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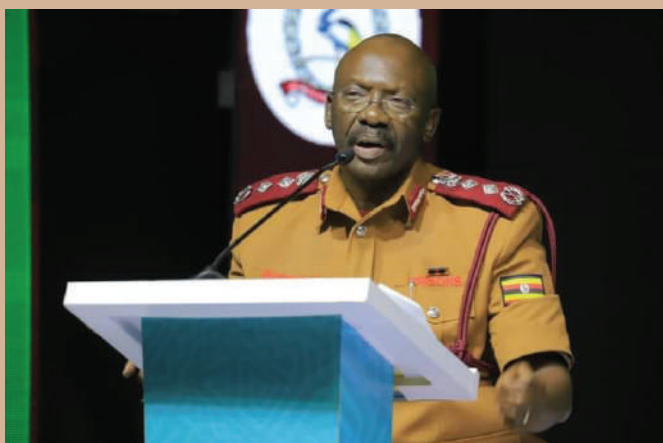
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I want to appreciate all state actors on behalf of Uganda Prisons Service for their un wavering support especially during the times of heightened need.

I salute the service men and women of Prisons for their commitments exhibited during these times of COVID-19 pandemic through compliances to the testing and vaccination exercises.

I urge you to continue observing the the Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.Ps) in a fight to combat COVID-19 collectively.



FRANK MAYANJA BAINE
COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS
(C.A/Spokesperson)

Welcome to this edition of the Uganda Prisons Service Newsletter.

This monthly edition highlights the operations of the Service in the tough Covid-19 times in providing safe, secure custody of offenders and their rehabilitation together with reintegration in fullfillment of it's mandate.

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D.C.G.P

All Heads of Directorates

All Heads of Departments/Commissioners/US (F&A)

All Heads of Divisions

All Heads of Sections

All Regional Prisons Commanders

The Commandant, Prisons Academy and Training School

All District Prisons Commanders

All Officers-In-Charge

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO 01/2021

GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE RESURGENCY OF CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN THE COUNTRY

I would like to congratulate all of you for the exceptional attention and commitment you exercised to ensure adherence to COVID-19 preventive measures during the 1st Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

However, as you already know, the country is facing a 2nd Wave of the pandemic which is more lethal than the 1st wave. In consideration of the current situation in Uganda, and in the neighboring countries; following His Excellency the President's guidelines, you are once again called upon to ensure strict adherence to the following directives to control the pandemic inside the prisons

1. Standby Class 1 is sustained until further notice.
2. All visitations to prisons are suspended with immediate effect (regardless of vaccination status or testing certificate).
3. Restrict staff movements and visitations from community members to staff barracks.
4. Admission of new prisoners will continue at the current new reception centres and new prisoners will be re-integrated after 14 days of mandatory quarantine after sample testing of 20 likely suspects using RDTs for COVID-19.
5. The current Court procedures will continue and in addition, prisoners will be taken to court on Tuesdays and Thursdays ONLY. Further guidelines will be provided.
6. All staff MUST wear face masks without exception at all times as it is now part of uniform.
7. All OCs will enforce wearing of face masks and ensure availability of hand wash facilities with soap for every 10 households within the barracks.
8. Re-activate Regional and Facility specific Task Force meetings weekly to review progress.
9. RPCs and RHCs must attend zoom weekly National Taskforce coordination meetings every Tuesday.
10. All staff must be engaged to make full participation in instituting preventive measures and reporting suspected cases in and around the barracks.

Lastly, I will re-emphasize that you are directed to observe strict adherence to the presidential directive as communicated from time to time. All responsible officers must ensure that these administrative instructions are understood by all and are complied with.

Can. Dr. J.O.R Byabashaija
COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF PRISONS

UPS turnout best at the Presidential swearing in ceremony.



H.E. GEN. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



C.G.P arrives in his official capacity as a service Chief of UPS



P/S Office of the President hajji. Yunusu Kakande in consultation with the CP. Frank Baine on the progress of the event as N.O.C members



UPS staff showcase during the swearing-in ceremony



UPS STAND ON NATIONAL VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR COVID-19

On the 23rd March 2021, the Commissioner General of Prisons, launched the vaccination program in the Uganda Prisons Service.

The Service received 10,000 doses of the Astra Zeneca Covid-19 vaccine from the Ministry of Health for its staff. This first dose jab was rolled out to all staff country wide.

