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CELEBRATIONS IN KATAKWI DISTRICT**



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UNITS AT UG. PRISON AMITA**

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PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS KEY TO
SUCCESS OF UPS**

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Believe you can and you're halfway there.
Theodore Roosevelt (USA)

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.
Franklin D. Roosevelt (USA)

Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.
John F. Kennedy (USA)

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
Nelson Mandela (South Africa)

We must not be afraid to take a chance and get out of our comfort zone.
Jimmy Carter (USA)

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
Kwame Nkrumah (Ghana)

You can't develop a country unless you develop the people.
Yoweri Museveni (Uganda)

The African continent is a land of opportunity, and the potential for growth is vast.
Cyril Ramaphosa (South Africa)

The destiny of Africa is in our hands, and the task of building a brighter future is a collective responsibility.
John Magufuli (Tanzania)

The development of our continent is not a choice, it's a necessity.
Paul Kagame (Rwanda)



FRANK BAINE MAYANJA

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Welcome to the March 2024 Edition of the Uganda Prisons Service Monthly Newsletter.

This issue highlights on: Service Orders, Commissioning Staff housing, Prisons Intermediate Course, Prevention of Violent Extremism, Religious Ministry in UPS, Religious Empowerment Initiative, Embracing training opportunities, International Women's Day Celebrations, CGP Cup 2024, Memory Lane, among others.

Enjoy.

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PRESS RELEASE

OUTBREAK OF RED EYES IN PRISONS.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has announced the outbreak of red eyes in various parts of the country, including Uganda Prison facilities. The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) wishes to inform the public about the situation and the measures being taken.

So far, about 1,000 cases have been registered by the UPS Health Department, and 90 percent of the victims have already recovered. The affected Prison Units include Kampala Remand Prison, Upper Maximum-Security Prison, Pader Prison, Murchison Bay Prison, Kaweeri Prison, Lira Main Prison, Luzira Women Prison and Erute Prison.

To control the infection and ensure the safety of inmates and staff, the following measures have been put in place:

1. The transfer of prisoners to or from the infected prison units has been suspended until the outbreak is brought under control.
2. Mandatory screening of prisoners upon admission is implemented at all prison facilities.
3. Collaboration with the Police and MOH for screening of suspects while in custody is ongoing.
4. Strict adherence to established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) is in practice.
5. Visitations are conducted under strict rules and regulations.
6. Isolation and treatment of identified cases are done.
7. All Regional Prisons Commanders (RPC's), District Prisons Commanders (DPC's), and Officers in Charge (OC's) have been instructed to ensure strict compliance with these measures to mitigate the impact of the outbreak.

Note: Suspected cases of red eyes must be reported promptly to the prison health team through designated contact numbers: **0752680801**, **0783012964** and **0772927164**.

The Commissioner General of Prisons emphasizes the importance of vigilance in safeguarding the health and well-being of inmates, staff, and the public.

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PRESS BRIEFING

RESPONSE TO RED EYES DISEASE IN UGANDA PRISONS

MONDAY, APRIL 8th 2024

1. **Establishment:** Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) currently has a staff strength of 14,247, stationed in 269 Prison Units and grouped in 19 administrative regions. In custody, there are 76,817 inmates, including 40,796 convicts, 35,456 remands, 565 debtors; and 258 children incarcerated with their mothers.

2. **Easter Celebrations:** The Commissioner General of Prisons commends the UPS fraternity for the successful celebrations in the just concluded Easter festival. He is looking forward to a colourful EID Day.

3. **Update on Red Eyes Disease:** Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) has registered 5,905 cases of red eyes disease. Of these 4,704 cases have fully recovered and only 1,202 active cases remain. Fortunately, there are neither deaths nor critical cases registered.

The affected Prison Units include: Upper Prison, Murchison Bay, Kampala Remand, Luzira Women, Kasanda, Kagadi, Kamuli, Lira Women, Erute, Kigo Main, Lira Main, Gulu Main, Jinja Main, Mbarara Main, Isingiro, Butuntumula, Nakasongola, Ngoma, Kauga, Bamunanika, Sentema, Kiyunga, Ntenjeru and Kitalya Mini Max prisons.

Strict adherence to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) remains in place to manage the situation effectively.

Equally so, the public is advised to refrain from visiting Prisons if unwell and **MUST** follow UPS guidelines for visitation at courts and stations.

