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31ST PRISONS COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 30TH AND DECEMBER 1ST 2023 AT KITALYA MINI-MAX PRISON



CAPACITY BUILDING AS NCO'S GRADUATE AT PRISONS ACADEMY AND TRAINING SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 20TH 2023



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Be the change that you wish to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.

Winston Churchill

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The best way to predict your future is to create it.

Abraham Lincoln

You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it.

Margaret Thatcher

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

Barack Obama

It always seems impossible until it's done.

Nelson Mandela

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt



FRANK BAINE MAYANJA

**SENIOR COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS
(DEPUTY DIRECTOR - CORPORATE AFFAIRS
AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER)**

Welcome to the December 2023 Edition of the Uganda Prisons Service Monthly Newsletter.

This issue highlights on: 31st Prisons Council meeting, NCO's graduation at PATS, T.O.T for Intermediate Prisons Course, Staff and inmates gifted with X-mas meat, Church of Uganda nourishes UPS staff, Academic empowerment as part rehabilitation of inmates at Murchison Bay prison, Sports, Memory Lane, among others.

Enjoy.

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& A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing everyone warmth, hope, and togetherness this Christmas. May the New Year bring growth and positivity. Happy holidays and a promising year ahead!

Warm regards,

Can. Dr. J.O.R Byabashaija
Commissioner General of Prisons



Wishing you a Merry Christmas filled with
love, joy, and hope.
May the spirit of the season bring warmth to
your hearts.

Happy Holidays!

Mr Frank Mayanja Baine



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SERVICE ORDERS PART II
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COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF PRISONS

- I. APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS AND LEAVE OF OFFICERS
- II. REDISIGNATION/CHANGE OF RANKS OF MATRON AND ASSISTANT MATRON
- III. SPECIAL PROMOTIONS OF JUNIOR OFFICERS

I. APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS AND LEAVE OF OFFICERS

1. Mr. Fred Kajubi Kayongo, ACP, OC Salaries, Prisons Headquarters, proceeds on requested long leave. He hands over to Ms. Elizabeth Mayende Erumbi, SASP, Staff Officer Kasese, who is appointed OC Salaries at Prisons Headquarters.
2. Mr. Richard Besigye, SP, DPC Kyenjojo, proceeds on leave pending retirement. He hands over to Ms. Proscovia Eryenyu, SP, OC New Kyenjojo Prisons, who is appointed Ag. DPC Kyenjojo.
3. Mr. Daniel Nsolonkambwe Ssekijjo, SP, ICT Prisons Headquarters, is appointed OC Jinja Main Prisons. He takes over from Mr. Ben Moses Kubol, SP, who proceeds on course.
4. Mr. Lawrence Byarugaba, ASP, Kiburara Prisons, proceeds on leave pending retirement.
5. Mr. Alfred Kaweesa, ASP, Staff Officer Southern Region, is appointed OC Kyazanga Prisons. He takes over from Mr. Jackson Koojo, SASP, who proceeds on administrative leave. Ms. Deborah Ayango, SASP, Staff Officer Masaka District becomes Staff Officer Southern Region.
6. Mr. Nehemia Jurua Adriko, ASP, OC Kassanda Prisons, proceeds on Course. He hands over to Mr. Asaph Mujuni, ASP, Deputy OC Kaweeri Prisons, who is appointed Caretaker OC.
7. Mr. Hillary Mugisa, ASP, Deputy OC Masaka Main Prisons, is appointed Caretaker OC Lukaya Prisons. He takes over from Mr. Anthony Kapule, ASP, who proceeds on Course.
8. Mr. Francis Asiku, ASP, Mbale Main Prisons, is appointed Caretaker OC Kapchorwa Prisons. He takes over from Mr. Willy Paddy Opio, SP, who proceeds on Course.

9. Mr. Patrick Edong, PO I, Kitalya Min Max, is appointed OC Kibuku Prisons. He takes over from Mr. John Michael Elungat, ASP, who proceeds on accumulated leave.
10. Mr. Joshua Nahabwe, PO I, Olia Prisons is appointed OC Bwera Prisons. He takes over from Mr. Amos Tumuhimbise, PO I, who is appointed Staff Officer, Kasese.
11. Mr. Godfrey Odong, PO I, IO South Western Region, is appointed OC Nyabirongo Prisons. He takes over from Mr. Paul Oryem, PO I, who proceeds on accumulated leave.
12. Mr. Bernard Tibilita, PO I, Masindi Main Prisons, is appointed Caretaker OC Butiaba Prisons. He takes over from Mr. John Ivan Sseremba, ASP, who proceeds on Course.
13. Mr. Medard Arinaitwe, PO I, Kiburara Prisons, is appointed Caretaker OC Kicheche Prisons. He takes over from Mr. Dickson Obitta, ASP, who proceeds on Course.
14. All Officers in Charge Penal Institutions, who are proceeding on Course and are not mentioned in these Service Orders, shall handover their Stations to their Deputies/2nd In Charge, who are appointed Caretaker OCs.

II REDESIGNATION/CHANGE OF RANKS OF MATRON & ASSISTANT MATRON

The 31st Prisons Council Meeting of 30th November, 2023 at Kitalya Min Max Prisons, under Minute No. 18/2023, approved change of ranks of Matron and Assistant Matron to Sergeant Wardress and Corporal Wardress respectively. The affected Staff are as per attached Schedule.

III SPECIAL PROMOTIONS OF JUNIOR OFFICERS

The 31st Prisons Council Meeting of 30th November, 2023 at Kitalya Min Max Prisons, under Minute No. 19/2023, approved special promotions of Nine (9) Junior Staff as follows:

No.	F/No	Rank	Names		Station	New Rank
1.	9390	Ch/Wdrss III	Omara	Grace	Band	Ch/Wdrss II
2.	9548	Cpl/Wdr	Okello	Alfred	Isimba	Sgt/Wdr
3.	11973	Cpl/Wdr	Lokomol	Lawrence	Band	Sgt/Wdr
4.	13702	Asst/Mat	Nafuna	Caroline	PATS	Sgt/Wdrss
5.	14997	Cpl/Wdr	Omara	Nelson	PATS	Sgt/Wdr
6.	12585	Wdrss	Angom	Winnie	PATS	L/Cpl/Wdrss
7.	14239	Wdr	Ocen	James	Band	Cpl/Wdr
8.	16940	Wdr	Gumisiriza	Mubarak	Band	L/Cpl/Wdr
9.	17170	Wdrss	Nakibuule	Joyce	Sports	Cpl/Wdrss

These orders take immediate effect.

The Director Administration should facilitate movement of officers without delay.



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



PRESS RELEASE

11/12/2023

DECLARATION OF STANDBY CLASS ONE FROM 15/12/2023 to 12/01/2024

The Commissioner General of Prisons has Issued Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) which will cover the Festive Season.

During this period, the following must be strongly adhered to;

1. Strengthen and enhance prison security, intelligence and coordination with other security agencies as you remain vigilant and alert.
2. Conduct routine patrols around the prison and within the barracks.
3. Hired Prisoners labor (kibarua) is suspended.
4. Staff leave is hereby suspended. Exceptional cases shall be handled by the Regional Commanders.
5. Adapt a two shift staff deployment to increase numbers and presence.
6. Prisoners visitations are suspended. However, prisoners items can be delivered at the prison gate.
7. Officers in charge must be present in their units at all times and attend to prisoners and staff complaints as and when they arise.
8. Staff end of year parties are suspended.
9. Intensify searches of the prisons.
10. Ensure that there is enough supplies to take you through this period.
11. Control admission of prisoners in outside health facilities.
12. Restrict unauthorized persons from the barracks.
13. Officers in Charge must submit daily situation reports to the commissioner general of prisons through their respective **RPC's**
14. Ensure staff and prisoners get their Christmas meat and in the right quantities as communicated in mine of ref: SS/SUP.198/278/01 dated 05th December, 2023.

Any officer in charge that breaches these guidelines shall be personally held responsible.

FRANK MAYANJA BAINE

SENIOR COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR CCA/SERVICE SPOKESPERSON



11/12/2023

PRESS RELEASE

PROHIBITION OF STAFF FROM UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Commissioner General, Uganda Prisons Service has issued a directive to all staff on misuse of Social Media directing them to desist from posting unprofessional photos and videos while on duty.