On the 23 May 2021, the second covid-19 dose was also spearheaded by the CGP, with latest figures showing 96% Prisons staff vaccinated so far with the first dose.



Commissioner General of Prisons receiving his jab

27TH VIRTUAL PRISONS COUNCIL



In response to adherence to government guidelines in combating COVID-19, UPS has continued to execute its functions in the normal. With no physical meeting permitted, the Uganda Prisons Service Successfully held the 27th Prisons Council virtually chaired by the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. JOR Byabashaija, Top management, Commissioners and all Regional Prisons Commanders. The salient issues covered by the council included contracts, staff dismissals and reinstatement in service and recruitment of new staff.

CONTINUING ACCESS TO JUSTICE DURING COVID-19 TIMES THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING.

The Uganda Prisons Service, Judiciary, Directorate of Public Prosecution and Uganda Police Force have ensured continued access to justice for prisoners through video conferencing / audio – visual conferencing systems between various prison units and Courts through a number of online platforms.

The Video conferencing / Audio – visual conferencing systems have been setup in a number of prisons through which prisoner’s cases are heard by Judges and Magistrates. Cases in point are Upper Maximum Prison, Luzira Women Prison, Kitalya Mini Max Prison, Murchison Bay Prison, Kampala Remand Prison, Masaka Main Prison, Jinja Main Prison, Mbale Main Prison, Kigo Main Prison and Kigo Women Prison have all been linked to respective courts and over 500 inmates have been from this project.



Video conferencing systems are already in place in all major courts within Kampala and Luzira Prisons

Expansion of the system to other Prisons country wide is under way.



Physical court appearances have been restricted to a few persons in line with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for particular cases at certain stages of prosecution like capital offenses

MILITARY POLICE INTEGRATES CUSTOMER CARE IN MANAGEMENT OF HIGH PROFILE OFFENDERS.

Mr. Frank Baine, the Commissioner of Corporate affairs and Public Relations Officer (PRO) -Uganda Prisons Service on the 31st May 2021 conducted a customer care training to one hundred and forty seven (147) military police officers who are currently undergoing a special one month training course on the 'Management of sophisticated and high profile criminals' at Prisons Academy and Training School (PATS) in Luzira.



MR. Frank Baine during the lecture on customer care in Luzira



MR. Frank Baine explains why its important to protect the vmilitary brand and its uniqueness

During his interaction with the team, he emphasized on patriotism, professionalism, discipline and humility while executing law and order as highlighted in article 208 - 210 of the 1995 Republic of Uganda constitution. He emphasized that they must respect and protect human rights.

He added that while implementing lawful orders in their respective line of duty, the image of the force and uniqueness of the military brand should highly be protected.

To note, they should be vigilant and consistent in being patriotic, professional, obedient to civilian authority and disciplined at all times.

The course is expected to empower military police officers on proper way of handling criminals while adhering to public order management Act.

The concerns raised by the trainees rotated around challenging orders during heated riots and demonstrations of which he advised them to use a cautious approach in implementing such orders. Finally they appreciated the integration of customer care training in their line of duty.

TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP COURSE FOR GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION OFFICERS AT KYANGWANZI FROM 16th - 28th MAY 2021



Commissioner of Prisons, Frank Baine (PRO) during the GCO retreat at NALI, Kyankwanzi

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology and National Guidance organized a two weeks retreat for Government Communications Officers in all Ministries, Departments and Agencies at the National Leadership Institute, Kyankwanzi.

Under the theme *“Transformative Leadership Course for Government Communication officers”*

The officers were taken through the theory of choice and mindset, how to effectively and efficiently communicate Government brand, ensuring visibility of Government programs and learning the Government ideology which is social–economic transformation of Uganda from a peasant economy to Modern and prosperous society in line with National Development Plan III



The retreat was to harmonize communication from different MDAs in order to support Government agendas and initiatives by realigning institutional engagements towards patriotism and social economic transformation. They were urged to sensitize the society on vision 2040.

Commissioner of Prisons, Frank Baine (PRO) attended the retreat on behalf of UPS.

