.

The discussions focused on achievements registered during the reporting period, challenges affecting service delivery, security matters, institutional performance, legislation and work plans for the next period. During the review, the Uganda Prisons Service reported improvements in security, staff welfare, rehabilitation, access to justice and agricultural production.

The Service reported that the inmate escape rate had reduced to 2.9 per 1,000 inmates, while the mortality rate stood at 2.2 per 1,000. The improvements were attributed to the acquisition of security equipment and improved clinical care. On staff welfare, UPS reported the completion of 1,199 low-cost staff housing units, increasing the proportion of staff living in proper accommodation to 55.1 per cent. The Service also highlighted its rehabilitation and education programmes. A total of 4,177 inmates were supported to undertake formal education, while 3,421 participated in adult and community education. Another 25,019 inmates acquired vocational skills, with 806 trade-tested and awarded certificates. During the period under review, 1,463 inmates were also reintegrated into their communities after completing their custodial programmes. In the area of access to justice, UPS reported the installation of virtual court facilities in 20 male prisons and one female prison. The Service transports an average of 1,876 prisoners daily to 270 courts across the country.

Agricultural production also remained an important part of the Service's activities. UPS reported production of 1,845.01 metric tonnes of maize seed, 167.4 metric tonnes of sunflower seed, 225 metric tonnes of soybean seed, 4,051 bales of cotton and 25,353 metric tonnes of maize grain for feeding prisoners. Looking ahead, the Service plans to expand prisoner accommodation through the Prisons Infrastructure Project as part of efforts to address population growth and congestion.

UPS also plans to construct 1,500 low-cost staff housing units every year through its internal Engineering Gang to reduce the remaining housing gap. The Service further plans to strengthen large-scale production through irrigation, modern machinery and improved systems for seed, grain, cotton and furniture production, supported by approved export credit financing.

On human resource development, UPS plans to recruit more staff based on the current profile of offenders and establish a modern training school at Kitalya to address staffing and training needs. The Service is also seeking to strengthen non-custodial measures, including community service and parole, while pursuing legal reforms on mandatory remand periods as part of efforts to reduce prison congestion. The Ministerial Annual Performance Review provides a platform for MIA agencies to assess their progress, identify gaps and align their programmes with the Ministry's priorities and national development goals.



The Permanent Secretary Ministry of Internal Affairs and representatives of service chiefs observe the national anthems during the Ministerial Annual Performance Review workshop



ACGP Hillary Bisanga and SCP Judas Tadeo Kaliisa observe the national anthems



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CGP Can. Dr. J.O.R Byabashaija, shares a light moment with prison officers on arrival at Amita Prison Farm to commission new prisoner accommodation and a separate female section.

DECONGESTING PRISONS, RESTORING DIGNITY: NEW PRISONER ACCOMMODATION AND FEMALE SECTION COMMISSIONED AT AMITA PRISON FARM TO IMPROVE INMATE WELFARE IN KARAMOJA SUB-REGION

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) has commissioned new prisoner accommodation and a female section at Amita Prison Farm in Abim District, in a major step towards easing congestion and improving conditions for inmates in the Karamoja Sub-region. The Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, commissioned a new twin prisoners' ward with a capacity of more than 200 inmates and opened a separate female section with space for 50 inmates.

The new facilities are expected to reduce congestion at Amita by about 50 per cent while improving access to appropriate accommodation and services for inmates. The female section will also help address challenges associated with transporting female prisoners over long distances to access courts and suitable accommodation.

The new wards have been designed with improved ventilation and lighting, separate sanitary facilities, enhanced security systems and spacious accommodation in line with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, commonly known as the Nelson Mandela Rules.

Each ward also has an attached medical wing, bringing healthcare services closer to inmates and reducing the need for unnecessary movement outside the facility.

Responding to prison congestion

The developments at Amita form part of a wider UPS infrastructure programme aimed at increasing prisoner accommodation and improving staff welfare across the country.

The programme follows a 2023 Presidential directive to UPS to construct additional prisoners' accommodation and staff housing. In response, the Service established an Engineering Gang made up of skilled prison staff and inmates to undertake construction and other related works.

At Amita, the Engineering Gang completed 64 staff housing units in 2024, providing improved accommodation for officers serving at the prison. The initiative has since expanded to other parts of the country, with new prisoner accommodation and staff housing facilities commissioned at Isingiro and Isimba, while major projects at Ruimi Prison Farm are nearing completion.

The Engineering Gang is serving a dual purpose: expanding critical prison infrastructure while giving inmates practical construction skills that can support their rehabilitation and reintegration after release.



The new twin prisoners' ward with capacity for more than 200 inmates and a separate female section for 50, providing more space and improved conditions for inmates.

Amita combines custody with production

Beyond its correctional role, Amita Prison Farm is also contributing to agricultural production in a region facing difficult climatic and economic conditions. The farm currently produces about 185,000 kilogrammes of cotton annually from 530 acres, while plans are underway to produce about 280,000 kilogrammes of sunflower from 700 acres.

The farm also grows soybeans and maize seed as part of rotational farming and food security programmes.

These agricultural activities provide inmates with practical skills and work experience while contributing to production at the institution.

For inmates, participation in productive activities forms part of the rehabilitation process by providing skills and a structured working environment that can be useful after release.

Strengthening correctional services in Karamoja

Karamoja has eight prison stations and presents particular operational challenges, including a harsh climate, difficult terrain and food insecurity. The investment at Amita therefore goes beyond adding physical space. It is intended to improve the overall delivery of correctional services in the region by strengthening accommodation, healthcare, security, staff welfare and rehabilitation.

The new facilities are expected to ease pressure on other prisons serving the Karamoja area while enabling UPS to provide better conditions for inmates and staff. The developments also reflect the Service's wider commitment to providing safe, secure and humane custody, while using infrastructure, agriculture and skills training to support rehabilitation and prepare inmates for productive lives after prison.



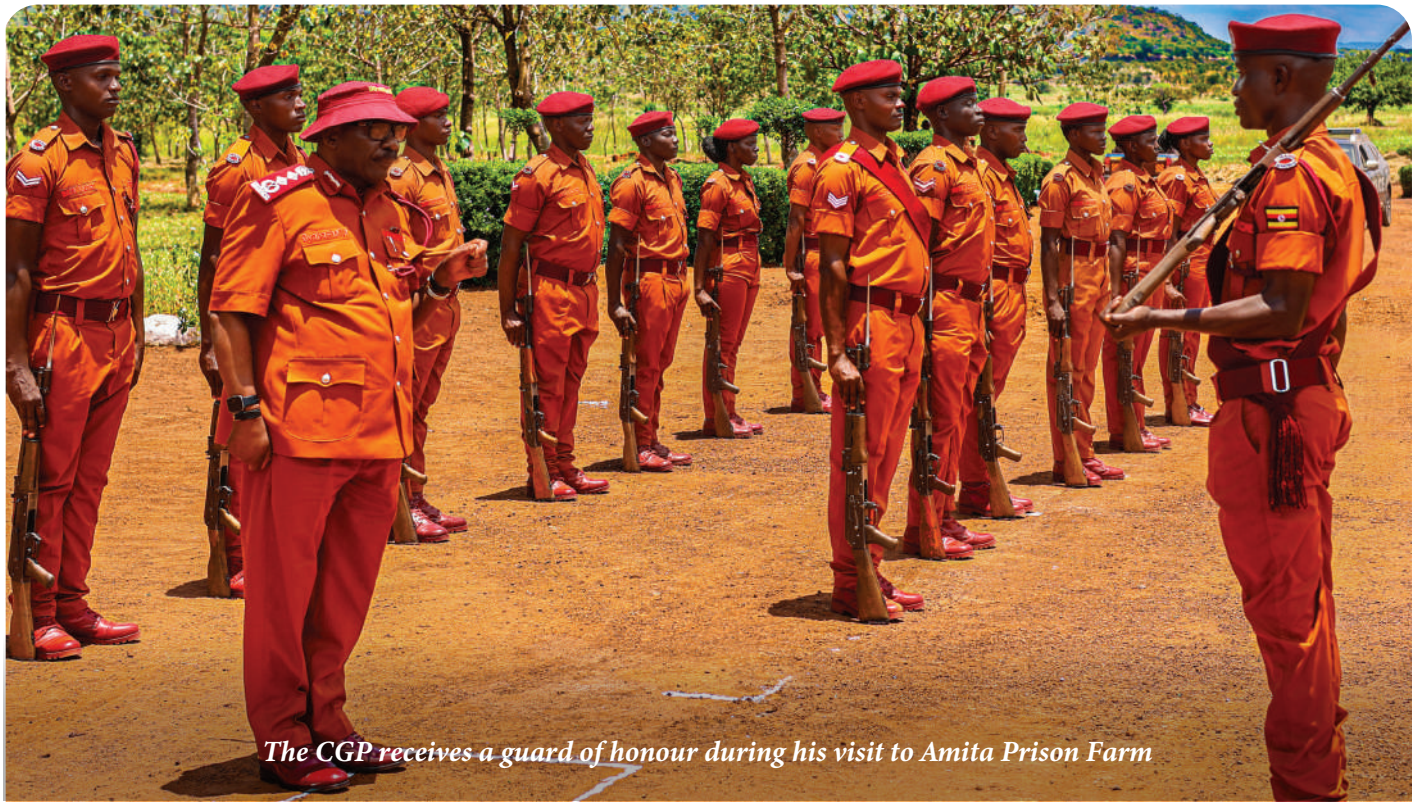
The CGP is welcomed at Amita Prison Farm



The CGP shares a light moment with officers at Amita Prison Farm



CGP is taken on a guided tour around Amita Prison Farm ahead of the commissioning of new inmate accommodation.