Any culprit to this act will be subjected to Prisons Disciplinary Procedures as Stipulated in the Prisons Standing Orders Part 1, 2017 (**Appendix VI**).

All concerned officers **MUST** ensure strict compliance with these guidelines and provide guidance to the staff under their command accordingly.

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FRANK MAYANJA BAINE

SENIOR COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR CCA/SERVICE SPOKESPERSON



Thursday 14th December, 2023

PRESS RELEASE

OPEN ESCAPE FROM MITYANA PRISON ON DECEMBER 6, 2023.

On December 6, 2023, at around 1730 hours, four prisoners jumped the perimeter fence and ran openly while others were having their dinner.

Efforts by staff to intercept the fleeing prisoners resulted in the successful recapture of one inmate, while three remain at large.

The escapees are:

1. Mfitumukiza Francis, 24 years old, from Rubange Village, Murora Sub-county, Kisoro District, charged with murder and aggravated robbery.
2. Nasasira Gideon, 37 years old, from Muko Village, Muko Sub-county, Rubanda District, charged with aggravated robbery.
3. Hakiza Joseph, 27 years old, from Nyarubuye Village, Katobo Parish, Nyarubuye Sub-county, Kisoro District, charged with aggravated defilement.

The Uganda Prisons Service, in collaboration with other sister forces, initiated joint operations to recapture the three escapees. Meanwhile, the recaptured has been promptly aligned before the court.

The public is urged to assist in the swift recapture of the escapees by providing any relevant information to the police or by using the toll-free Prisons Hotline at 0800-144-144.

All information shared will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frank Baine Mayanja'.

FRANK BAINE MAYANJA
SENIOR COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR CCA / SERVICE SPOKESPERSON



UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE

MONTHLY STATISTICS SUMMARY

November, 2023

1. PRISONERS

1.1. Population Change

Table 1: November, 2023 Average Population of Prisoners

Categories	October 2023			November 2023			Percentage Change (%)
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Convicts:	37,297	1,777	39,074	37,913	1,832	39,745	1.7
Remands:	34,754	1,710	36,464	34,609	1,689	36,298	-0.5
Debtors:	361	107	468	399	127	526	12.4
Total:	72,412	3,594	76,006	72,921	3,648	76,569	0.7
Percentage (%)	95.3	4.7	100.0	95.2	4.8	100.0	
Approved Capacity			20,996			20,996	0.0
Occupancy Rate (%)			362.0			364.7	0.7

1.2. Percentage composition of remands, convicts and debtors

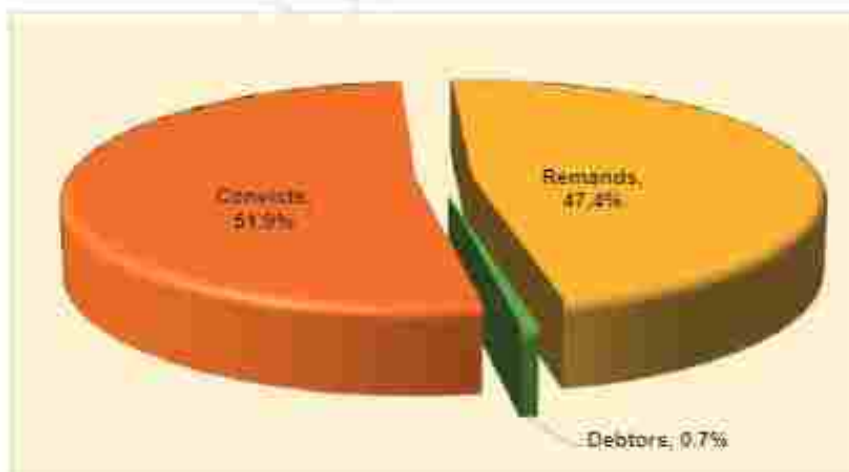


Figure 1: Composition of Prisons population

1.3. Monthly Population Trend of Prisoners from January to November, 2023.

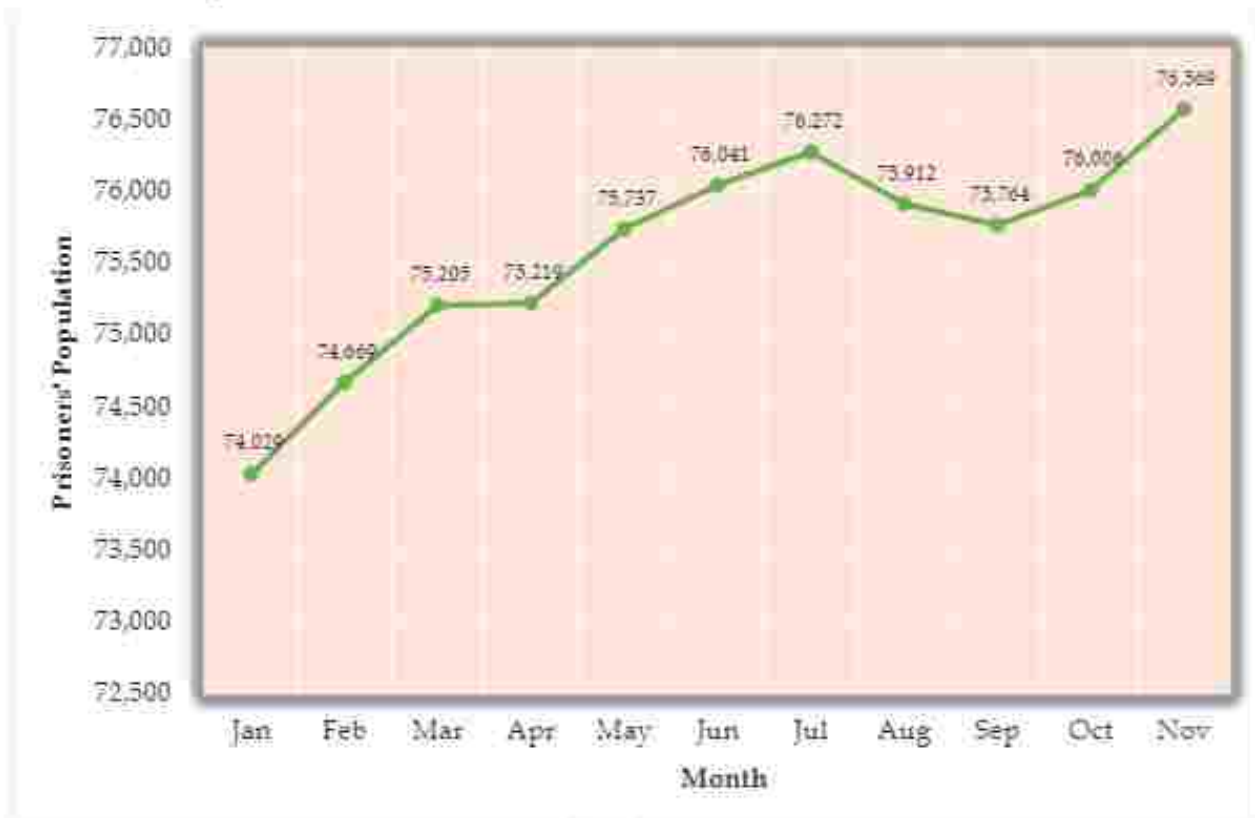


Figure 2: Trend of prisoners' population growth for the period between January to November, 2023.

1.4. Population Composition Trends for Convicts, Remands, and Debtors from January to November, 2023.



Figure 3: Monthly composition trends of convicts, remands, and debtors

2. STAFFING POSITION

2.1 Staff Strength

Table 2: November, 2023 Staff Strength.