4. **Recruitment Hoax Alert:** The Public is hereby informed that UPS is **not** conducting any staff recruitment exercise. Therefore, no one should fall for scams that promise employment within UPS at different levels.

For further inquiries, please contact the Uganda Prisons Service toll free phone number on **0800144144**

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UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE

MONTHLY STATISTICS SUMMARY

March, 2024

1. PRISONERS

1.1. Population Change

Table 1: March, 2024 Average Population of Prisoners

Categories	Feb-24			Mar-24			(%) Change
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Convicts:	38,470	1,801	40,271	38,912	1,843	40,755	1.2
Remands:	34,286	1,738	36,024	33,239	1,648	34,887	-3.2
Debtors:	398	119	517	439	142	581	12.4
Total:	73,154	3,658	76,812	72,590	3,633	76,223	-0.8
Percentage (%)	95.2	4.8	100.0	95.2	4.8	100.0	
Approved Capacity			20,996			20,996	0.0
Occupancy Rate (%)			365.8			363.0	

1.2. Percentage composition of remands, convicts and debtors for the month of March, 2024.

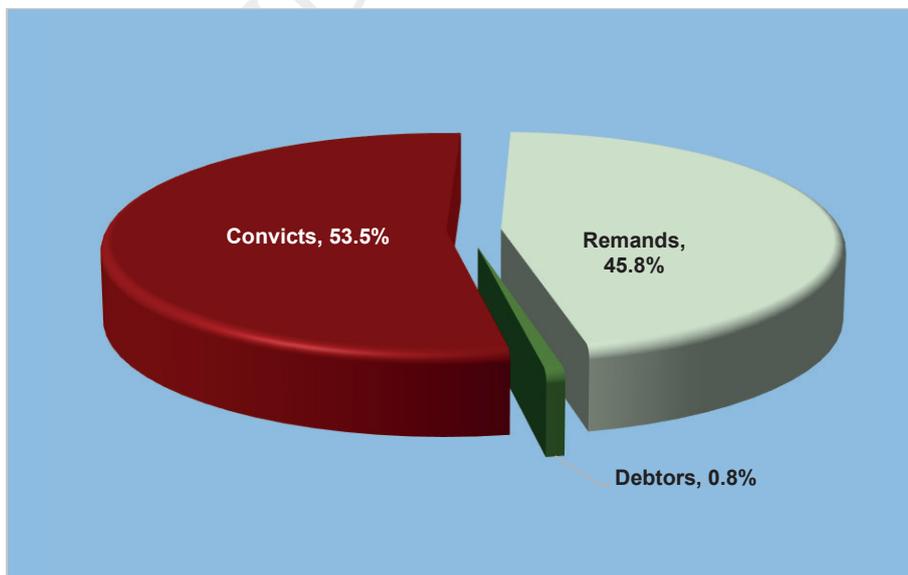


Figure 1: Composition of Prisons population

1.3. Monthly Population Trend of Prisoners between July, 2023 and March, 2024.

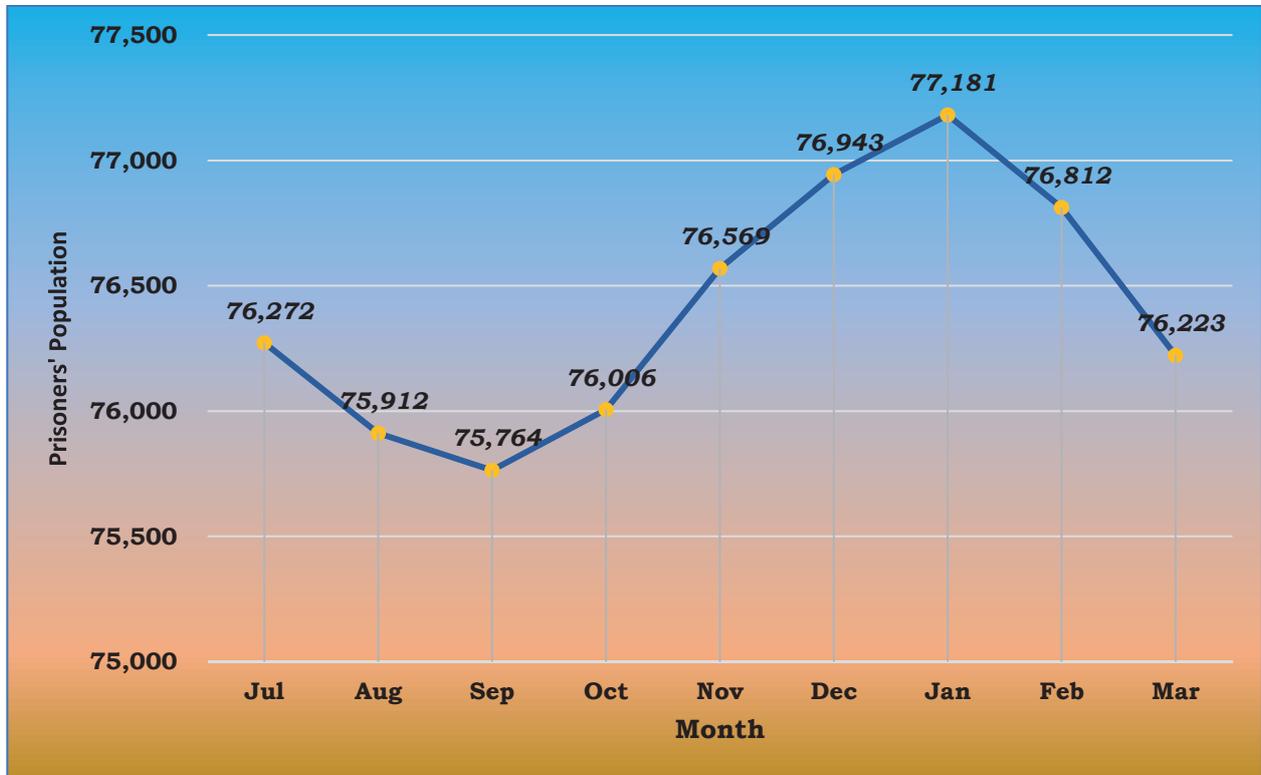


Figure 2: Trend of prisoners' population growth for the period between July, 2023 and March, 2024.

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1.4. Population Composition Trends for Convicts, Remands, and Debtors for the period between July, 2023 and March, 2024.