The CGP receives a guard of honour during his visit to Amita Prison Farm



TheCGP arrives at Amita Prison Farm



Commisioning of the newly constructed wards



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AMITA PRISON FARM AT GLANCE

PRISONERS ACCOMODATION WARDS






PART OF THE 64 STAFF HOUSING UNITS








The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Uganda, DCGP, senior prisons officers and development partners at the launch of the Sex Offenders Treatment Manual, Speke Resort Munyonyo

BEYOND PUNISHMENT TO BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE: UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE LAUNCHES NEW TREATMENT MANUAL FOR SEX OFFENDERS TO STRENGTHEN REHABILITATION, REINTEGRATION AND SAFETY OF COMMUNITIES

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) has launched a new treatment manual for offenders convicted of sexual offences, marking a move towards more structured rehabilitation and behaviour change within Uganda's correctional system.

The Sex Offenders Treatment Manual was launched at Speke Resort Munyonyo in Kampala in a partnership between UPS and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), with financial support from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Uganda.

The manual provides prison officers, social workers and other professionals with a structured approach to assessing, treating and rehabilitating offenders convicted of sexual offences. It is intended to help address factors linked to sexual offending while supporting safe reintegration into communities. Presiding over the launch, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Uganda, H.E. Angèle Samura, said international support should translate into practical improvements in Uganda's justice and correctional systems.

She said the partnership reflects the Netherlands' continued support to Uganda in areas of rule of law, human rights and security, stressing the need for interventions that produce practical results for communities.

The partnership will also support vocational skills programmes within UPS, including initiatives at Kitalya Mini Max and Soroti Main Prisons, where inmates will receive training in areas such as shoemaking and tailoring.

Addressing the causes of offending

Speaking at the launch, Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons Mr. Samuel Akena said the manual gives prison officers and social workers a common framework for working with offenders convicted of sexual offences.

Mr. Akena said about 19,500 people convicted of sex-related offences are currently part of the prison population, creating a need for targeted interventions that go beyond confinement and address behaviour. He said the treatment programme is aimed at helping offenders understand their behaviour, take responsibility and develop skills that can support positive change and reduce the risk of reoffending."The implementation of the manual must now begin in earnest," Mr. Akena told the prison officers and social workers attending the launch.



The manual provides prison officers, social workers and other professionals with a structured approach to assessing, treating and rehabilitating offenders convicted of sexual offences.


The launch brought together senior prisons officers, custodial social workers, representatives from the criminal justice system and development partners.

He urged the officers and social workers who had received training on the programme to apply the knowledge and skills in their daily work. Mr. Akena also stressed that rehabilitation must be undertaken with proper attention to the rights and safety of victims, while ensuring that offenders receive appropriate correctional interventions.

Manual to reach all prison units

The manual will be rolled out across all 270 UPS prison units, extending the treatment approach to offenders serving sentences in different parts of the country. Its implementation is expected to create a more consistent approach to assessment, treatment planning, counselling and monitoring of offenders convicted of sexual offences.

For UPS, the initiative is part of a broader shift from a purely custodial approach towards correctional services that combine secure custody with rehabilitation, skills development and preparation for successful reintegration. The Service has increasingly placed rehabilitation at the centre of its correctional work, using education, vocational training, counselling, production and other programmes to prepare inmates for life after prison.

The Head of the IDLO Country Office in Uganda, Ms Barbara Kilei, said the organisation was pleased to support UPS in strengthening Uganda's response to sexual offending through a structured rehabilitation programme. She said the partnership demonstrates the value of working with national institutions to develop practical solutions to challenges within the justice system.

Partnerships strengthening correctional services

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Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, joins Regional Prisons Commanders for a group photo at Luzira Prisons Complex following a week-long refresher training focused on translating knowledge into better service delivery.

KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION: REGIONAL PRISONS COMMANDERS TOLD TO TURN TRAINING INTO BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY

Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) has challenged its Regional Prisons Commanders to turn the knowledge gained from a week-long refresher training into practical improvements in prison management, staff welfare, security and rehabilitation across the country. The training, held at the Luzira Prisons Complex, brought together Regional Prisons Commanders (RPCs) from the Service's 19 administrative regions, alongside selected District Prisons Commanders.

Held under the theme "Discipline, Dignity and Development: The New Face of Uganda Prisons Service," the training was designed to strengthen regional leadership and prepare commanders to respond to the changing demands of modern correctional management.

The course opened with a call from the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, for regional leaders to take greater responsibility for the performance of their areas of command. Dr. Byabashaija said strong leadership at regional level is essential to ensuring that the policies and reforms of UPS are translated into visible improvements at individual prison stations.

He placed discipline at the centre of effective prison administration, urging commanders to uphold professional conduct, accountability, security and lawful procedures. He also tasked them with protecting the dignity and welfare of both officers and prisoners while ensuring that prisons remain secure, clean, orderly and humane.



CGP Can.Dr.J.O.R Byabashaija

On development, the Commissioner General encouraged commanders to make better use of available resources and take initiative in addressing local challenges, including staff accommodation and prison infrastructure. He called for regular inspections, proper consultation before major decisions and leadership that can identify problems and find practical solutions.


The training provided a direct link between the strategic direction of UPS Headquarters and the work carried out in the regions.


The training was designed to strengthen regional leadership and prepare commanders to respond to the changing demands of modern correctional management.

From Headquarters to the regions

The week-long training provided a direct link between the strategic direction of UPS Headquarters and the work carried out in the regions. Heads of Directorates and Departments facilitated sessions, giving commanders an opportunity to understand the Service's plans, policies and expectations and how these should be implemented at regional and station level. The Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons in charge of Prisons Administration, Mr. John Bosco Tumwebaze, said the training was aimed at strengthening commanders' skills in discipline, prisoner and staff management, welfare, security, infrastructure development and administration.

The course covered a wide range of issues affecting day-to-day prison operations, including national planning and budgeting, project development, prison intelligence, production and enterprise management. Commanders also examined low-cost approaches to developing staff and prisoner accommodation, protecting prison land and assets, improving custodial services and strengthening prison safety and security.

Other sessions focused on prisoner rehabilitation and reintegration, handling vulnerable inmates, health services, human rights, staff and prisoner discipline, digitalisation of inmate records and regional ICT infrastructure. The training further addressed performance management, target setting, staff career development, delegation of duties, counselling and workplace conflict resolution.

Strengthening relations beyond prisons

The commanders were also reminded that effective correctional work depends on cooperation with other institutions in the criminal justice system. During the closing ceremony, Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Samuel Akena, called for


DCGP Samuel Akena delivering his remarks

stronger working relations between UPS, the Uganda Police Force, the Judiciary and other justice sector institutions.

He said better coordination among the different actors is necessary for an effective justice system and for ensuring that prisoners receive the services and support required at different stages of the justice process. Akena urged the RPCs to share the knowledge gained during the course with officers under their command and ensure that the training leads to measurable improvements.

He challenged the commanders to improve efficiency in their regions and focus on better services for prisoners, staff and surrounding communities.

Production and community engagement

The course also looked at the management of prison industries and productive activities. Commanders examined how agricultural and industrial production can support rehabilitation while contributing to the

economic activities of the Service.

They were encouraged to find an appropriate balance between commercial production and the rehabilitation needs of inmates. Community engagement, customer care and public relations were also included in the training, reflecting the growing need for prisons to maintain constructive relationships with communities around them.

Transparency and accountability among RPCs, Officers in Charge and Deputy Officers in Charge were given attention, alongside logistical challenges affecting regional operations.

The legal responsibility of RPCs

The training also strengthened commanders' understanding of their legal responsibilities. Under Section 32 of the Uganda Prisons Service Act, the Commissioner General appoints a Senior Prisons Officer to head each region as the Regional Prisons Commander.

The administration and supervision of prisons within the region is vested in the RPC. This places the RPC at the centre of prison administration at regional level, with responsibility for providing command and supervision over prison stations, staff and prisoners within the region. RPCs also supervise District Prisons Commanders and Officers in Charge, making their leadership critical to the implementation of UPS policies and standards at station level.

Training to translate into action

Closing the training, Mr. Akena said the real measure of its success would be seen in what commanders do after returning to their regions.