Mr. Frank Baine (CP) with other GCOs

UPS COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATES

-As compiled by UPS COVID-19 Task Force (Covid Communication Cluster)

High Lights

There are 19 new cases of COVID-19 diagnosed at Aber prison with a total lock-up of 40. The cumulative total number of cases of COVID-19 reported at UPS to date is 1,221 (1,113 prisoners, 81 staff and 25 relatives) with 1,175 recoveries, 29 active cases and 1 death. UPS recently registered two cluster of 20 cases at Nakasongola prison and 19 at Aber prison. 1 case of Nakasongola prison had been discharged at the time of diagnosis while the remaining 19 cases have been admitted at Gulu treatment centre.

Back Ground - Since the declaration of the 1st case of COVID-19 in China on 31st December, 2019, Uganda started preparations for early detection and prevention of the pandemic. On 21st March, 2020 Uganda reported the 1st case of COVID-19 in the country and the CGP instituted a National Task Force to spear head preparations for early detection and response in UPS.

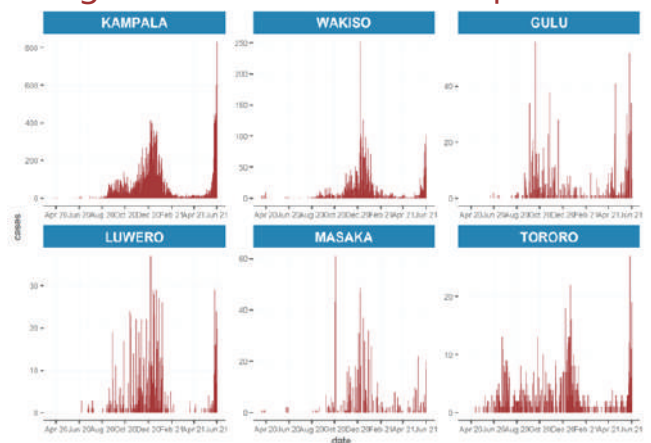
In Uganda

For the last two months (April and May), Kampala, Wakiso and Gulu are in the top ten districts reporting among the highest number of cases.

- One thousand eight three (1,083) cases registered today (1stJune2021). Ninety-one percent (91%: 832/1083) of cases registered today are from Kampala.
- Cumulative number of COVID-19 cases stands at 49,761 from 136/136 districts. Sustained high daily positivity rate at 17.2% today (1stJune2021).
- One death was reported on 1stJune 2021 and two new deaths were reported on 31st-May 2021, the cumulative deaths stand at 365. Case fatality rate remains 0.8%
- A total of 422 cases on active admission today. Of these, 38(9.0%) are in Intensive care Unit (ICU) while 237(56.2%) are in High Dependency Unit (HDU).

Coordination - The UPS Task Force continues to conduct and attend regular COVID-19 meetings. The Regional and Prison Unit Task Forces are called upon to re-activate.

High Transmissive District epic curve



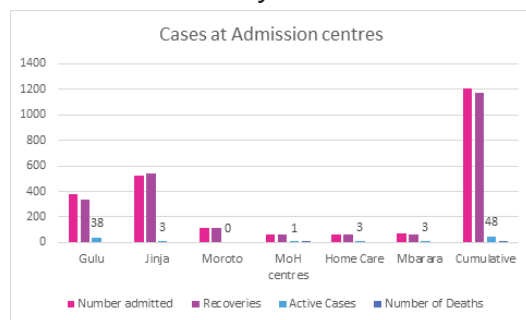
Epidemiology and Surveillance

The prisons surveillance teams have continued to carry out routine tests for COVID-19 among newly admitted prisoners at the admission centres after the mandatory 2 weeks isolation. The team is also carrying out surveillance among staff using Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) to reduce the turn-around time for diagnosis.

Case Management

There is a total of 48 active cases distributed at Jinja and Gulu COVID-19 Auxiliary Isolation centres and at Jinja Regional Referral Hospital.

The Moroto AIC is currently without patients and is on standby.



ICT and Innovations

The team has continued to ensure functionality of internet at all 30 regions and 55 high volume prison facilities in addition to the distribution of the situation report to all concerned for further action.

Major Challenges

The congestion levels are still very high in the prison creating a high transmission environment. Inadequate supplies as the incidence increases within the community.