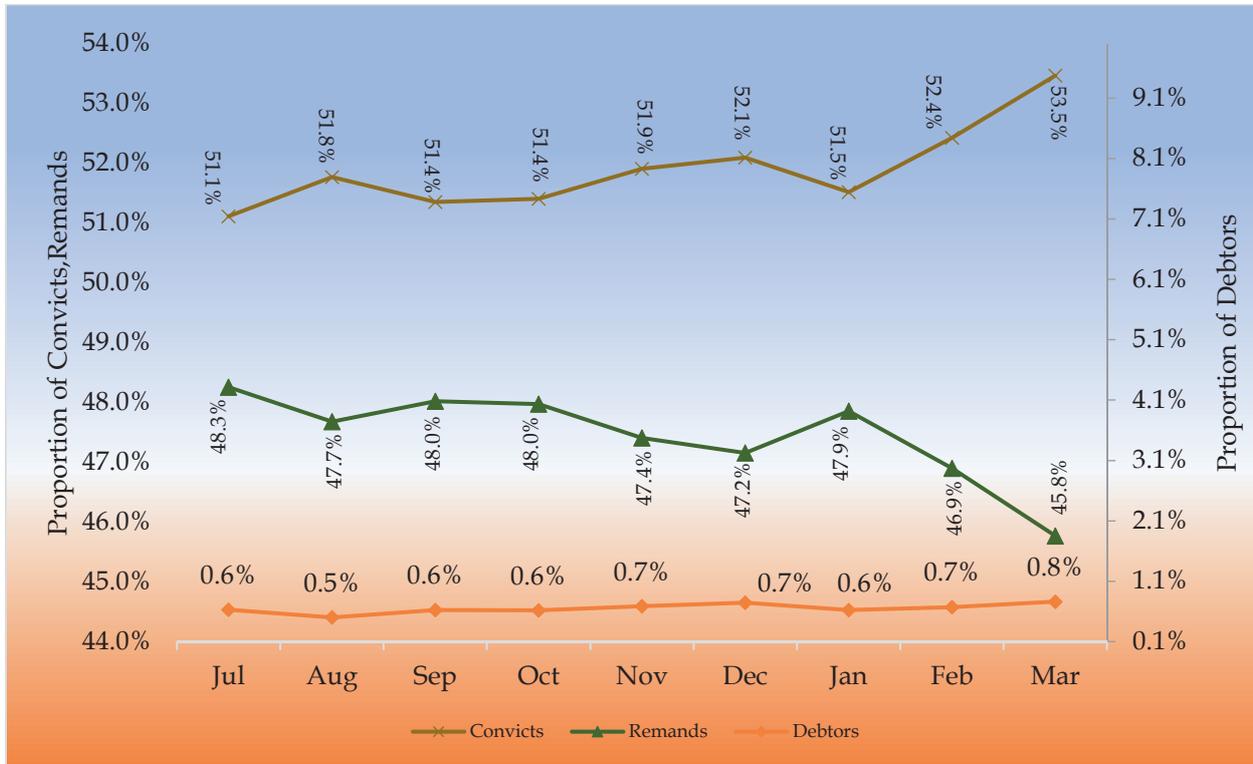


Figure 3: Monthly composition trends of convicts, remands, and debtors.

2. STAFFING POSITION

2.1 Staff Strength

Table 2: March, 2024 Staff Strength.

STAFF CATEGORY	GENDER		TOTAL
	Males	Females	
Uniformed	9,694	4,037	13,731
Senior officers	520	116	636
Principal officers	662	168	830
NCOs	8,512	3,753	12,265
Non-Uniformed	267	239	506
Senior officers	108	84	192
Junior officers	159	155	314
GRAND TOTAL	9,961	4,276	14,237
Percentage	70.0	30.0	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	142	25	167
CASP	164	36	200
PO I	244	61	305
PO II	162	45	207
CPO	256	62	318
Ch/Wdr I	233	60	293
Ch/Wdr II	288	95	383
Ch/Wdr III	525	212	737
Sgt/Wdr	1,214	581	1,795
Cpl/Wdr	2,039	1,031	3,070
L/Cpl	679	319	998
Wdr	3,534	1,455	4,989
Total	9,694	4,037	13,731

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024, BOMA GROUND, KATAKWI DISTRICT, MID-EASTERN UGANDA

Theme: "Accelerating Gender Equality Through Women's Economic Empowerment."



H.E president Yoweri Museveni inspects the band at the International Women's Day 2024 celebrations in Katakwi District.

President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda delivered a stirring address at the International Women's Day 2024 celebrations in Katakwi District, emphasizing economic empowerment and gender equality as cornerstones of national progress. Speaking to a diverse audience at the Boma Grounds, President Museveni articulated a vision of shared prosperity and opportunities, stressing the pivotal role of women in driving economic growth and social development.

Central to President Museveni's message was the imperative of leveraging Uganda's natural resources, particularly land, for commercial agriculture and economic empowerment. He championed initiatives such as "ekibaaro" (calculation) as catalysts for household development, highlighting their potential to uplift communities and eliminate barriers faced by women.