He urged them to take the lessons learnt back to their officers, improve teamwork and ensure that the Service's direction of Discipline, Dignity and Development is reflected in everyday prison operations. The training is expected to strengthen coordination between regional headquarters and prison stations, improve decision-making and promote more accountable and results-focused management.

It is also expected to help commanders identify local challenges early, make better use of resources and support improvements in staff welfare, prison security, infrastructure, rehabilitation and reintegration. For UPS, the week-long programme represents an investment in leadership at the level where most prison services are delivered. The Commissioner General's message from the opening of the course was therefore carried through to its conclusion: the transformation of Uganda Prisons Service must be visible not only at Headquarters, but in every region and at every prison station.

With the commanders now returning to their respective areas of command, the focus shifts from learning to implementation — turning the knowledge gained at Luzira into better leadership, stronger prisons and improved correctional services across Uganda.



The cake cutting session marked the successful completion of their week-long refresher training



Minister of State for Internal Affairs, Hon. Juma Witonze Kisekka, and members of the Parliamentary Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs are welcomed at Kitalya Mini Max Prison for an oversight visit focused on rehabilitation, vocational training and production.

PRISONS THAT REFORM, NOT JUST CONFINE: LEGISLATORS COMMEND UPS FOR REHABILITATION AND PRODUCTION DRIVE AT KITALYA MINI MAX PRISON IN CENTRAL REGION.

Members of Parliament have commended the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) for its growing focus on rehabilitation, vocational training, education and production during an oversight visit to Kitalya Prisons Complex in the Central Region. The Minister of State for Internal Affairs, Hon. Juma Witonze Kisekka, led the Parliamentary Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs on the visit, which provided an opportunity to assess the progress of the Service and identify areas where additional support is needed.

The delegation was received by the Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Samuel Akena, together with senior officers of UPS.

On arrival at Kitalya Prisons Complex, Minister Witonze received a Guard of Honour mounted by Uganda Prisons Service officers at the main gate. The ceremonial salute marked the Minister's official arrival and recognised his responsibility for prisons affairs under the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

During the visit, the delegation inspected proposed sites for the establishment of a modern Prisons Academy and Training School at Kitalya. The planned academy is expected to include a modern shooting range, parade and physical training grounds, administration and academic blocks, an auditorium, accommodation for trainees, housing for trainers and other specialised training facilities.

The MPs also visited proposed sites for new prison industries, including leather and shoe-making, furniture, textile and garment production. The projects are intended to expand vocational training and production while equipping prisoners with practical skills that can support their rehabilitation and reintegration after release.

At Kitalya Mini Max Prison, the delegation toured the garment and tailoring workshops, where prisoners produce uniforms for both inmates and staff. The workshop has 89 modern sewing machines, together with garment-cutting, interlocking and embroidery machines. The delegation was informed that prisoners, working under the guidance of trained prison officers, produce about 1,520 inmates' uniforms and 200 staff uniforms each working day.

The delegation also visited the inmates' school, which has classrooms, a library and a computer laboratory serving both primary and secondary learners. Minister Witonze said the visit demonstrated Parliament's commitment to supporting UPS to effectively fulfil its mandate and contribute to Uganda's socio-economic transformation.



The Minister and members of the Parliamentary Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs join prison officials for a group photo following their oversight visit to Kitalya Mini Max Prison.

He said the Service plays an important role in national security through safe, secure and humane custody, while also preparing prisoners for responsible life after release through rehabilitation, education and skills development. The Minister also recognised the contribution of UPS to food production, agro-industrialisation, access to justice and the development of Uganda's local textile industry. On staff welfare, Hon. Witonze said the Ministry has plans to support the construction of 15,000 housing units for prison staff across the country.

Committee Chairperson, Hon. Robinah Rwakoojo, commended UPS for maintaining high standards of hygiene at Kitalya and Luzira Upper prisons. She also praised the Service for its efforts in self-reliance, furniture and uniform production, vocational training, education and the rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners. Members of the Committee made positive observations about the standards maintained at the prisons and the efforts being made to provide prisoners with education, vocational skills and productive activities. The oversight visit also highlighted the wider role of UPS beyond custody, particularly its contribution to preparing prisoners to return to their communities with skills and a better understanding of responsible citizenship. For UPS, the visit provided an opportunity to share its ongoing transformation with Parliament while also highlighting areas requiring continued Government support. The Service continues to pursue its mandate under the principle of "Safe, Secure, Humane Custody," with rehabilitation, skills development and reintegration forming an important part of its correctional approach.



The minister receives a guard of honour on arrival at Kitalya Mini Max Prison during the parliamentary oversight visit.



The visiting team inspects crafts made by inmates at Kitalya Mini Max Prison, showcasing practical skills that support rehabilitation and livelihoods after release.

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The minister is welcomed at Kitalya Mini max prison



The visiting team inspects the garment and tailoring workshops that aid vocational training at Kitalya Mini Max Prison



The Minister and the parliamentary delegation take a guided tour of Kitalya Mini Max Prison to assess its facilities and rehabilitation programmes.



ACGP Robert Munanura briefs the visiting delegation on plans for the proposed Prisons Academy and Training School constuction site



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Hon. Robinah Rwakoojo leads members of the Parliamentary Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs in inspecting high-quality furniture crafted at Luzira Prison Industries

INSPECTING PROGRESS, INSPIRING CONFIDENCE: PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE HAILS PRISONS INDUSTRIES AND TRAINING SCHOOL AT LUZIRA

The Parliamentary Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs has inspected Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) production industries and the Prisons Academy and Training School, commending the Service's efforts to strengthen self-reliance, rehabilitation and skills development. The Committee, led by its Chairperson, Hon. Robinah Rwakoojo, toured Luzira Prison Industries and the Prisons Academy and Training School as part of its oversight visit to UPS.

The delegation was accompanied by UPS top management led by the Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Samuel Akena. UPS currently operates 68 prison farms and 11 industrial workshops across the country. The farms support seed multiplication, crop production and livestock development, while the industries produce furniture, uniforms, fabrics, soap and crafts.

Hon. Rwakoojo said the Service had responded to President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni's guidance to strengthen prison industries and produce goods for Government institutions. She said the initiative has the potential to reduce the cost of maintaining prisoners while also giving inmates practical skills and productive work.

The Committee was briefed that UPS has developed production capacity capable of producing goods worth about Shs4.076 billion annually. However, Mr. Akena said the existing production systems and staffing levels are not yet sufficient to meet the growing demand for furniture and other products from Government institutions.

The development of prison industries follows Presidential guidance issued in the 2016/17 financial year for UPS to revive its industries and produce furniture for Government institutions.

In response, UPS established and equipped furniture workshops with modern equipment, including dust extraction systems, stores and a timber seasoning kiln at Luzira Prisons Complex. The kiln has a capacity of 100 cubic metres and can season up to 15,000 pieces of timber. UPS also established a tailoring workshop at Kitalya Mini Max Prison and has continued to strengthen production workshops in other regions.

Through these facilities, the Service supplies furniture and other products to Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, as well as private-sector customers. To expand this work, Government has approved the Fully Integrated Prisons Industries Project, estimated at Shs565.045 billion, to be implemented under an Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Financing arrangement.



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The project will establish a leather tannery and shoe-making plant at Bugungu and Kitalya, an integrated furniture plant at Kitalya, a textile factory and garment production unit at Kitalya Mini Max Prison, and a spinning mill at Bugungu Prison.

The planned expansion is expected to increase local production, create more opportunities for vocational training and strengthen rehabilitation by equipping inmates with skills that can support them after release. The Committee was also briefed on staffing and congestion, two of the major challenges facing the Service.

UPS currently has 83,682 prisoners against an approved staff structure of 39,462, with only 37.4 per cent of the approved positions filled. The current staff-to-prisoner ratio is about 1:7, compared with the recommended ratio of 1:3. The approved holding capacity of prisons stands at 23,437 inmates, compared with the current population of 83,682, leaving an excess of 60,245 inmates.

The Committee also inspected the Prisons Academy and Training School at Luzira, which conducts command, non-commissioned officers and specialised refresher courses for prison officers. The facility, which was built in 1907 to accommodate about 550 trainees, is now operating beyond its original capacity. UPS plans to establish a modern Prisons Academy and Training School at Kitalya while renovating the existing Luzira facility to increase training capacity and provide modern learning facilities for officers.

The planned Kitalya academy is expected to include academic and administration blocks, accommodation for trainees and trainers, parade and physical training grounds, a modern shooting range, an auditorium and other specialised training facilities. The oversight visit forms part of Parliament's role in assessing the performance, challenges and development priorities of UPS.

The Committee concluded its visit at the Kitalya Group of Prisons, where it will inspect proposed sites for the integrated furniture plant, textile and garment facilities and the modern training school. For UPS, the expansion of prison industries is part of a broader correctional approach that combines safe custody with rehabilitation, vocational training, production and preparation of inmates for reintegration into society.

The Service aims to develop prisons industries into productive centres that support Government institutions, create skills and value, generate revenue and contribute to reducing the cost of keeping prisoners in custody.