STAFF CATEGORY	GENDER		TOTAL
	Males	Females	
Uniformed	9,778	4,042	13,820
Senior officers	520	116	636
Principal officers	670	173	843
NCOs	8,588	3,753	12,341
Non-Uniformed	271	239	510
Senior officers	100	78	178
Junior officers	171	161	332
GRAND TOTAL	10,049	4,281	14,330
Percentage	70.1	29.9	100.0

2.2 Uniformed staff by Rank

Table 3: Uniformed staff by Rank

Rank	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
CGP	1	-	1
DCGP	1	-	1
ACGP	6	-	6
SCP	3	-	3
CP	15	5	20
ACP	16	6	22
SSP	41	7	48
SP	98	29	127
SASP	33	8	41
ASP	139	25	164
CASP	167	36	203
PO I	246	63	309
PO II	168	48	216
CPO	256	62	318
Ch/Wdr I	238	60	298
Ch/Wdr II	297	96	393
Ch/Wdr III	533	216	749
Sgt/Wdr	1,220	583	1,803
Cpl/Wdr	2,058	1,034	3,092
L/Cpl	686	320	1,006
Wdr	3,556	1,444	5,000
Total	9,778	4,042	13,820

STEADY PROGRESS IN LEADERSHIP: 31ST PRISONS COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 1ST AND 2ND 2023 AT KITALYA MINI-MAX PRISON



Members of the Prisons Council in a group photo during the meeting convened at Kitanya Prisons

Prison Council Meeting convened at Kitanya Mini Max Prisons in Wakiso District concluded on December 2nd, 2023, marking a key step in Uganda Prisons administration. Presided over by the Council Chairperson and Commissioner General of Prisons, **Can. Dr. J.G.R Byabashaija**, the two-day meeting delved into critical aspects of Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) policies, administration, staff welfare and human capital development for enhanced performance across all departments.

Dr. Byabashaija highlighted the importance of professionalism and dedication among Prisons Officers in upholding the standards of the service. Extending warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2024, he applauded the newly sworn-in council members, urging them to embrace their roles with utmost commitment.

Gratitude was extended to the recently appointed and promoted officers whom he encouraged to live up to the tasks. The newly sworn in council members include: **Mr. Alex Ben Simon Wansadha**, Commissioner of Prisons (Safety and Security Operations); **Mr. Elly Tumuranye**, Commissioner of Prisons (Logistics Management);



CGP, Can. Dr. J.G.R Byabashaija giving his speech at the meeting

Ms. Babirye Peace Christine Okat, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons (ICT); **Mr. Ronald Ojambo**, Ag. Assistant Commissioner Procurement and Disposal Unit; and **Ms. Joan Nalweyiso**, Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (Deputy Officer in Charge-Kampala Remand Prison).

During the session, minute No. 18/2023 witnessed the council's approval of changes in ranks, transitioning Matrons and Assistant Matrons to Sergeant Wardress and Corporal Wardress, respectively. Additionally, the council granted special promotions to 9 junior staff members, recognizing their dedicated service.



Ms. Bahiye Peace Christine Okot, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons (ICT) being sworn in as a new member of the Prisons council

The Prisons Council, guided by the 1994 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda and the Prisons Act of 2006, encompasses a spectrum of responsibilities. These incorporates appointments and promotions of junior prison officers, disciplinary control, advising on rank structures, formulating service terms, recruitment standards, equipment procurement, policy formulation, and ensuring the efficient administration of a nationally representative Service.

Notably, the Council operates with a diverse composition, featuring the Commissioner General of Prisons as Chairperson, the Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons as Vice Chairperson, Assistant Commissioner Generals of Prisons, Commissioners of Prisons, Regional Prisons Commanders, an Assistant Superintendent of Prisons, a Principal Officer, and representation from Non-commissioned ranks.



Mr. Eli Tumuranyi, Commissioner of Prisons (Logistics Management) being sworn in as a new member of the Prisons council



Mr. Ronald Ojumbo receives tools of instrument from the council chairperson after being sworn in

Amidst the deliberations, the Rules of Council Procedures amended in 2023, alongside the Prisons Act 2006 and the Prisons Regulations, 2017 were delegated to the newly sworn-in members by the Council Chairperson, empowering them to execute their duties in alignment with established legal frameworks.

The 31st Prisons Council Meeting stands as a cornerstone in fortifying Uganda's Prison infrastructure, ensuring adherence to regulations, and fostering a framework for continuous advancements within the Service professionally.



Mr. Alex Ben Simon Wansodha, Commissioner of Prisons (Safety and Security Operations) being handed to the tools of service at the meeting

CAPACITY BUILDING AS NCO'S GRADUATE AT PRISONS ACADEMY AND TRAINING SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 20TH 2023



DCGP Samuel Akana (seated-Orator) together with other UPS top management officers and Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) at the Prisons Academy & Training School after the passout

Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) celebrated the Pass Out ceremony of 285 Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) Intake 001, 2023 on December 20th 2023. The event, held at the Prisons Academy & Training School, marked a milestone for 141 Senior NCOs and 144 Junior NCOs who successfully completed rigorous training programs.

The ceremony, presided over by Mr. Samuel Akana, Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons (speaking on behalf of the CGP), emphasized the alignment of UPS with the country's ideological orientation and strategic direction. He highlighted the crucial role entrusted to UPS in ensuring the nation's utmost security.

Mr. Akana underscored the significance of discipline, loyalty, and mutual respect among officers, emphasizing the importance of respect towards superiors, subordinates, and equals within the service. He urged the NCOs to work systematically in fulfilling their duties.

Mr. Hillary Bisanga, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons (Director Human Resource Management), announced an expansion in UPS's training initiatives. These initiatives include the introduction of new courses and increased intakes across all levels within UPS, reflecting the service's growth considerations for the future.



DCGP Samuel Akana giving a speech on behalf of CGP



ACGP Hillary Bisanga congratulating the Best in Academics (Female) - CPL/WURSS Susan rugu (Junior NCOs)

He emphasized that these courses are tailored to cater to NCOs from various backgrounds, such as clerks, stores personnel, receptionists, armory personnel, among others. This strategic selection aims to enhance skills and knowledge across diverse roles within the service.

Ms. Brenda Sana, Commissioner of Prisons and Commandant of PATS, commended the exceptional discipline, maturity, and admirable qualities displayed by the trainers and trainees alike. She praised their endurance, commitment to learning, flexibility, and resilience, highlighting their dedication that led to successful examination results and exemplary performance in course activities.



During the ceremony, the NCOs showcased their impressive skills in precision marching using sticks/swagger canes, as well as precision in stripping and assembling guns—reflecting their rigorous training in Skills At Arms. Demonstrations on both the quarter guard and street guard parades highlighted their coordination and proficiency.

Comprehensive training modules, covering diverse subjects such as Prisons Standing Orders, Political Education, Administration of Sentences, Skills At Arms, Social Rehabilitation, and Human Rights, equipped these officers with a wide array of essential skills to serve with excellence.

The ceremony also celebrated outstanding performers:

- Best Overall - Male - CH/WDR III Emmanuel Isadru
- Best Overall - Female - CH/WDRSS III Winfred Ijakolit
- Best in Academics Male - SGT/WDR Moses Mushabe
- Best in Academics Female - SGT/WDRSS Nasula Gwera (Senior NCOs)

- Best Overall - Male - CPL/WDR Jasper Akampa
- Best Overall - Female - CPL/WDRSS Diana Ibaaf
- Best in Academics (Male) - CPL/WDR Denis Obua
- Best in Academics (Female) - CPL/WDRSS Susan Iregu (Junior NCOs)



PHOTO GALLERY



A group photo of UPS top management officers and Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) at the Prisons Academy & Training School after the passout



A group photo of UPS top management officers and Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) at the Prisons Academy & Training School after the passout



Parade demonstration in quick march using sticks



ACGP Dr. George Muge presents a certificate of completion to Best Overall - Female - CFI/WITNESS Diana Tibat



NCOs demonstrate skills at Arms



NCOs demonstrate quarter guard parade

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: TRAINING OF TRAINERS (T.O.T) FOR PRISONS INTERMEDIATE AND STAFF COMMAND COURSE AT UNIK HOTEL, KAMPALA



Uganda Prisons Service recently concluded its Inaugural Two-Weeks Training of Trainers (TOT) for the Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff Course at Unik Hotel, Kampala. The training held at UNIK Hotel in Kampala, aimed at empowering directing staff with essential knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behavior crucial for effective facilitation of the course, it focused on augmenting trainers' competencies in command principles, staff responsibilities, and strategic decision-making.