UPS CONTINUES TO EXCEL IN SPORTS AS SHE-MAROONS WIN FUFA WOMEN ELITE LEAGUE 2020/2021



SHE Maroons players celebrating during the trophy awarding ceremony in FTC, Njeru

She-Maroons storm the Women Super League 2021/2022 as Elite League champions, credit to Millicent Namwembe's 75th minute strike which the Prisons Ladies a 1 – 0 victory over Rhines SS WFC in the finals of FUFA Women Elite League played on the 3rd June 2021 at FUFA technical center, Njeru.

The residential tournament was organized as part of the FUFA COVID 19 regulations that only allowed a 20 person contingent for participating teams and played in a space of one month.

Millicent Namwembe emerged as the overall top scorer netting 6 goals, and midfielder Maestro Naggayi Joan was voted Most Valuable Player.

They kicked off the first game on the 25th May 2021 against Echoes WFC winning 6-1, the second game was played against Wakiso Hills with the Prisons beating by 2-1 goal margin emerging top of the group after 1-0 win over Lango Queens in the final group game.

The Quarter Finals proved easy for She-Maroons earning a 3-1 triumph against Ajax Queens and stunning Wakiso Hills WFC 1-0 in the Semifinals. She-Maroons Football Club gained automatic qualification to the FUFA Women Super League for the coming season.

The contingent was led by Mrs. Aisha Bakari as Team Manager, Sida Alex as Head Coach and Ochuka Simon served as the Assistant Coach. Before the campaign, they entered the tournament as favorites powered by top female talents amounting to 17 players as guiding by competition regulations due to COVID-19.

Proud She-Maroons Champion Squad 2020-2021

GOAL KEEPERS



Adong Brenda



Akujo Esther

DEFENDERS



Nantongo Diana



Najuuko Justine



Nalwadda Sarah



Najjunju Lydia



Babirye Joelia



Peace Janet Munduwandi

MID FIELDERS



Naggayi Joan



Naluyima Kauthara



Adong Jackline



Veronica Masinde



Babirye Anita



Nassali Jackie



FORWARDS



Namwembe Milliscent



Akullu Zamzam



Kyomugisha Winnie



SIDA ALEX (HEAD COACH)



OCHUKA PETER (ASS. COACH)

UPS Athletics Club set for 2021 Tokyo Olympics

Stephen Kiprotich (Uganda’s golden and UPS Hero). He is a Ugandan long-distance runner, born in Kapchorwa District. He is an Olympic marathon champion, having won gold at the 2012 London Summer Olympics after 47 years of Gold drought in Uganda.



Stephen will again be representin Uganda in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics for the third time.

Kiprotich also won a gold medal at the 2013 World Championships in Athletics becoming the second person in the world to star in both olympics and world championship consecutively

Chemonges Felix the national marathon record holder of 2:05:12 qualified successfully in Toronto, Canada along side Musoba Fred representing UPS in the marathon category

Chebet Esther

During her performance at the NGA meet in Netherlands, she ran an astonishing time of 15:04:89 in 5000m women category. She successfully qualified to this year’s Olympics after the showdown in Europe.



It is also important to note that, she had previously qualified for 1500m last year implying that she will be representing Uganda in both 1500 and 5000m at the 2021 Japan Olympics.

Chebet Recho of 5000m (women) also qualified for the 2021 Tokyo showdown including Chemutai Albert of 3000m (steeplechase) putting our stand at six representatives.

The Uganda Prisons Athletics Club coach Mr. Demayi Francis is so optimistic of postive results from the already confirmed qualified athletes, he further expects Kisa Stephen of 10000m (men) and Kiplagat Hosea of 5000m (men) to also qualify.

The team is in good shape and training is in high gears in order to enable the athletes be fit both physically and mentally to represent us fully, he added.

The club shall be missing the services of long time marathon runner Adero Nyakisi due to injuries.



Prisons Head Coach Mr. Demayi

UPS Assigned Mandate: A fullfilment of BUBU

UGANDA PRISONS INDUSTRIES

Uganda Prisons Service is mandated to carry out rehabilitation of Prisoners by training them to acquire Vocational skills in various trades such as carpentry and joinery, tailoring, metal fabrication, leather works, fabrication, leather works, handcraft, screen printing and weaving.