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Members of the Parliamentary Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs join UPS top management for a group photo at the Prisons Academy and Training School in Luzira



The delegation at Luzira Upper Prison



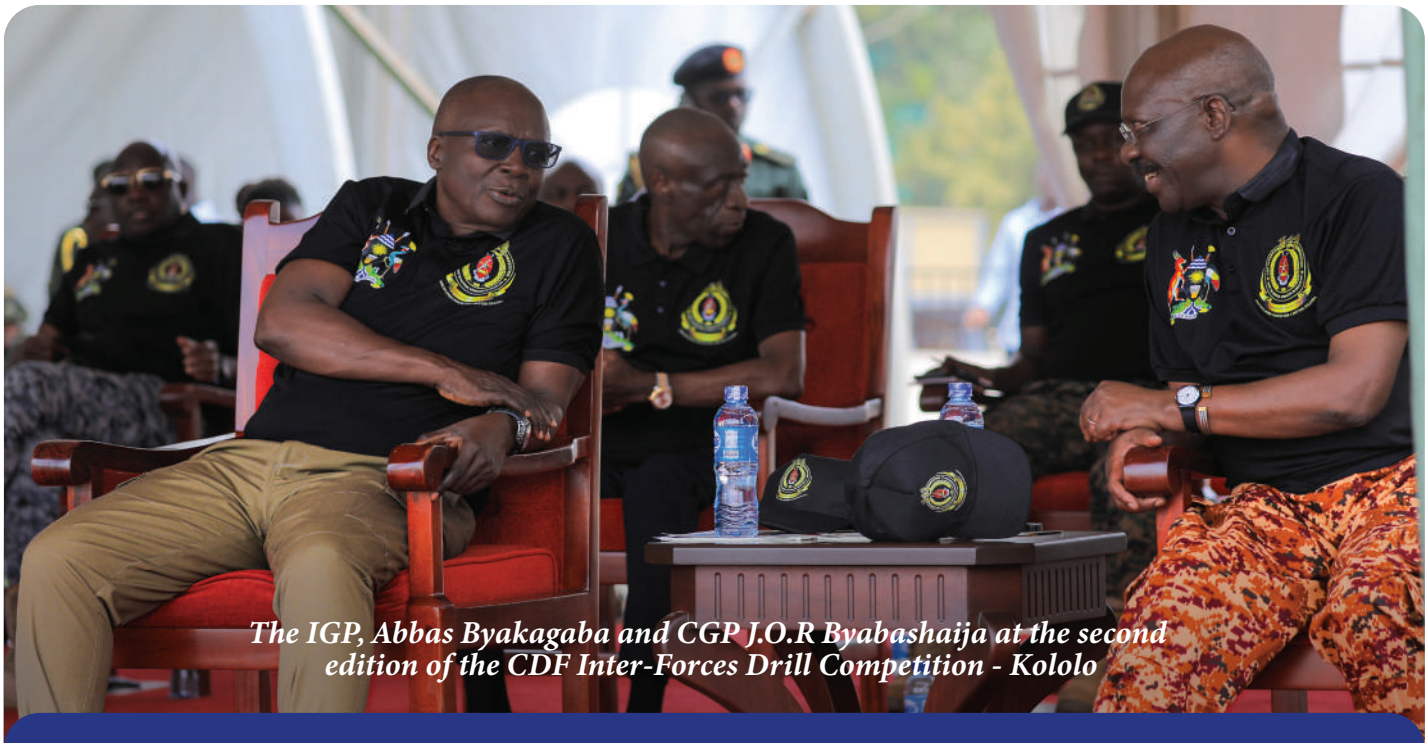
Inside the furniture production room



An inmate demonstrates contemporary furniture production acumen



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The IGP, Abbas Byakagaba and CGP J.O.R Byabashaija at the second edition of the CDF Inter-Forces Drill Competition - Kololo

SFC WINS SECOND CDF INTER-FORCES DRILL COMPETITION

The Special Forces Command (SFC) of the UPDF has emerged overall winner of the second edition of the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) Inter-Forces Drill Competition held at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds. The 3rd Infantry Division finished second in the competition, which brought together UPDF formations and security institutions to demonstrate discipline, teamwork, precision and coordination.

The Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, led the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) top leadership at the event, which attracted senior Government officials, heads of sister security agencies, development partners and members of the public.

The competition featured military parade drills and band performances, with participating units assessed on areas including foot drill, sword drill, cane drill and marching routines. The Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs praised the UPDF leadership for using such events to strengthen discipline and combat readiness.

He described drill as an important foundation for teamwork, obedience, endurance and coordination, noting that the precision developed on the parade ground is also important during operational duties. He further emphasised the importance of discipline and unity in maintaining positive relations between security forces and civilians.

In remarks delivered by the Deputy Chief of Defence Forces and Inspector General, Lt Gen Sam Okiding, the Chief of Defence Forces, Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, commended the participants for the progress made since the inaugural competition. He said lessons from the first edition had contributed to improvements in precision, coordination and cohesion among the participating formations.

Gen Kainerugaba said drill develops attention to detail, prompt execution of commands and adherence to doctrine, qualities that are important in both internal security operations and international peace support missions. He cited the UPDF's engagements in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan and Somalia as examples where discipline and coordination are essential.

The CDF also described the UPDF as a people's army and highlighted its role in national defence and socio-economic development. Chief Judge Lt Gen (Rtd) Nakibus Lakara said the competition was assessed using standard scoring criteria applied equally to all participating formations.



UPS top management officers in attendance at the second CDF Inter-Forces Drill Competition at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds, celebrating discipline, teamwork and precision across the security services.

Maj Gen Wycliffe Keita, Chief of UPDF Training and Doctrine and Chairman of the Implementation Committee, thanked the CDF for supporting the competition and said regular parade training contributes to operational readiness. The event also provided an opportunity for leaders of different security institutions to interact and strengthen cooperation. The presence of the Uganda Prisons Service leadership reflected the wider relationship among Uganda's security institutions, whose mandates require coordination in maintaining national security, public safety and the administration of justice.

The second CDF Inter-Forces Drill Competition therefore brought together discipline, teamwork and professional standards in a joint setting, while providing participating institutions an opportunity to learn from one another. The event was attended by Cabinet Ministers, senior military officers, heads of sister security agencies including the Police, Prisons and External Security Organisation, representatives of political organisations, domestic and international partners and members of the public.



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Precision on parade, readiness on duty. Soldiers demonstrate drill skills that build teamwork, obedience, endurance and coordination for operational duties.



The CGP arrives at the event



DCGP Samuel Akena (Black top) and other security officers share a light moment



Service beyond self



UPS officers at the event



Winners of the 18th edition of the Interforces Games and Target Shooting Championship celebrate with the chief guest at the close of the 2026 Interforces Games and Target Shooting Championship in Gulu City

STRONGER BONDS BUILT AMONG UGANDA'S SECURITY FORCES DURING THE 18TH EDITION OF THE INTERFORCES GAMES AND TARGET SHOOTING COMPETITION – 2026

The 18th edition of the Interforces Games and Target Shooting Championship has ended in Gulu City, bringing together Uganda's four sister security institutions in a competition that combined sporting talent, discipline and teamwork with the wider goal of strengthening cooperation among the forces. The Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces (UPDF), Uganda Police Force (UPF), Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) and Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) competed in eight sporting disciplines under the theme, "Building Synergy through Sports."

The championship provided a platform for officers and personnel from the four institutions to meet outside their usual duties, compete against each other and build working relationships that can support cooperation in the security sector.

The games opened in Gulu City with a call for participants to use sport not only to compete but also to promote unity, discipline, respect and teamwork.

At the opening ceremony, the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs, Hon. Kiryowa Kiwanuka, commended HE. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for restoring peace in Acholi sub-region, which he said had created an environment for Gulu and the wider region to rebuild and develop.

Hon. Kiwanuka said the games were about more than winning medals. He described them as an opportunity to bring security personnel together and strengthen the values required in the execution of their duties.

He also commended the Chief of Defence Forces, Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, for promoting cooperation among the different security services.

"Our mandates may differ, but our purpose is to serve the nation and the country, Uganda," Hon. Kiwanuka said. He urged the participants to maintain discipline, fair play and mutual respect throughout the championship.

The State Minister for Internal Affairs, Hon. Juma Witonze Kisekka, also said sports provide important lessons for security personnel, including teamwork, respect for rules and humility in victory and resilience in defeat. He said the games create an opportunity for personnel from different services to interact, understand each other and build relationships that go beyond the sporting field.

Tough competition

The competition lived up to its purpose, with the four forces battling for honours across football, netball, volleyball, athletics, taekwondo, handball, darts and



The 18th edition of the Interforces Games and Target Shooting Championship was conducted at St Joseph's College Layibi in Gulu City

target shooting.

Both male and female personnel took part in the various competitions, giving the championship a broad representation of the participating institutions. The sporting contests were highly competitive, with teams fighting for every goal, point, medal and trophy.

