

## CGP Commends Uganda Prisons Service's Agricultural Initiative during Working Tour.

In a proactive move towards enhancing food security and transforming the lives of inmates, the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Omuhunde Rwashote Byabashaija, recently undertook a working tour to the Uganda Prison Farm Odina in Soroti District.

Accompanied by a delegation of top and management officers, including Mr. Wilson Magomu, SCP (Deputy Director Estates and Engineering); Mr. Stephen Lugonda, CP (Staff Administration and Counseling); Mr. Kenneth Mugabirwe, CP (General Administration and Welfare of Staff); Mr. Simon Wansadha, CP (Safety and Security Operations); Mr. Jacob Kivumbi, CP (Custodial Services); and Mr. Ronald Kalali, ACP (RPC - Mid Eastern), the CGP meticulously inspected the sunflower plantation farm allocated to the Uganda Prisons Service.

The sunflower plantation, a result of President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni's directive under the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries, forms a crucial part of the Food Security intervention program. The CGP expressed his satisfaction with the abundant harvest, aligning the Uganda Prisons Service's contribution to Uganda's food security strategy.

During the tour, Commissioner General Byabashaija hosted Officers in Charge of Prisons in the Mid Eastern Region, offering guidance on effective management, human rights observations, adherence to administrative instructions, and the promotion of enhanced prisons production and productivity. The aim is to provide safe, secure, and humane custodial services for the transformation of inmates while fostering access to justice.

Addressing the staff of Odina Prisons Farm, Commissioner General Byabashaija emphasized the importance of discipline, loyalty, and hard work as fundamental tools for success in the service. He commended the staff for maintaining the unit's standards since its inception in 2022 and lauded their efforts in corrections and production.

Financial literacy took center stage in the CGP's address, as he urged staff to embrace the recently introduced Human Resource initiatives by Uganda Prisons Service. Various course catalogues have been tailored to fit the ranking system, offering opportunities for career growth among the dedicated officers.

Commissioner General Byabashaija warned against any form of torture, affirming that culprits would face serious disciplinary actions. He underscored the importance of maintaining security and professionalism among the staff while on duty, emphasizing the commitment to upholding the highest standards in the delivery of custodial services.

The working tour not only highlighted the Uganda Prisons Service's dedication to agricultural initiatives but also showcased the leadership's commitment to the well-being and professional development of its staff. The strides made in food security and the holistic approach towards inmate transformation mark a positive trajectory for the Uganda Prisons Service under Commissioner General Byabashaija's leadership.

