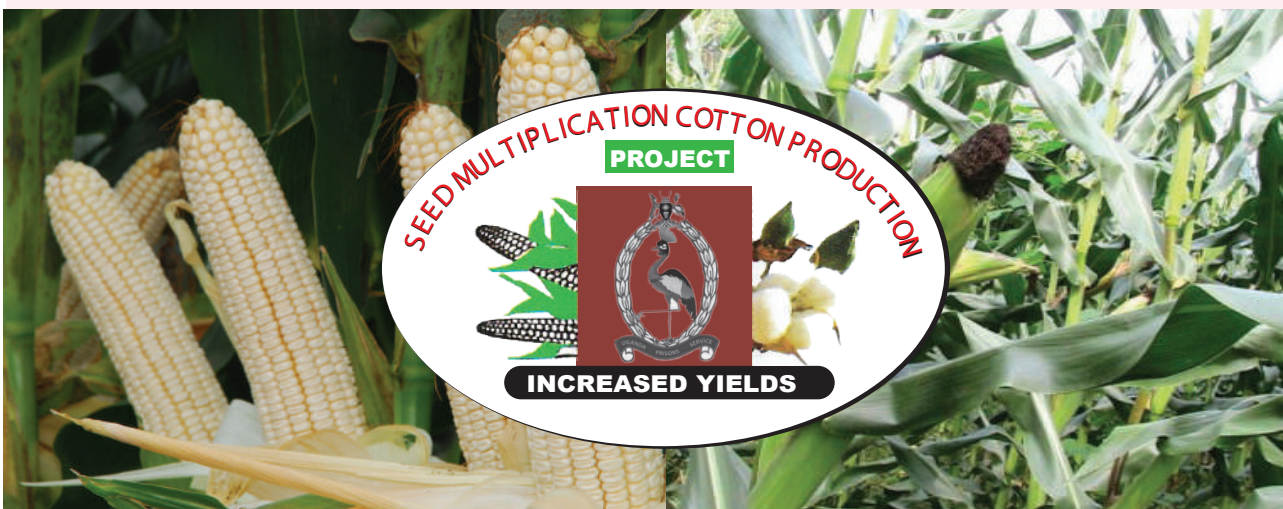
As a result quality office, work stations and conference furniture, door shutters frames and windows, standard uniforms, flags, crafts and metal works products are in the market in fullfillment of the BUBU policy.



Uganda Prisons Farms: Seed multiplication

Acting on His Excellency the President's Directive, Uganda Prisons Service has undertaken the multiplication of Maize seeds as it's primary target. The aim is to address the challenges of inadequate supply and limited access to quality maize seed.

Currently ,UPS is multiplying three maize varieties; Open Pollinated Variety (Longe 5D) which is drought tolerant, Hybrid UH 5051 and three way hybrid UH 5355 which is high yielding (between 25-30 bags per Acre) The overall germination rate of all this varieties is between 95% - 98%.



UPS as a correctional service

According to the Basic Principles of the Nelson Mandela Rules, it states "All prisoners shall be treated with the respect due to their inherent dignity and value as human beings".

With the help of other stakeholders, UPS has undertaken Rehabilitation programs as a process of re-educating and retraining those who commit crime by involving psychological approaches which target the cognitive distortions associated with the specific kinds of crime committed by particular offenders, it also involves more general educational services such as literacy skills and work training.

After undergoing a safe, secure and human custody, the goal is to re-integrate offenders back into the society successfully.



Inmates during a metal fabrication training session



The UPS espousal of this psychology has been taken to prison facilities across the country by supporting offenders with a tried and tested method of reformation through strengthening prisoners' resolve by teaching them basic vocational skills in Carpentry and Joinery, Metal Fabrication, Weaving, Tailoring among others which they can practice in work schemes during their sentence and after it can eventually help them find work upon their release.

Despite the insurgency of the COVID-19 pandemic, inmates successfully conducted their final examinations in various work training and literacy programs

Vocational training programs in prisons aim to provide inmates with skills to find a job and earn a living wage.

Multiple studies prove that inmates who take vocational training are more likely to find a job and stay out of prison after serving their sentences.

On a positive note, various successes have been registered after they have paid their debt to society, the ability of ex-prisoners to find work is undoubtedly a factor which contributes significantly to their dignity and self-reliance, their sense of belonging and the diminished likelihood of their recidivism, that is why UPS find it crucial to prepare Prisoners early enough for their reintegration back into the society enabling them access to self employment.