Football and netball provided some of the biggest team contests, while volleyball and handball tested coordination and teamwork. Athletics gave individual competitors an opportunity to demonstrate speed, endurance and strength.

Taekwondo tested technical ability, discipline and physical fitness, while darts required concentration and accuracy.

The target shooting competition provided a different test, demanding precision, composure and strict adherence to safety procedures. The range shooting events were particularly relevant to the security institutions because they combined sporting competition with skills that require concentration, control and accuracy. Although the forces competed strongly against each other, the contests were conducted in a spirit of respect and fair play. The competition also allowed personnel who rarely work together directly to interact, share experiences and develop friendships.

UPDF take overall title

At the end of the championship, the UPDF emerged overall winners after securing three gold medals. The UPDF won gold in target shooting, netball and volleyball.The Uganda Police Force finished as first runners-up after winning gold in taekwondo and football. The Uganda Prisons Service finished second runners-up after securing gold in athletics.

The Uganda Wildlife Authority finished fourth and received the Fair Play Trophy. Results from handball and darts were not included in the final standings because no participating force won both the men's and women's categories in the respective disciplines. The results reflected the close competition among the four institutions, with medals spread across different sporting disciplines.

More than medals

Speaking at the closing ceremony at St Joseph's College Layibi in Gulu City, the Minister of State for Defence and Veteran Affairs (Defence), Hon. Grace Akifeza Ngabirano, commended the participating institutions for demonstrating patriotism, discipline, teamwork and healthy competition. She thanked the Chief of Defence Forces and the Service Chiefs for supporting the championship and said the games had provided an opportunity for the security institutions to display talent, resilience and professionalism.

> *"You have competed fiercely yet respectfully, proving that while our institutions have different mandates, we remain one family, united by one flag and one mission to protect Uganda and our people," she said.*



Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, Hon. Kiryowa Kiwanuka, inspects participating football teams during the 18th Interforces Games and Target Shooting Championship in Gulu City.

Hon. Ngabirano congratulated the UPDF on winning the championship but reminded participants that medals were not the only measure of success. She encouraged athletes who did not win medals to value the discipline, teamwork and experience gained during the competition. "Every athlete who is here is a champion of national unity," she said.

Building synergy through sports

For the security forces, the value of the Interforces Games goes beyond the final medal table. The different institutions have separate responsibilities. The UPDF is responsible for national defence, the Police maintains law and order, the Prisons Service provides safe custody and correctional services, while UWA protects Uganda's wildlife and protected areas. Despite these different mandates, their work often requires cooperation.

The Interforces Games provide a relaxed environment where personnel can meet, compete and interact without the pressures associated with their normal duties. Through the games, officers learn to appreciate the strengths of other institutions while developing friendships and professional networks. The competition also promotes discipline. Athletes must follow rules, respect officials and accept decisions, whether they win or lose.

These values are important in security work, where personnel are expected to work as teams and coordinate their efforts in the interest of national security and public safety. The 18th edition therefore demonstrated how sports can bring institutions with different responsibilities together around a common purpose.

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UPS takes over hosting

As the 18th edition came to a close, attention turned to the next championship. The Uganda Prisons Service officially received the mantle to host the 19th edition of the Interforces Games and Target Shooting Championship. The UPS also received the Interforces Games flag from the UPDF, marking the formal handover of hosting responsibilities.



Hon. Grace Akifeza Ngabirano, Minister of State for Defence and Veteran Affairs (Defence), joins members of the UPS top management at the closing ceremony, where the Service was announced as host of the next Interforces Games and Target Shooting Championship.

The handover gives the Prisons Service an opportunity to build on the achievements of the Gulu championship and create another platform for the four institutions to strengthen cooperation through sport.

The way forward

The success of the Gulu championship provides a foundation for the continuation and development of the Interforces Games.The next edition can build on the experience gained from the 18th championship by maintaining the strong participation of all four institutions, improving preparation and ensuring that athletes have adequate time and facilities to train.

The continued inclusion of both men and women in the competitions will also help widen participation and provide more personnel with opportunities to develop their sporting talents. Target shooting can continue to receive attention as a specialised discipline requiring accuracy, discipline and concentration, while the other sporting events provide opportunities to identify and develop talent across the security services. The games can also continue to promote interaction beyond competition, allowing participants to share experiences and strengthen relationships between institutions.

The successful Gulu championship has shown that the Interforces Games can serve both as a sporting event and as a platform for building stronger bonds among Uganda's security institutions. As the flag moves to the Uganda Prisons Service for the 19th edition, the spirit of "Building Synergy Through Sports" continues — bringing security personnel together to compete, learn from one another and strengthen the cooperation needed to serve Uganda.



Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, Hon. Kiryowa Kiwanuka, inspects the parade during the 18th Interforces Games and Target Shooting Championship in Gulu City.



Competitors demonstrate accuracy, concentration and discipline on the shooting range



Uganda Prisons Service athletes, participants and officers in a group photo during the 18th Interforces Games and Target Shooting Championship in Gulu City, celebrating team spirit and service pride.



The Uganda Prisons Service team in a group photo before a schedule game at the event



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Human Rights Commission Chairperson Hon. Mariam Fauzat Wangadya, the CGP Can. Dr. J.O.R Byabashaija and other Senior Prisons officers in a group photo following discussions on strengthening human rights and correctional services.

UPS, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP ON CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

The Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, received the Chairperson of the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC), Hon. Mariam Fauzat Wangadya, at Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) Headquarters in Kampala. Hon. Wangadya had paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner General as the two institutions explored ways of strengthening their long-standing cooperation in promoting human rights and improving correctional services.

The engagement focused on areas of mutual interest, including the protection of the rights and dignity of prisoners, staff welfare, rehabilitation and reintegration, as well as strengthening cooperation between the two institutions in fulfilling their respective mandates.

Dr. Byabashaija welcomed the visit and noted that the partnership between UPS and the UHRC is important in ensuring that correctional services are delivered in line with national laws, human rights standards and the principles of humane custody. He said UPS remains committed to working with institutions mandated to promote and protect human rights, noting that constructive engagement and regular interaction help the Service identify areas that require attention and improve the quality of services provided to prisoners.

The Commissioner General also highlighted the Service's continued efforts to improve prisoners' accommodation, healthcare, rehabilitation, vocational training and other welfare services as part of its correctional mandate.

Hon. Wangadya commended UPS for the progress made in improving the welfare and treatment of prisoners and for its willingness to engage with the Commission on matters concerning human rights. She noted that the UHRC and UPS share a common interest in ensuring that people in custody are treated with dignity and that correctional facilities provide an environment that supports rehabilitation and preparation for reintegration into society. The Chairperson welcomed continued cooperation between the two institutions, including dialogue, monitoring and engagement on areas affecting prisoners and staff.

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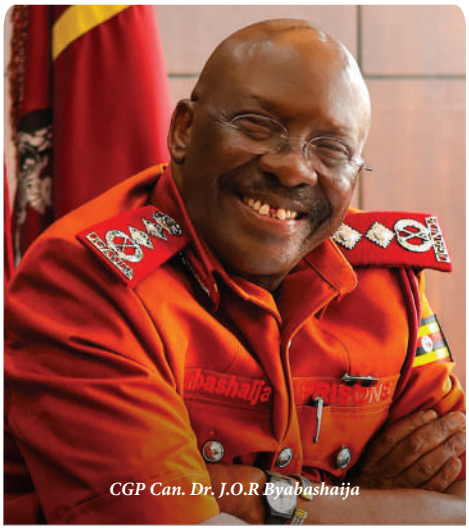
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The Chairperson of the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC), Hon. Mariam Fauzat Wangadya



CGP Can. Dr. J.O.R Byabashaija



DCG Samuel Akena, leads a UPS delegation on a tour of the modern grain silos at Logore Prison Farm, highlighting the role of improved storage in strengthening food security.

FROM PRISON FARM TO FOOD BASKET: HOW UPS IS BOOSTING NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY THROUGH MODERN GRAIN STORAGE FACILITY AT LOGORE PRISON FARM IN NORTHERN REGION

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) is strengthening its contribution to food security in Northern Uganda through large-scale farming, modern grain storage, and processing and livestock production at Logore Prison Farm in Gulu District.

The Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Samuel Akena, inspected operations at the farm's 3,000 metric-ton grain storage and processing facility, where he was taken through the different stages of grain handling, storage and value addition.

Mr. Akena was accompanied by Senior Commissioner of Prisons Frank Baine, in charge of Corporate Affairs and Service Spokesperson, and Commissioner of Prisons Apollo Akankunda, in charge of National, Regional and International Cooperation. The Logore facility provides an integrated system for handling maize from cleaning and drying to storage and processing, allowing grain to be preserved for longer periods while maintaining its quality.

The system uses modern technology and automated processes supported by specialised software applications. The machinery operates on a three-phase power supply, with a 275 KVA generator providing backup power to keep operations running when the main electricity supply is interrupted.