Mr. Hillary Bisanga, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons (Director Human Resource), graced the closing ceremony, emphasizing the importance of professionalism among officers when facilitating the course. He confirmed the imminent commencement of the Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff Course, urging officers to uphold integrity and transparency throughout.

He reminded them why they were selected as trainers and urged them to live up to the task. This pioneering initiative highlights Uganda Prisons Service's commitment to nurturing proficient leaders. The training holds the promise of refining leadership and operational effectiveness within the Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff Course, slated to begin in December 2023. This endeavor stands as an evidence to the service's dedication to continual growth and excellence in leadership development.

THE SECOND PRISONS INTERMEDIATE COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE LAUNCHED AT PRISONS ACADEMY AND TRAINING SCHOOL



ACPG Hillary Bisanga (seated - middle) in a group photo with the participants of the Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff course after its launch at PATS, Lusa

In a stride towards enhancing leadership within Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), the inauguration of the Second Intermediate Command and Staff Course marked a pivotal moment on December 12, 2023, at the Prisons Academy Training and School (PATS). The ceremony, graced by Mr. Hillary Bisanga, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons (Director Human Resource), underscored the course's strategic importance in fostering advanced leadership and management skills among its participants.

Mr. Bisanga highlighted the diverse focal points of the course, emphasizing critical thinking, servant leadership, analytical prowess, command, policing skills, situational analysis, supervisory capabilities, and action planning. He noted that the course's alignment with national development goals and stressed the significance of comprehending the nation's ethos in the context of service.

The CGP aims to elevate our staff's professionalism, hence the introduction of recent capacity-building courses like the senior command and staff course, intermediate command and staff course, and both junior and senior NCO courses, stated Mr. Bisanga, underscoring the merit based selection process and the potential impact on future promotions and appointments.

Ms. Brenda Sano, Commissioner of Prisons and Commandant of PATS, urged participants to remain dedicated to acquiring knowledge that would elevate their service. She highlighted the importance of discipline and time management, pillars of the training school's ethos.



ACPG Hillary Bisanga delivering his speech during the course launch



CP Brenda Sana (Commandant of PAYS) giving her remarks at the course launch

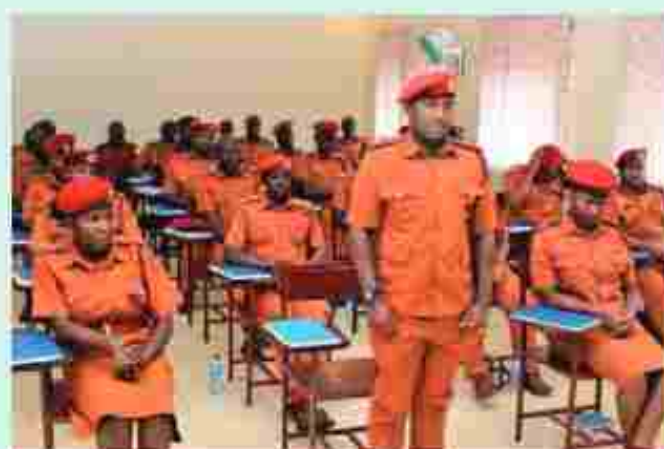


Trainees attentively listening in during the course launch

Mr. Deogracious Ogwapit, Senior Superintendent of Prisons and Chief Instructor, revealed the development of a comprehensive curriculum comprising various modules tailored for the participants. He stressed the course's focus on cultivating critical thinking amidst challenging scenarios, aiming to enhance the skill sets of the eager participants.

Over the intensive four-month duration, the 31 selected participants will undergo rigorous training to effectively plan and execute day-to-day prison operations, apply best leadership and management practices, utilize investigative and judgment skills, undertake duties at tactical and operational levels, champion unwavering human rights principles, and demonstrate political consciousness and ideological orientation.

The completion of this course is anticipated to cultivate a cadre of officers equipped to tackle multifaceted challenges, equipped with enhanced expertise to serve the Uganda Prisons Service effectively. This initiative reflects UPS's commitment to nurturing competent leadership within its ranks, ensuring a more adept and skilled workforce for the evolving demands of the service.



The course launch underway



Trainees attending the course launch

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INDUCTION AS PART OF CUSTOMER CARE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS IN SOUTHERN AND KOOKI REGIONS ON DECEMBER 8TH 2023

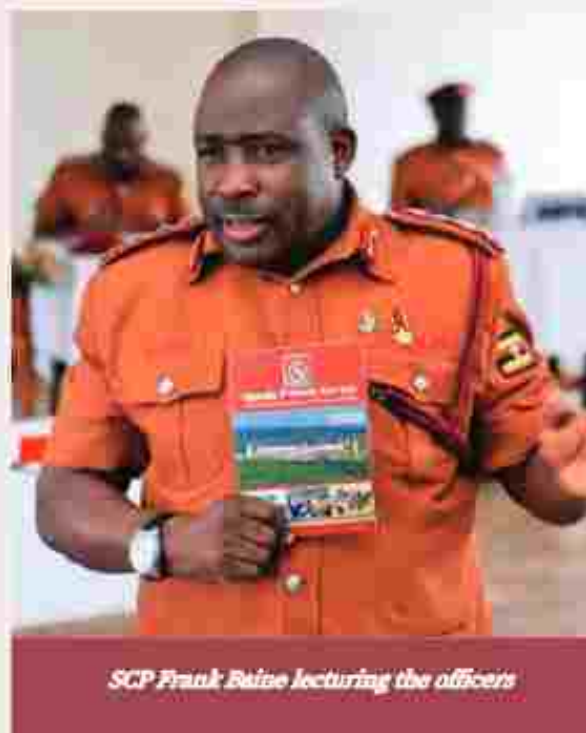


SCP Frank Baine lecturing the officers during the Customer care and Public Relations training

In a proactive move to enhance community relations and elevate excellence in service delivery, Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) conducted a training initiative focused on Community Engagement on December 8th 2023. Spearheaded by Mr. Frank Mayanja Baine, the Senior Commissioner of Prisons (Deputy Director of Corporation and Corporate Affairs/Service Spokesperson), this initiative aimed to fortify bonds between the UPS and their communities.

Gathering at the Marieflo Hotel in Masaka City, the training brought together a diverse cohort comprising Officers In Charge Prisons, Senior Officers, and professionals from medical and social work backgrounds across the Southern and Kooki administrative Regions of UPS.

At the core of the training lay a profound emphasis on the significance of Customer Care within UPS operations, aligning with the directives outlined in the Prisons Client Charter, 2018/19 to 2022/23. The discussions highlighted the pivotal role played by community connections in strengthening service delivery and enhancing the public perception of the institution.



SCP Frank Baine lecturing the officers

Mr. Baine, in his guidance during the sessions, emphasized the recalibration of the complaints handling chain, a proactive approach towards fostering robust Public Relations initiatives, building trust within the community, augmenting government visibility, and integrating community corrections into UPS operations.



Southern and Kooki Region officers at the training

Notably, the training also embraced sessions on mindset change and financial literacy. These additional components were strategically included to facilitate socio-economic transformation within Uganda, reflecting the UPS's commitment to holistic community development.

"Such initiatives are pivotal in redefining our relationship with the community we serve. Strengthening ties, nurturing trust, and aligning our practices with the needs of the public are integral to our commitment towards service excellence," remarked Mr. Baine.

Emphasizing the importance of maintaining professionalism and discretion in online interactions, Mr. Baine cautioned against the misuse of social media channels. He articulated the critical need for Prisons officers to exercise prudence and uphold the institution's reputation when utilizing social media platforms.

"The power of social media is immense, but it comes with responsibilities. Misuse or inappropriate conduct on these platforms can tarnish the image of Uganda Prisons Service and erode public trust," noted Mr. Baine during the training session.

The training provided a platform for insightful discussions, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and strategies among UPS personnel. The proactive approach adopted by UPS in bolstering community engagement and service enhancement sets a commendable precedent for institutions seeking to bridge the gap between public service and community welfare.