The President's remarks echoed the theme of the event, "Accelerating Gender Equality Through Women's Economic Empowerment," underscoring the need for comprehensive societal transformation. Museveni emphasized the importance of practical initiatives over legislative measures, calling for an organic approach to women's emancipation.



H.E president Yoweri Museveni, service chiefs and government officials observe the national anthem

President Museveni showcased success stories from across Uganda, where government interventions have yielded tangible improvements in livelihoods. From industrialization in the dairy sector to agricultural diversification through cocoa and palm oil cultivation, he demonstrated the transformative impact of targeted initiatives on poverty alleviation and economic development.

In addition to outlining government programs such as the Parish Development Model (PDM), Emyooga, and the GROW project aimed at empowering women entrepreneurs, President Museveni pledged further support for initiatives promoting fruit farming, fisheries, and dairy production.

He also honored outstanding individuals for their contributions to Uganda's progress, emphasizing the collective effort required to achieve national goals.

The Vice President, H.E Jessica Alupo, echoed President Museveni's sentiments, praising his leadership in promoting women's freedom and empowerment. Ministers of Gender, Labour, and Social Development, as well as other government officials, lauded Museveni's commitment to inclusive development and the transformative impact of affirmative action policies.

International representatives commended Uganda's progress toward gender equality while acknowledging ongoing challenges. They pledged continued support for efforts to advance gender equality and inclusive growth in the country. The Commissioner General of Prisons was represented by Deputy CGP Samuel Akena and other senior officers highlighting the breadth of support for women's empowerment across Ugandan institutions.