The facility also has systems for monitoring the condition of stored grain. These include moisture and temperature monitoring, carbon dioxide checks, fumigation and aflatoxin testing to protect the grain from contamination, pests and spoilage. Once stored, the grain can be discharged, cleaned and packaged in 100-kilogramme bags, providing an organised system for handling and distribution. Mr. Akena was also taken through the operations of the farm's weighbridge and the alternative energy systems supporting agricultural activities.

The investment is part of the wider agricultural programme of UPS, which has increasingly moved beyond food production to include storage, processing and value addition. At Logore, the maize milling plant allows the Service to process grain into flour. The flour supports feeding programmes for inmates and staff serving the three regions in the greater northern part of the country.
The integrated approach helps UPS preserve food produced on its farms, reduce post-harvest losses and ensure that agricultural produce is available for use when required.



The UPS delegation inspects a modern grain storage facility at Logore Prison Farm

It also provides a model in which production, storage and processing are managed within the same agricultural system.

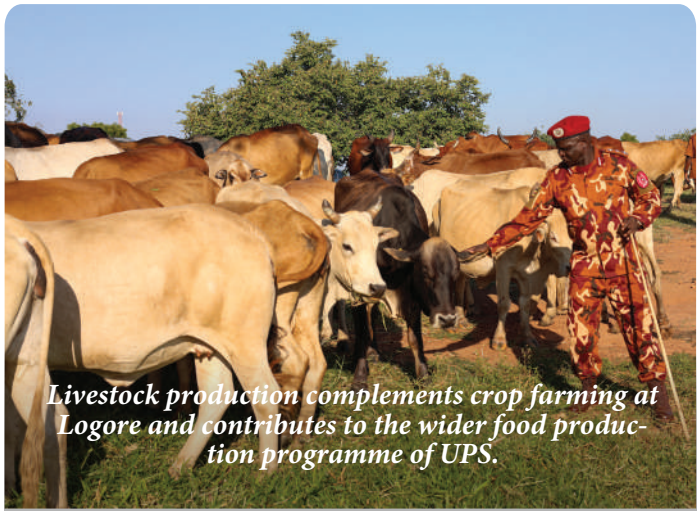
Livestock Production

The Deputy Commissioner General also inspected livestock activities at the farm and was briefed on the management of more than 400 beef cattle. The herd includes Boran, Sahiwal, Charolais and Brahman breeds, which form part of the Service's livestock production programme.

Livestock production complements crop farming at Logore and contributes to the wider food production programme of UPS. The combination of crop production, grain storage, milling and livestock farming is creating an integrated agricultural system at the prison farm.

The development also supports the correctional mandate of UPS by providing inmates with opportunities to participate in productive agricultural activities and acquire practical skills. For the Service, agricultural production is therefore not only about feeding inmates and staff but also about building skills, reducing wastage, supporting self reliance and contributing to food security.

The Logore investment reflects the growing role of UPS in agricultural production and value addition, particularly in Northern Uganda, where the Service operates several farms. Through increased production, better storage and processing, UPS is working to ensure that food produced on its farms is preserved, utilised efficiently and converted into products that support its correctional operations.



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The UPS visiting team in front of a modern, large-scale grain silo at Logore Prison Farm, a highlight to the Service's strategic investment in grain storage and food security.



Deputy Inspector General of Government, Dr. Patricia Achan Okiria, joins senior prisons officers attending the Intermediate Command and Staff Course for a group photo at Luzira Prisons Academy following her address on accountability, integrity and the rule of law.

PRISONS OFFICERS URGED TO UPHOLD INTEGRITY AND RULE OF LAW

Senior Prisons Officers have been urged to uphold accountability, integrity and the rule of law while carrying out their duties. The call was made by the Deputy Inspector General of Government, Dr. Patricia Achan Okiria, while addressing senior officers attending the Intermediate Command and Staff Course at Luzira Prison Academy on August 13, 2026.

Dr. Okiria said public officers are entrusted with public resources and authority on behalf of the people and must therefore exercise them responsibly, lawfully and transparently.

She urged the officers to respect the rights of prisoners, exercise authority fairly and follow established procedures when making decisions. She also cautioned them against corruption, abuse of office, misuse of public resources and conflicts of interest.

Dr. Okiria encouraged the officers to lead by example, saying discipline, accountability and integrity are important in maintaining public confidence in the Uganda Prisons Service. She said the Inspectorate of Government would continue working with public institutions, including the Uganda Prisons Service, to strengthen systems that promote accountability, prevent corruption and support good governance.

The engagement formed part of the officers' professional training as they prepare to take on higher responsibilities in the Service.



DIGG Dr.Patricia Achan Okiria delivering her lecture



CDC Uganda Country Director, Dr. Mary Boyd, together with her team join Uganda Prisons Service senior leadership for a group photo following discussions on sustaining HIV, TB and other essential health services for inmates.

NO ONE TO BE LEFT BEHIND: HOW THE UPS-CDC ALLIANCE IS KEEPING HIV AND TB CARE ALIVE FOR INMATES AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY RETURN TO

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have reviewed their long-standing partnership on HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and other health services, with a focus on sustaining progress as Government takes greater responsibility for prison health programmes. The CDC Uganda Country Director, Dr. Mary Boyd, visited UPS Headquarters in Kampala and held discussions with the Service's senior leadership on the progress of the partnership and the future of health services in Uganda's prisons.

The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Samuel Akena. Discussions focused on the achievements made since the partnership began, the sustainability of HIV and TB programmes, strengthening health systems and the gradual transition towards greater Government of Uganda ownership.

Dr. Boyd said continued support from CDC remains important in protecting the gains made in prison health as Government progressively assumes responsibility for financing and managing the programmes. She called for targeted investment in laboratory systems, digital health and health infrastructure. She also urged that resources provided to UPS through partnerships be protected to ensure that essential services continue without interruption.

From eight to 65 ART centres

Mr. Akena commended CDC for its long-standing support to UPS, particularly in expanding access to HIV and TB prevention, testing, treatment and care. Since 2009, CDC Uganda, through U.S. Government investments, has worked with UPS to strengthen HIV, TB and infectious disease services in correctional facilities. The partnership has supported laboratory services, health infrastructure, staff training, health information systems, HIV testing and treatment, TB screening and treatment, and community-based health services.

One of the major achievements has been the expansion of accredited antiretroviral therapy (ART) facilities from eight to 65. The facilities provide HIV treatment and care to prison units within their reach, while outreach services and Community Drug Distribution Points extend services to facilities that do not have permanent ART centres. UPS is now planning to accredit 22 additional ART centres over the next 12 months using Government resources.

The expansion is intended to bring HIV services closer to inmates, reduce reliance on outreach services and improve timely access to treatment. In the longer term, the Service plans to establish 35 more ART centres over three years, focusing on high-volume prisons and areas with greater HIV service needs.



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Government taking greater ownership

The meeting also reviewed plans for the gradual transfer of greater responsibility for financing and managing HIV and TB programmes to Government. Government funding for the programmes is expected to rise from US$85,000 in the 2027/28 financial year to US$171,000 in 2028/29 and US$286,000 in 2029/30. The planned increase is intended to support a gradual transition towards national ownership while maintaining continuity of essential services. The discussions also highlighted the need to strengthen health systems that can continue to operate effectively beyond external partner support.

Strengthening TB diagnosis

The CDC-supported programme has also expanded TB prevention and diagnosis across the prison system. The programme has supported routine TB screening, laboratory services, sample transportation and GeneXpert testing. Seven GeneXpert machines have been procured, while seven standard TB isolation units have been established in partnership with Government.

Laboratory services have also been strengthened through the refurbishment and re-equipping of the Murchison Bay reference laboratory and five regional laboratories. Other prison laboratories have received basic equipment, while 21 motorcycles have been procured to improve the transportation of medical samples. These investments are intended to help prison health workers identify and treat TB cases earlier and improve the movement of samples from prison facilities to laboratories.

Better health data and digital systems

The partnership has also supported UPS to improve the way health information is collected, managed and used. Biostatisticians and monitoring and evaluation officers have received training, while computers, software and other equipment have been provided to strengthen data collection and reporting. Better health information is expected to help UPS and its partners identify service gaps, monitor treatment and make informed decisions on the allocation of health resources. The meeting noted that prisons require specialised approaches to healthcare because of their security environment and the movement of inmates between facilities.

Continuity of treatment is particularly important when inmates are transferred from one prison to another or eventually return to their communities. Health remains part of humane custody The engagement brought together senior UPS officials, including ACGP Milton Tiyo, in charge of Correctional Services; ACGP Hillary Bisanga, in charge of Human Resource Management; Accounting Officer Samuel Emiku; members of senior management and representatives from the Ministry of Health and Uganda AIDS Commission. The discussions reaffirmed the importance of continued coordination between UPS, CDC, the Ministry of Health, Uganda AIDS Commission and other partners in maintaining health services for people in custody. For UPS, access to healthcare is an essential part of its mandate to provide Safe, Secure, Humane Custody. Strengthening prison health services not only protects inmates and prison staff but also supports public health, since prisoners eventually return to their families and communities.