The training on going at the Mariello Hotel in Masaka City

CUSTOMER CARE & PUBLIC RELATIONS TRAINING FOR KAMPALA EXTRA REGION CONDUCTED AT LUZIRA PRISONS COMPLEX ON DECEMBER 14TH 2023



Uganda Prisons Service officers attend the Customer & Public Relations training at Luzira prisons complex

On December 14th, 2023, Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) marked a leap into professional development of staff with Customer Care & Public Relations training. Conducted by Mr. Frank Mayanja Baine, Senior Commissioner of Prisons (Deputy Director Corporation and Corporate Affairs/Service Spokesperson), and Mr. Baker Asinjah, Commissioner of Prisons (Human Resource Planning and Development), the training aimed to reinforce a culture of excellence and proficiency among Officers in Charge, Senior Officers, Medical & Social Welfare Workers of the Kampala Extra Region, held at Luzira Prisons Youth Center.

Representatives from various stations, including Upper Prison, Murchison Bay Prison, Luzira Women Prison, Kigo Prison, PATS, Kampala Remand, Prisons Sports, Luzira Prisons Staff Health Center IV, and Prisons Band, participated in the sessions. SCP Frank Baine emphasized the paramount importance of protecting human rights, ending torture, and ensuring safe, secure, and humane treatment of inmates. His directive on vigilance and cautious execution of orders highlighted the

commitment to dignity-guided actions within UPS facilities. Mr. Baine's proactive stance against smartphone use during duty hours underlines the commitment to enhanced security within the Prisons.

By preventing unauthorized communication or distractions, it amplifies the dedication to staff and inmate safety while upholding the UPS brand—Discipline, Uniform, Band, and Parade.



Mr. Frank Baine tutoring the officers

Furthermore, Mr. Baine warned officers against engaging with print and electronic media without proper authorization from the CGP. He emphasized strict disciplinary actions for unauthorized release of photos/videos or social media information, reiterating the seriousness of such breaches.

This commitment to continuous improvement showcases UPS's dedication to fostering empathy, professionalism, discipline, integrity, and effective communication within its ranks. The interactive training sessions engaged officers in practical discussions, aiming to apply acquired knowledge to their daily roles within the Prisons.

Addressing the officers, Mr. Asinjah delved into the historical context of UPS's Public Relations, unpacking the Prisons Act of 2006 and highlighting the institution's vision, development goals, mission, and functions. Understanding these roots is crucial in driving the present and shaping the future of UPS.



The training underway

Mr. Asinjah urged officers to treat visitors of prisoners with utmost dignity and respect, irrespective of their status, emphasizing the core values of UPS in interaction with both internal and external stakeholders.



UPS officers actively participate at the training



Practical questions and answer session



Officers at the training

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN STYLE: STAFF AND INMATES GIFTED WITH X-MAS MEAT



Staff and inmates jointly participate in the slaughtering exercise on Christmas eve in Luzira



Mr. Frank Baine monitoring delivery of animals to various prisons units

Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) is embracing the spirit of Christmas within the prison walls, continuing its cherished tradition of bringing festive joy to staff and inmates throughout the country. The annual provision of meat during the Christmas period has not only reached every corner of Uganda's prisons but has also fostered a heartwarming sense of goodwill and celebration within the Prisons Community.

Initiated by the Commissioner General of Prisons, the continuation of this uplifting initiative echoed resoundingly across all UPS facilities. Each staff received a generous allocation of 5 kilograms of meat, while inmates are treated to a festive feast within their respective stations, encapsulating the essence of cheers.

SCP Frank Baine, (Deputy Director of Corporation and Corporate Affairs, and Service Spokesperson), emphasized the significance of infusing the season with celebrations within the prison walls.

"Christmas is a very important day in the lives of people worldwide, and it's always very important for UPS to do something different from the usual," stated SCP Baine, underlining the commitment to ensuring both staff and inmates partake in a memorable Christmas.

The extent of festive provisions set to bring joy within the prisons is expansive, as revealed by Mr. Baine: "We shall distribute over 700 heads of cattle, 150 goats, and 90 sheep. That is why 14,433 staff and 76,413 inmates will enjoy Christmas with us."

Acknowledging the inability of many to celebrate outside the prison walls, SCP Baine highlighted the significance of this initiative, ensuring that each staff member receives a generous allocation of 5 kilograms of meat, while inmates indulge in a festive feast within their respective stations.

To enrich the day further, Officers in Charge have been directed to organize a spectrum of activities, including sports, music, dance, drama, and prayers across all prison units. This vibrant array of events aims to ensure a colorful and engaging Christmas for inmates.



Mr. Frank Baine shares insights of the process with the press

Meticulous planning and oversight by Regional Prisons Commanders will guarantee the seamless execution of this initiative across various prison stations, ensuring adherence to established protocols and safety measures.

Dr. Generous Befunga Behabura, Superintendent of Prisons overseeing Livestock Production and Entomology Management, confirmed the meticulous examination of all animals provided for the festivities. "Uganda Prisons Livestock Farms contribute to national slaughtering needs annually, especially animals with Boran, Brahman, and Siwal breeds strictly reared for beef production," she added.



Beef ready to be shared among UPS staff and inmates



Slaughtering in progress



Animals being slaughtered at UG. Prison Isingiro



An act of kindness by Masaka Catholic Diocese Bishop Rt. Rev. Severus Ijumba as he celebrated Christmas with the inmates at UG. Prison Kahungu

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS EMPOWERMENT: CHURCH OF UGANDA NOURISHES UPS STAFF WITH SPIRITUAL SERVICE



St. John Chapel Luzira Prisons commemorated its 20th anniversary while celebrating a Family Day Prayer and Thanksgiving, and an Inaugural Mass Corporate Wedding at PTS, Luzira

Under the resounding theme of "United for service and growth," a jubilant atmosphere filled the Prisons Academy and Training School Showgrounds as Uganda Prisons Service and St. John Chapel Church of Uganda in Luzira Prisons joined hands to commemorate a momentous occasion.

This multifaceted event hosted a Family Day Prayer and Thanksgiving, an Inaugural Mass Corporate Wedding and the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of St. John Chapel.

Distinguished by the presence of dignitaries, clergy, administrative leaders and the dedicated staff of Kampala Extra Region, including Luzira Women, Upper, Kigo, Murchison Bay and Kampala Remand Prisons alongside their spouses, the gathering became a vibrant testament to unity and gratitude.

Representing the Commissioner General of Prisons, Ms. Juliet Natale, Commissioner of Prisons (Rehabilitation and Reintegration), served as the esteemed Chief Host. Her involvement underscored the significant support and emphasis placed on this event by the leadership, reflecting a collective commitment to service and the acknowledgment of pivotal milestones within the Prison community.

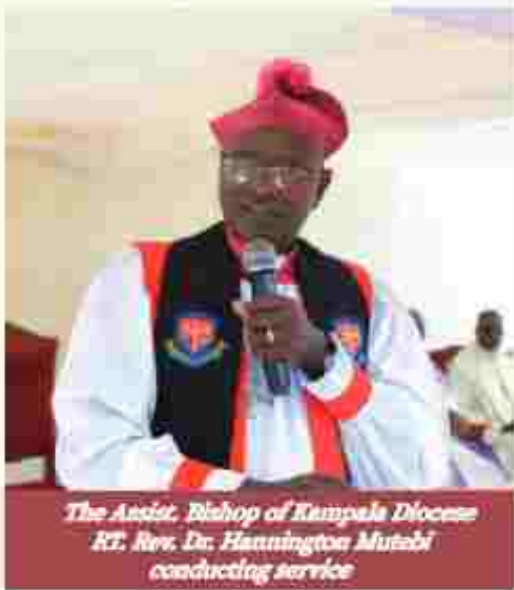


The event consecrated a colorful Inaugural Mass Corporate Wedding

The Assist. Bishop of Kampala Diocese RT. Rev. Dr. Hannington Mutebi, serving as the main celebrant, highlighted the paramount importance of gratitude and togetherness. He eloquently expressed appreciation for achievements such as promotions, graduations, matrimonial unions, and the burgeoning of families within the prison communities, invoking blessings for all present and their future endeavors.

Recognizing the legacy of St. John Chapel, Bishop Emeritus Diocese of Northern Uganda, RT. Rev. Johnson Gagumba, a former chaplain at the chapel, lauded the unwavering support extended by the Commissioner General of Prisons. He fondly

reminisced about the chapel's inception in 2003 and commended its growth, both in capacity and outreach.