Ms. Stella Atoo, Superintendent of Prisons (Officer in Charge Luzira Women Prison), played a key role in the event as the Assistant Master of Ceremony, further highlighting the commitment of the Ugandan government to promoting gender equality at all levels.



UPS represented by DCGP Samuel Akena at the event

The joint parade and band, featuring participants from the UPDF, Uganda Police Force, Uganda Prisons Service and Uganda Wildlife Authority, symbolized solidarity and cooperation in advancing the rights and opportunities of women across the nation. Under the command of dedicated officers, they marched in harmony, embodying the spirit of unity in diversity that defines Uganda's national ethos.

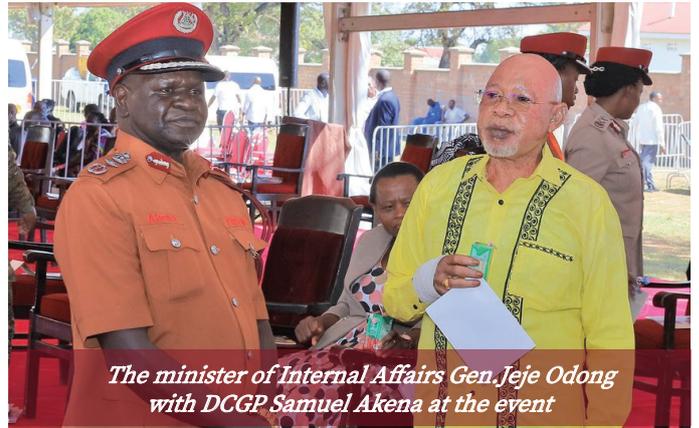


Parade underway in quick march

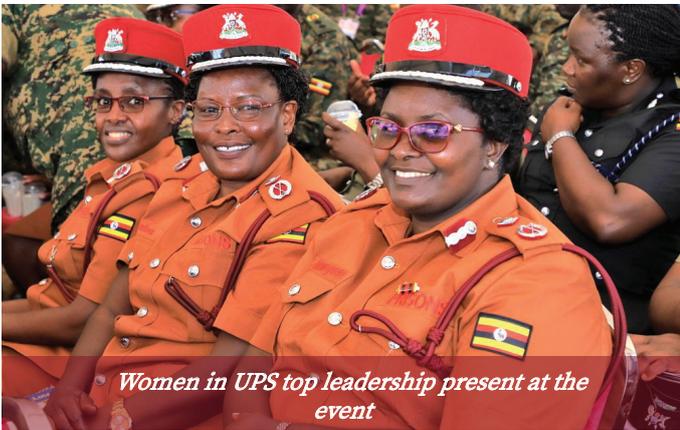
GALLERY



H.E. the president inspects parade



The minister of Internal Affairs Gen. Jeje Odong with DCGP Samuel Akena at the event



Women in UPS top leadership present at the event



UPS golden jubilee medalist being awarded



CASP Mariam Akao commanding the guard during parade



Parade formation underway



Prisons band at its best



Parade in quick march

NO MORE PRISON STAFF ACCOMODATION SHORTAGE



Commissioner General of Prisons together with members of UPS top leadership and other Officers in Charge of Prisons from the North East region at Ug. Prison Amita

On a working visit to UG. Prison Farm Amita in the North Eastern Region on March 20, 2024, the Commissioner General of Prisons (CGP), Can Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, commissioned eight new blocks of 64 low-cost housing units at Amita Prison farm. This significant development aims to enhance the welfare and accommodation of the prison staff, ensuring they have adequate and comfortable living conditions. Improving the living standards of the Prisons staff is a priority for the UPS, as it directly impacts their efficiency and morale.

Dr. Byabashaija's visit was marked by a guard of honor in the form of a quarter guard parade at the Main Gate of UG. Prison Farm Amita, a gesture that highlights the recognition for his leadership within the Uganda Prisons Service. During the visit, Dr. Byabashaija commended the inmates for their smartness and encouraged them to maintain high standards of hygiene and discipline. This visit underscores the Uganda Prisons Service's (UPS) commitment to ensuring safe, secure, and humane custody for all inmates.