CDC Uganda Country Director, Dr. Mary Boyd, and Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Samuel Akena, after discussions on sustaining HIV, TB and other essential prison health services.



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The USG delegation



Mukwano Group Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Tony Gadhoke, presents one of the company's products to the visiting UPS delegation, led by ACGP John Bosco Tumwebaze, during their partnership engagement.

MUKWANO AND UPS STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP IN PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The long-standing partnership between Mukwano Industries (U) Limited and the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) is supporting prison production, agricultural development and industrial activities, with the two institutions exploring ways to expand their cooperation. The partnership has particularly supported the supply of hybrid sunflower seed and sunflower grain to UPS, strengthening the Service's agricultural production and value-addition activities.

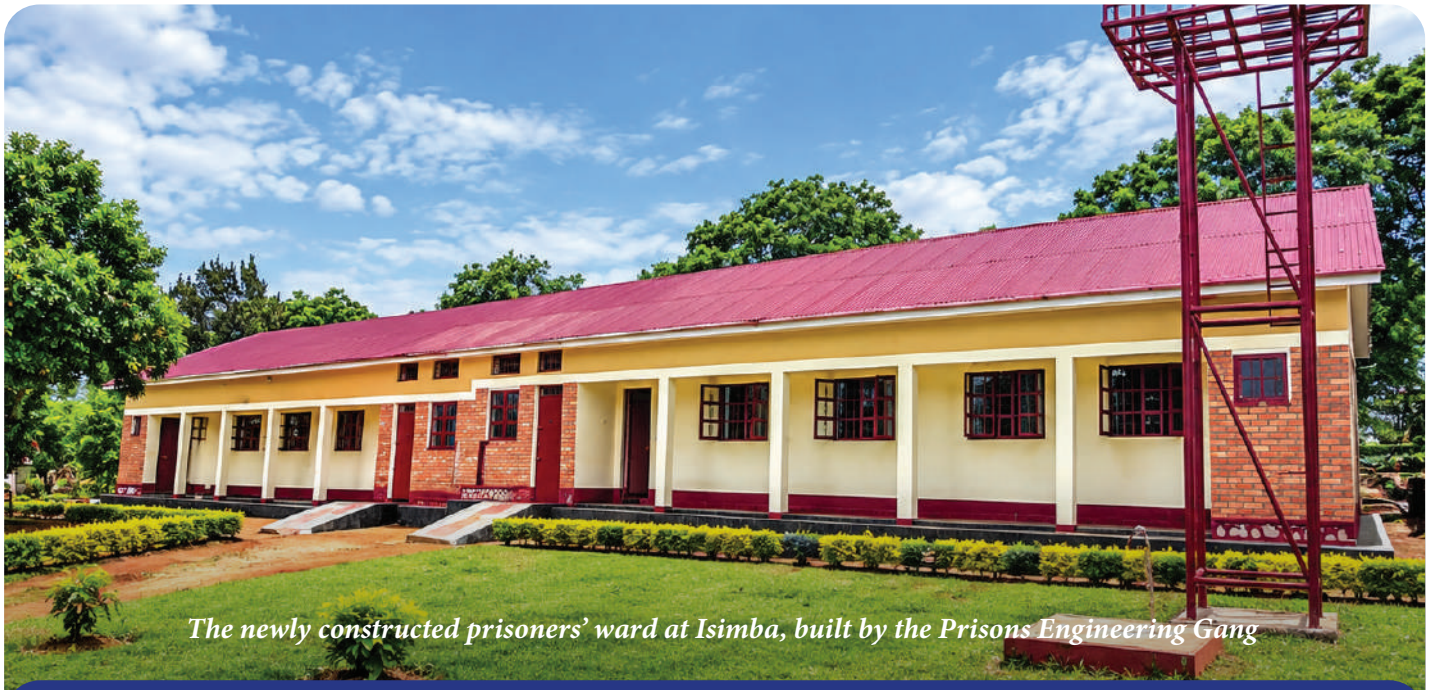
The Chief Executive Officer of Mukwano Group, Mr. Tony Gadhoke, received a delegation from UPS led by Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons John Bosco Tumwebaze, Director of Administration, during a meeting to review and strengthen the partnership. The UPS delegation included Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons Robert Munanura, in charge of Production and Engineering; Senior Commissioner of Prisons Frank Baine Mayanja, in charge of Cooperation and Corporate Affairs; Senior Commissioner of Prisons Prossy Geraldine Najjuma, in charge of Prisons Industries; and Senior Superintendent of Prisons Shem Lwanga, Staff Officer in charge of Prisons Farms, among other officers.

The discussions focused on strengthening the existing relationship and identifying new areas of cooperation in prison production, agriculture, industrial activities and corporate engagement. The partnership comes at a time when UPS is expanding its production activities as part of efforts to promote self-reliance, provide inmates with practical skills and contribute to national development. Through its farms and industries, the Service is engaged in crop production, livestock farming, furniture manufacturing, tailoring, textiles and other productive activities. The cooperation with Mukwano provides an opportunity for UPS to strengthenits agricultural value chain, particularly in sunflower production, while creating opportunities for inmates to acquire practical farming and production skills.

During the engagement, Mukwano Industries also donated 2,000 cartons of noodles in assorted flavours to UPS. The donation is intended to support the Service and people under its care and reflects the company's continued engagement with institutions involved in public service.

The partnership between the two institutions demonstrates the role that cooperation between Government agencies and the private sector can play in supporting correctional services. For UPS, partnerships with private companies provide opportunities to strengthen production, access technical knowledge and markets, improve the welfare of inmates and staff, and support rehabilitation through productive work. The Service continues to pursue a correctional approach that combines safe custody with rehabilitation, vocational training, production and preparation of inmates for successful reintegration into society.

The two institutions expressed commitment to maintaining the relationship and exploring further opportunities that can strengthen prison production and industrial development.



The newly constructed prisoners' ward at Isimba, built by the Prisons Engineering Gang

BUILT BY PRISONS, FOR PRISONS: ISIMBA AND ISINGIRO GET NEW WARDS AS PRISONS ENGINEERING GANG ACCELERATES NATIONWIDE EXPANSION

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) is expanding prisoners' accommodation across the country as part of efforts to reduce congestion, improve inmates' welfare and provide better conditions for the delivery of correctional services. The latest developments include a new twin prisoners' ward at Isimba Prison Farm in Masindi District in Mid-Western Region, with capacity for 200 inmates, and three new wards at Isingiro Government Prison in South Western Region, providing accommodation for 225 inmates.

The facilities are part of a wider infrastructure programme being implemented by UPS in response to Presidential directives to increase prisoners' accommodation and improve conditions in correctional facilities. The facilities were commissioned by the Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons in charge of Correctional Services, Mr. Milton Tiyo, during visits to the two prison facilities.

He was accompanied by Commissioner of Prisons in charge of Engineering, Mr. Gerevase Tumuhimbise, and Superintendent of Prisons and Service Estates Manager, Mr. Moses Atina.

More space for inmates

At Isimba, the new twin ward consists of two units, each accommodating 100 inmates, providing a total capacity of 200.

At Isingiro, the three new wards each accommodate 75 inmates, adding space for a total of 225 prisoners. The new facilities have been constructed with improved ventilation and lighting, electricity, security systems and perimeter fencing.

They also have improved sanitation facilities, including toilets and designated areas for bathing and washing. The buildings have been completed with face brickwork, roofing, flooring and terrazzo finishes, providing more suitable accommodation for inmates. At Isingiro, the infrastructure also includes a solar-powered water pumping and purification system, helping to improve access to safe water at the facility.

Healthcare brought closer

Healthcare has been included in the design of the new facilities. Medical units have been established to provide basic treatment and admission services to inmates, bringing healthcare closer to the wards and reducing unnecessary movement of prisoners outside the facility. The additional health infrastructure is expected to improve access to medical care and support early attention to health needs among inmates. UPS also plans to establish additional medical facilities as the infrastructure programme continues.



The newly constructed prisoners' ward at Isingiro Prison that will add accomodation for 225 inmates and ease congestion while improving prisoner welfare

Mr. Tiyo calls for discipline and hygiene

Speaking to inmates during the commissioning activities, Mr. Tiyo commended them for maintaining good hygiene and keeping their surroundings clean. He urged them to continue observing personal hygiene and discipline, noting that a clean environment is important for maintaining good health.

Mr. Tiyo also encouraged inmates to take advantage of agricultural activities at the prison farm to gain practical skills that can help them earn a living after release. He reminded them that being in custody does not remove their basic rights and access to essential services, including accommodation, meals, clothing and healthcare.

He assured the inmates that UPS remains committed to providing safe and secure custody while improving the welfare of both inmates and staff.

Engineering Gang driving expansion

The construction at Isimba and Isingiro is part of the wider work of the UPS Prisons Engineering Gang, which began expanding prisoners' accommodation in 2022. The Engineering Gang brings together skilled prison staff and inmates to undertake construction and related works. The approach has enabled UPS to use technical expertise available within the Service to develop infrastructure while reducing reliance on external contractors.