*The Assist. Bishop of Kampala Diocese
Rt. Rev. Dr. Hannington Mutabi
conducting service*

Ms. Stella Nabunya, Commissioner of Prisons and Regional Prisons Commander (Kampala Extra Region), extended a gracious welcome and acknowledged the invaluable support provided by the church in fostering unity and collaboration across regional activities.

Rev. James Luwum, the Chaplain of St. John Chapel, led the assembly in a poignant joint family prayer session and Thanksgiving, emphasizing the essence of unity and growth. Expressing gratitude to predecessors and partners, he reflected on their tireless efforts in advancing ministries for both Prison staff families and inmates.

This celebration not only marked a significant milestone but also solidified the profound bonds between the Uganda Prisons Service and the St. John Chapel since the Holy Communion and luncheon united hearts in reflection. It encapsulated values of a shared commitment to service and community upliftment. It also culminated in a symbolic tree-planting exercise of 5000 trees within the Luzira Prisons Complex.



The clergy conducting service



UPS staff and the clergy in a group photo



*C/O Juliet Nsubule delivering COPS contribution
to the organizing committee*



Thanksgiving service



*The Uganda Prisons Band showcasing their
musical prowess at the event*



*The couples that got wedded at
the event*

UGANDA PRISON SERVICE ENHANCES ROAD SAFETY WITH DEFENSIVE DRIVING TRAINING PROGRAM IN LUZIRA



In an effort to fortify road safety measures and elevate driver competence, Uganda Prison Service through the Service Transport and Fleet management office conducted an extensive defensive driving training program. Conveyed by U-Train Driving School, this initiative aimed to empower drivers and mitigate road accidents that significantly impact not only Uganda but the global economy.

Under the auspices of Mr. Eli Tumuramye, Commissioner of Prisons (Logistics Management), Mr. Henry Kidega, Senior Superintendent of Prisons/STO, Mr. Mukembo Yusuf, Superintendent of Prisons/STO, Mr. Makaba Jackson, Principal Officer I, Mr. Oluka Joseph (Managing Director of U-Train Driving School), and key figures such as Ms. Ramiat Aye bale and Mr. Onyonka Joram (DDT/Road and Occupational Health and Safety Activist), the training congregated fifty-five drivers from Uganda Prison Service.

The training encompassed a diverse array of modules aimed at enhancing driving proficiency and safety consciousness among the attendees. The drivers engaged in a curriculum that included:

Driving Philosophy: Delving into the core principles of responsible driving.

Factors Affecting Driver Fitness: Understanding and addressing issues like fatigue that can impair driving abilities.

Road Signs and Traffic Signals: Comprehensive education on interpreting and responding to road signage and markings.

Defensive Driving Rules: Analyzing accident statistics and instilling methods to prevent road mishaps.

Traffic Laws and Regulations: Ensuring a thorough understanding of legal parameters governing driving.

Practical Road Exercises: Real-time simulations to identify hazards, interpret road signs, and respond appropriately.



The training being conducted by a senior traffic officer from Uganda Police force

One of the pivotal focuses was on bolstering fire safety management, emphasizing pre-use checks and Tread Wear Indicator (TWI) inspections. Moreover, the training accentuated the significance of customer care and cargo handling for a holistic approach to driving responsibilities. The post-training analysis highlighted various driving weaknesses among participants, primarily related to speed, concentration, and fatigue. Proactive measures were introduced to combat these issues, advocating for toolbox meetings led by the head of transport to continually address challenges. Recommendations stemming from the training highlighted critical safety measures:

Speed Limit control in Trading Centers: A maximum speed of 30 km/h to mitigate potential accidents in congested areas.

Mandatory Safety Gear: Drivers mandated to use safety shoes and adhere to driving rules, including seatbelt usage, vehicle inspections, and refraining from carrying unauthorized cargo or passengers.

Rest and Breaks: Discouraging long driving hours without rest, advocating for regular breaks to prevent driver fatigue.

Prohibition of Distractions: Strict adherence to avoiding phone calls and conversations while driving to avert distractions.

The management of U-Train Driving School expressed gratitude for the opportunity and anticipated immediate benefits in reduced maintenance costs and improved driver attitudes toward work. They stressed the importance of refresher training for drivers within a year and recommended extending training to senior management and support staff to foster an understanding of driving protocols.

ACADEMIC/RELIGIOUS EMPOWERMENT AS PART OF REHABILITATION OF INMATES AT MURCHISON BAY PRISON ON DECEMBER 12TH 2023



Cake cutting exercise as a sign of unity and success for prosperity after the graduation ceremony

Behind the walls of Murchison Bay Prison in Luzira, jubiliations of academic excellence unfolded on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023. In a momentous occasion, 42 inmates and 6 staff members were honored for their exceptional commitment to learning, obtaining certificates in Theology and Christian Ministry from Kampala School of Theology.

Representing the Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Christopher Okware, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons overseeing Prisoners Administration, presided over the graduation ceremony. His address was laden with commendation for the graduates, praising their exceptional commitment to academic excellence within the prison walls.

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Mr. Okware expressed, emphasizing the significance of their accomplishments in the context of Uganda Prisons Service's vision of becoming a center of excellence in providing human rights-based correctional services across Africa.



ACP Christopher Okware hands over a certificate of completion to a graduating inmate

He lauded the graduates as living embodiments of second chances, emphasizing their role in expressing the ethos of rehabilitation and reintegration within the correctional system. Mr.

Martin Wabwire, the Principal of Kampala School of Theology, commended the Commissioner General of Prisons for the institution's open-door policy and unending support for inmate education at all levels. He encouraged the inmates to share their acquired knowledge to benefit fellow believers and urged them to pursue further studies, whether within or outside the prison.



Mr. Martin Wabwire, the Principal of Kampala School of Theology giving his remarks



Graduating inmates jubilate at the graduation ceremony

The graduation ceremony at Murchison Bay Prison stands as a testament to the transformative potential of education, illustrating how determination, support, and a commitment to learning can pave the way for redemption and positive change within correctional facilities.



Dancing and jubilation at the event

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ENHANCING DATA MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES: UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE EMPOWERS CLERKS AND RECEPTIONISTS

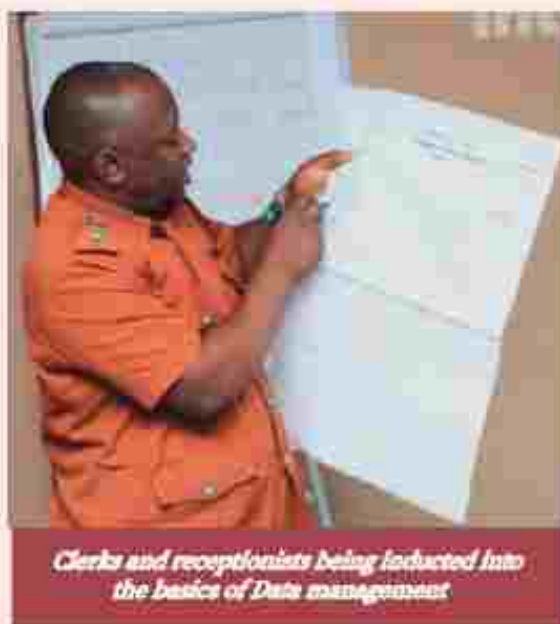


UNODC officials and UPS officers with clerks and receptionists in a group photo after the Data Analysis and Management training

In an effort to bolster the proficiency of data clerks and receptionists across all Prison facilities and Regional Prisons Headquarters, Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) from December 12th - 14th 2023 conducted a training program on Data Analysis and Management so as to uphold the Nelson Mandela Rules for treatment of Offenders. The training, officiated by Mr. Aggrey Aturwaniriire, Commissioner of Prisons (Planning), witnessed the culmination of a rigorous learning endeavor.

The program, facilitated by UNODC, aimed at equipping 54 staff members. Notably, focused on enhancing the capacity of data clerks and reception clerks in the collection, verification, and analysis of data, essential for producing high-quality statistics within UPS.

The overarching objective of this initiative aligns with the larger framework of the "Strengthening Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Uganda" program. This program aims to fortify the rule of law by promoting effective, humane, and accountable criminal justice systems, as advocated by the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice.