It also gives inmates an opportunity to acquire practical skills through supervised participation in construction. The skills gained in areas such as masonry, carpentry, plumbing and other construction work can support inmates when they return to their communities.

Projects across the country

The infrastructure programme has expanded beyond Isimba and Isingiro. New prisoner accommodation has been completed at Ruimi, Bubulo, Masafu, Lira, Luzira Women, Rukungiri, Ngogwe, Mityana and Yumbe, among other facilities. At Amita Prison Farm in Abim District, UPS has also commissioned a new twin ward with capacity for more than 200 inmates, together with a separate female section with capacity for 50 inmates.

At Isingiro, the three new wards add 225 places, while the Isimba twin ward adds another 200. Other projects are ongoing in different parts of the country as the Engineering Gang continues to expand its capacity. The programme is intended to gradually increase accommodation capacity and reduce pressure on existing prison facilities.

Combining custody with rehabilitation

At Isimba, the infrastructure expansion is being carried out alongside agricultural production. Established in 1962, Isimba Prison Farm is one of UPS's major agricultural establishments. The farm produces about 10,000 bags of maize per season and maintains a herd of about 698 beef cattle. Modern methods are used in crop and livestock production, with inmates taking part in agricultural activities as part of their rehabilitation and skills development.

The work gives inmates practical knowledge that can be useful after release while also contributing to the Service's production programmes.



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Infrastructure supporting humane custody

The expansion of accommodation is an important part of UPS's wider effort to improve prison management. Better accommodation provides more space for inmates while improved sanitation, ventilation, lighting, water and healthcare contribute to better living conditions. The programme also supports prison officers by making it easier to manage inmates in facilities designed for the number of people they are intended to accommodate.

For UPS, addressing congestion is therefore not only about adding buildings. It is also about creating an environment where security, welfare, rehabilitation and health services can be delivered more effectively.

The developments at Isimba and Isingiro demonstrate how the Service is responding to the need for additional accommodation through its own technical capacity. As the Engineering Gang continues to deliver projects across the country, the programme is expected to increase prison capacity, improve the welfare of inmates and staff and strengthen the delivery of correctional services.

The developments are part of UPS's wider commitment to providing Safe, Secure, and Humane Custody while supporting rehabilitation, skills development and successful reintegration of inmates into their communities.



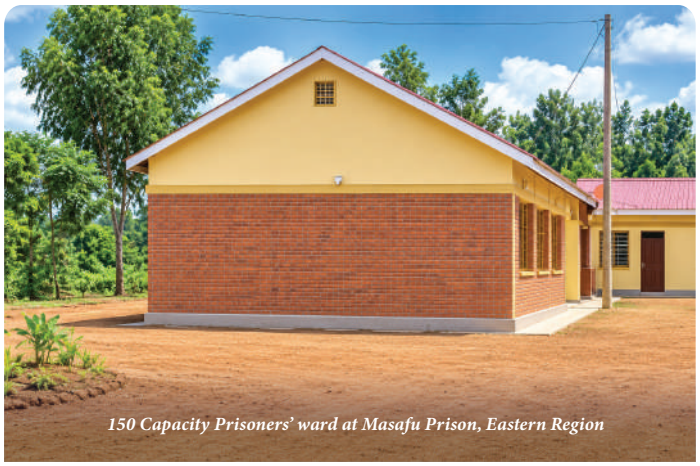
ACGP Milton Tiyo, cuts the ribbon to commission the as fellow officers cheer on.



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400 Capacity Prisoners' ward at Luzira Women Prison, Kampala Extra Region


150 Capacity Prisoners' ward at Masafu Prison, Eastern Region




Isimba Prison Farm in Mid-western region


Staff accomodation units at Maya Prison Farm


100 capacity Prisoners' ward at Maya Prison Farm


200 capacity twin Prisoners' ward at Isingiro Prison in Western Region



Deputy Inspector General of Government, Dr. Patricia Achan Okiria, showcases her sporting skills while presiding over the closing ceremony of the Northern Region CGP Cup in Gulu City.

GULU MAIN CLINCH CGP CUP AS UPS USES SPORT TO STRENGTHEN STAFF WELFARE

Gulu Main Prison have been crowned football champions of the Northern Region edition of the Commissioner General of Prisons (CGP) Cup after defeating Lugore Prison Farm 2–1 in a closely contested final held in Gulu City. Lugore Prison Farm, however, claimed the netball title as the regional competition, which brought together Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) staff from different prison units, came to an end after several months of competition.

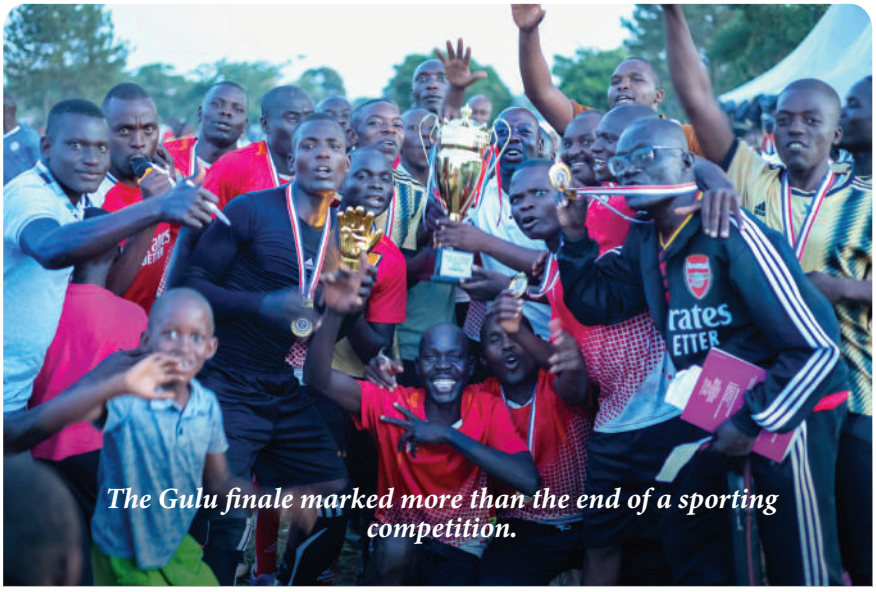
The closing ceremony was presided over by the Deputy Inspector General of Government (DIGG), Dr. Patricia Achan Okiria, who commended UPS for using sport as part of its staff welfare programme. Dr. Achan said sporting activities provide public officers with an opportunity to interact outside their normal duties, build relationships and maintain physical and social wellbeing.

She also highlighted the cooperation between the Inspectorate of Government (IG) and UPS, saying the two institutions have a shared interest in promoting integrity, accountability and responsible conduct in public service. The Inspectorate of Government is mandated to promote good governance and fight corruption in public institutions, while UPS officers, as public servants, are expected to maintain professional standards and accountability in the execution of their duties.

Sport brings staff together

The Regional Prisons Commander for Northern Region, Senior Superintendent of Prisons Godfrey Komakech, said the tournament gave staff an opportunity to take a break from the demanding nature of correctional work and participate in healthy competition. He said the games had strengthened interaction among officers from different prison units and helped build team spirit across the region.

Mrs. Nuru Katerega, Principal Rehabilitation and Reintegration Officer at UPS Headquarters, said the CGP Cup was introduced as part of the Service's wider efforts to promote the welfare and social wellbeing of its staff. She said regular sporting activities help officers maintain physical fitness, manage work-related pressure and develop stronger working relationships. For a correctional institution where officers work in demanding environments, she said, teamwork and good working relationships are important in maintaining effective service delivery.



The Gulu finale marked more than the end of a sporting competition.

A nationwide staff welfare programme

The Northern Region competition is part of the wider CGP Cup, a countrywide staff welfare programme through which UPS officers participate in football, netball and other sporting activities. The competitions bring together staff from different prison units and regions, creating opportunities for officers to interact with colleagues they may not normally work with. Several regional competitions have already been completed, including the South Eastern, Central and South Western regions. The Mid-Western and North Eastern regions are expected to crown their champions, while the Kampala Extra Region competition is also nearing completion.

The programme is designed not only to promote healthy lifestyles but also to strengthen teamwork, friendship and cooperation among prison staff.

The Gulu finale therefore marked more than the end of a sporting competition. It brought together prison officers from across the Northern Region to celebrate their participation, recognise the teams that excelled and reinforce the importance of staff welfare in the delivery of correctional services. For Gulu Main, the 2–1 victory over Lugore secured the football trophy, while Lugore's success in netball ensured that both institutions left the regional championship with honours.

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MEMORY LANE



President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, accompanied by Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, tours a high-yielding maize seed multiplication field at Rwimi Prison Farm, highlighting UPS's contribution to improved seed production and national food security. UPS has remained steadfast in advancing agricultural production, investing in improved seed multiplication and modern farming to strengthen national food security.

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