Clerks and receptionists being inducted into the basics of Data management

The training covered a spectrum of critical topics essential for data management. Participants were immersed in discussions on the duties and responsibilities of receptionists and data clerks, the flow of information within UPS, the strategic direction of the service, and the importance of producing quality statistics.



Trainees actively participating in the question and answer session

Emphasis was placed on the significance of statistics in crime prevention, the use of ICT tools such as for data processing, and the comprehension of metadata related to UPS indicators. Utilizing an interactive approach, the training combined lecture-based learning with engaging group discussions. This methodology facilitated a dynamic exchange of ideas, allowing participants to delve deeper into each subject, share experiences, and seek clarification.

The closure of the training marked the first phase of an ongoing initiative. The Head of Department outlined future plans for a subsequent phase, highlighting the importance of continued support and the deployment of receptionists. Immediate action items included the provision of computers to stations with power supply, facilitating timely transfers, and ensuring annual supplies of essential prison forms and books.

By empowering clerks and receptionists with enhanced skills in data collection and management, UPS aims to elevate the quality of its statistics accuracy, ultimately contributing to more informed decision-making and the efficient operation of the criminal justice system.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FOR IMPROVED STAFF WELFARE, LUZIRA PRISONS COMPLEX - 2023



A Vendor from Ribham Uganda showcases merchandise at the Christmas Bazaar held at PATS showgrounds

Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) hosted a spectacular three-day Christmas Bonanza at the Prisons Academy and Training School showgrounds, creating an electrifying platform aimed at strengthening community engagement and uplifting the welfare of its staff. The event, organized collaboratively by the departments of General Administration and Welfare of Staff alongside Product Promotion and Distribution, surpassed expectations and left a lasting impact on attendees.

The trade fair played host to multinational company manufacturers who generously offered a diverse array of products and services at subsidized rates. This initiative not only served the UPS staff and their families but also extended its generosity to the broader community within the vicinity of the Luzira Prisons Complex and neighboring areas.

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House hold items on sale at the bonanza



Items at the bonanza were sold at a cheaper cost

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The festive ambiance at the showgrounds was palpable, as attendees reveled in the abundance of offerings and engaged in various activities meticulously curated for all age groups. From thrilling games to captivating entertainment, the event encapsulated the spirit of the season, spreading cheer and fostering connections among attendees.



Attendees buying goods at the bazaar

Reflecting on the event, Mr. Peter Okedi, Principal Officer I (Product Promotion and Distribution) expressed immense delight and satisfaction at witnessing the overwhelming response from participants. "The Christmas Bonanza was a resounding success, and seeing the joy it brought to the faces of our staff and the community is truly gratifying. It was heartwarming to witness everyone coming together to celebrate and enjoy the festivities," he remarked.



Some of the Christmas goodies at the bazaar

The success of the 2023 Christmas Bonanza underscores UPS's commitment to fostering a sense of community, enhancing staff welfare, and creating opportunities for meaningful engagement. By actively involving various departments and external partners, UPS has set a commendable precedent for future endeavors aimed at enriching the lives of its stakeholders.

As the echoes of laughter and the festive cheer linger on, the legacy of the Christmas Bonanza continues to resonate within the UPS community, leaving behind cherished memories of a joyous and uplifting celebration.

REHABILITATING THROUGH VOCATIONAL SKILLING PROGRAM OF INMATES



Luzira Women Prison inmates tailoring their own uniforms

Uganda Prisons Industries conducts vocational skilling program tailored for female inmates as a stride toward rehabilitation and reintegration. This initiative seeks to equip them with practical skills and training, fostering personal development and enhancing their prospects upon re-entry into society.

Through specialized vocational courses, ranging from crafts and trades to professional skill sets, these women are not only gaining expertise but also reclaiming a sense of purpose and self-worth.

This holistic approach by Prisons Industries not only aims to build employability but also contributes significantly to the rehabilitation process, fostering a hopeful path toward a brighter future for these women within and beyond Prisons.



Kigo women inmates showcase hand woven products



Items made by inmates being showcased at Kigo prison

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF KAMPALA CENTRAL EXTENDS COMPASSION TO INMATE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN AT LUZIRA WOMEN'S PRISON



Members of Inner Wheel Club of Kampala Central and UPS officers in a group photo amidst some of the household items that were donated to inmate mothers and their children at Luzira Women's Prison.

On Friday December 8th 2023, the Inner Wheel Club of Kampala Central extended a heartfelt gesture of compassion to inmate mothers and their children at Luzira Women's Prison. In a philanthropic move aimed at providing essential support, the club donated a range of vital items. Among the assortment were blankets, buckets, sugar, smearing oil, bed sheets, bathing, and washing soap, among other necessities. This generous contribution was an embodiment of empathy and care for the the inmates.

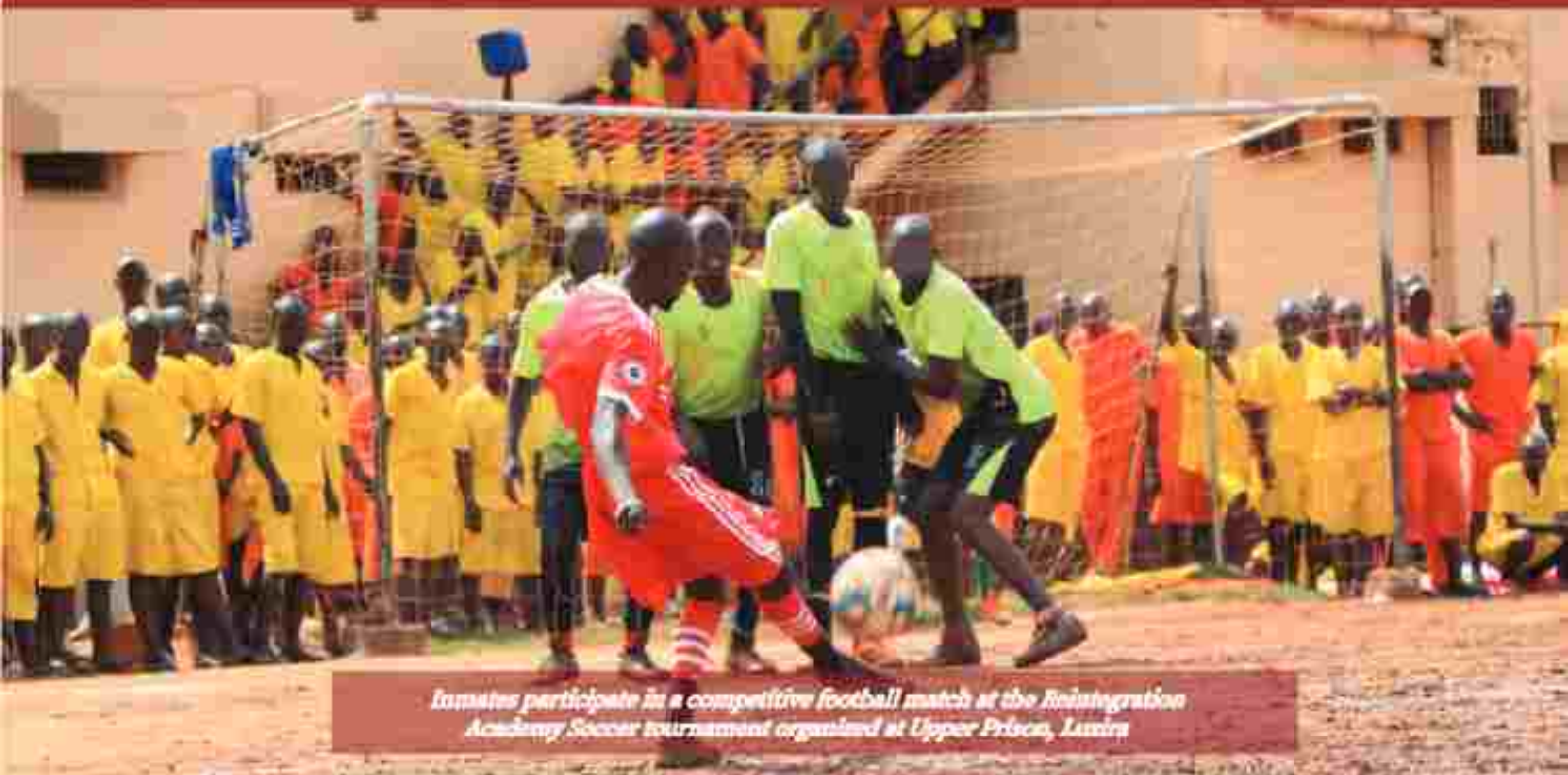
The donation, meticulously curated to address basic needs, sought to offer a sense of comfort to the inmate mothers and their children. Recognizing the hardships faced by these families, the Inner Wheel Club of Kampala endeavored to provide not just tangible items, but also a ray of hope and solidarity.

The gesture was met with profound gratitude from the recipients, who expressed heartfelt appreciation for the thoughtful assortment of items. The blankets and bed sheets promised warmth during chilly nights, while the buckets, smearing oil and hygiene essentials ensured access to fundamental cleanliness. The inclusion of sugar aimed to enhance the quality of their daily meals.



Inner Wheel Club of Kampala Central members at the inmates' children centre in Luzira

SOCCER FOR INMATE REHABILITATION AT UPPER PRISON, LUZIRA



Inmates participate in a competitive football match at the Reintegration Academy Soccer tournament organized at Upper Prison, Luzira

The Upper Prison facility at Luzira has embraced football as a key tool for the reformation and reintegration of its inmates. Beyond the confines of incarceration, these individuals are finding solace and a sense of purpose through the beautiful game.

Under the guidance of dedicated staff members, inmates have been actively engaging in footballing activities as part of their daily routine. The initiative aims not only to promote physical fitness but also to instill essential values such as teamwork, discipline, and mutual respect.

Through structured training sessions and friendly matches within the prison grounds, inmates are experiencing a transformative journey, using football as a conduit for personal growth and rehabilitation.

The impact of this initiative goes beyond the football field. It fosters a sense of togetherness among inmates, breaking down barriers and nurturing a positive environment within the prison walls. Participants speak of the mental and emotional relief that comes with the opportunity to

play, stating that it helps alleviate stress and anxiety while fostering a renewed sense of purpose.

Authorities overseeing the program have noted a significant improvement in inmate behavior and social interaction. The positive effects ripple through the prison community, enhancing the overall atmosphere and contributing to the rehabilitation goals set forth by the correctional facility.



The winning team is awarded a trophy and a goat



A team photo before the start of the games

AGM FOR PRISONS SPORTS MEDICAL TEAM HELD AT LUZIRA YOUTH CENTER



Prisons sports managers, coaches, team captains and the medical team is a group photo after AGM in Luzira

The Uganda Prisons Sports Medical Division convened an Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Luzira that garnered widespread participation. Attended by sports managers, coaches, and team captains across football, volleyball, netball, handball, darts, taekwondo, athletics, and wood-ball, this gathering brought together specialized medical professionals committed to refining fitness and injury management strategies for the Prison's sports teams.

The diverse turnout highlighted a collaborative effort among professionals from various sporting disciplines, emphasizing the shared goal of prioritizing athlete health and performance. Discussions centered on sport-specific medical considerations and injury prevention tailored to each discipline, fostering a holistic approach to sports healthcare. The exchange of insights and expertise among representatives from diverse sports served to enrich the knowledge base.

This collaborative platform not only facilitated knowledge exchange but also emphasized the collective commitment to elevating sports medicine

and promoting comprehensive well-being among athletes participating in a spectrum of sports activities within Uganda Prisons Service.

Dr. Kajoba Kimuli, serving as the head of the Uganda Prisons Sports Medical Division, stands as a pivotal figure in championing sports healthcare. Dr. Kajoba's expertise and guidance steer the team towards tailored approaches in sports medicine, fostering a culture of comprehensive care and support for players.



Dr. Kajoba Kimuli giving his remarks at the meeting



The Prisons sports medical team

MAROONS FC IN STEADFAST DRIVE AS UPL FIRST ROUND NEAR CONCLUSION



Maroons FC team lineup for a StarTimes Premier League game

Amidst the fervor and spectacle of the 2023/2024 StarTimes Uganda Premier League, Maroons FC has scripted a narrative blending triumphs, and determination. Led by Mr. Hillary Bisanga, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons as Club Chairperson, the team's journey through November and December showcased a compelling display of resilience and strategic fortitude.

The month of November commenced with a defining moment for Maroons FC as Fred Amaku's 60th-minute strike secured a crucial 1-0 victory over Kitaro FC at Masindi Stadium. This early win set a tone of promise and determination for the team. However, November 11th witnessed a narrow defeat against NEC FC, where Allan Mugalu's goal decided the encounter at Prison Grounds in Luzira.

Undeterred by the setback, Maroons FC exhibited their mettle on November 24th, halting Express FC's unbeaten streak with a stellar 1-0 victory. Solomon Walusimbi's blistering strike in the 31st minute showcased the team's ability to triumph over formidable opponents.



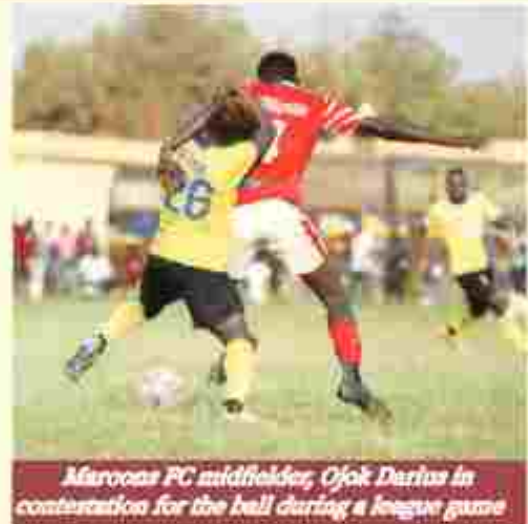
Maroons FC goal poacher, Amaku Fred

December unfolded with moments of triumph and grit for Maroons FC. A 1-0 victory against Mbarara City on December 2nd, courtesy of Fred Amaku's precision in the penalty area, highlighted the team's adeptness in clinching crucial wins. Yet, the month also brought challenges, evident in a hard-fought 1-1 draw against Busoga UTD FC on December 6th, where Abraham Tusubira Kakensa's equalizer salvaged a point after several missed opportunities.

The contest against Vipers on December 13th resulted in a frustrating draw, despite Fred Amaku's lead-breaking goal being nullified by Milton Karisa's equalizer. However, December 20th marked a



Maroons FC skipper, Ndihabwe David



Maroons FC midfielder, Ojok Darius in contention for the ball during a league game

pinnacle for Maroons FC as they delivered a commanding 3-1 triumph over Arua Hill SC. Despite conceding an early goal, the team's resilience shone through. Patrick Bayiga, David Ndihabwe, and Isaac Mpagi seized opportunities to secure the win in stoppage time.

Towards the end of the year, they exhibited dominance, securing a commanding 5-0 victory against Goddafi FC at Luzira. Skipper David Ndihabwe, Hitman Fred Amaku, Center Back Patrick Bayiga, Attacker Abraham Tsubira, and Midfielder Abel Eturude shone with a goal each, showcasing the team's offensive might.



Maroons FC players celebrate a league game

Defender Bayiga kick-started the onslaught in the fifth minute, setting the stage for Eturude's swift follow-up, establishing Maroons' control. Ndihabwe furthered the lead before Tsubira and Amaku sealed the triumph.

Currently occupying third place in the league standings, Maroons FC eyes a strategic climb to the top, trailing the leaders by a mere four points. The forthcoming matches against Bright Stars, and UPDF serve as a pivotal opportunity to accrue nine points, aiming not just for momentum but to surpass their first-round standings.

Behind this compelling journey lies Mr. Hillary Bisanga's impactful stewardship. His unwavering financial and material support has been instrumental, fostering motivation among players and coaches, propelling them toward excellence.



Maroons FC players in a happy mood

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE



Right: H.E the president Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda is taken on a guided tour of UG Prison farm Ruimi by CGP Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashajja in presence of other prisons senior officers in 2016.



Left: CGP Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashajja shakes hands with Pope Francis during the papal visit to Uganda in 2015

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The Commissioner General of Prisons announces the deaths of fallen Comrades



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