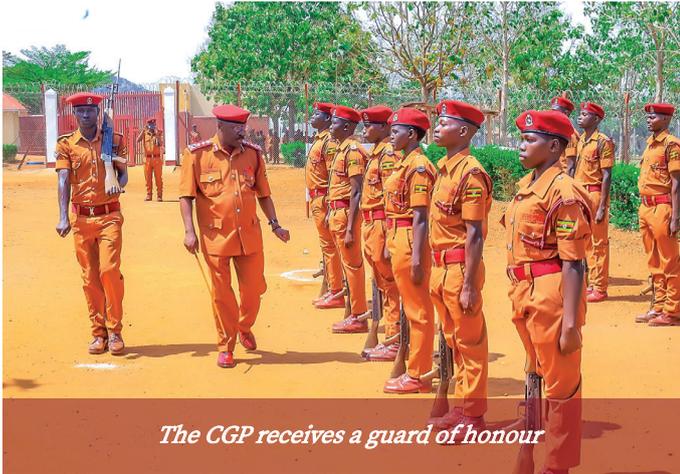
CGP commissioned 64 housing units at UG Prison Amita



The CGP cuts the ribbon as he is ushered into UG Prison Amita for the commissioning ceremony

Addressing the staff of Amita Prison, the CGP reiterated the importance of their roles and encouraged them to continue their dedication to the service. He acknowledged the challenging conditions they often face and assured them of ongoing efforts to improve their working environment. In addition to his engagement with the prison staff, Dr. Byabashaija held a meeting with the Officers in Charge of various prisons in the North East Region. This meeting provided a platform for discussing challenges, sharing best practices, and strategizing on further improvements within the prison system.

THE VISIT IN PICTURES



The CGP receives a guard of honour



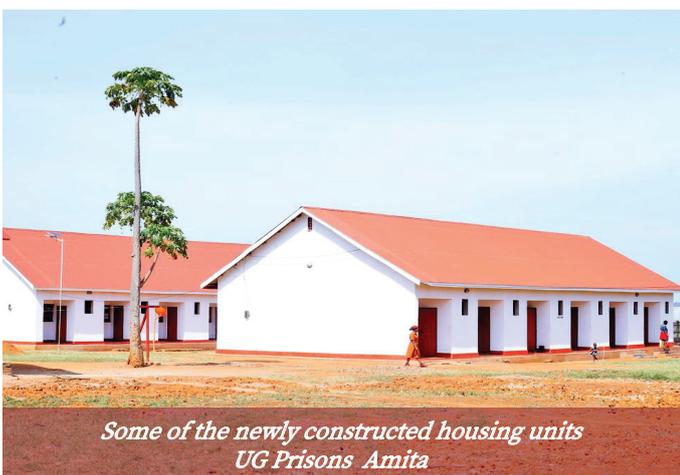
The CGP is taken on a guided tour of the newly constructed staff houses



The CGP commissioning the staff houses



Inmates perform a Karamajong cultural dance for the visiting entourage



Some of the newly constructed housing units UG Prisons Amita



The CGP commissioning staff houses

PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS KEY TO SUCCESS OF UPS

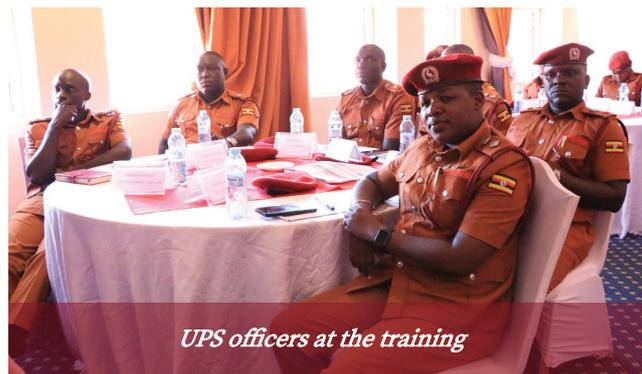


The Prevention of Violent extremism and promotion of human rights training in progress.

In a bid to enhance the knowledge and skills of prisons officials, the Uganda Prisons Service has teamed up with the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to provide training on Human Rights best practices and Preventing Violent Extremism (PCVE). The training, which brought together officers from various prisons across the country, aimed to assess prisons' compliance with the Mandela Rules in prison management. The Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Milton Tiyo, appreciated the organizers for the initiative, emphasizing the need for enhanced collaboration with other justice actors and continuous training of staff in Human Rights standards.



ACGP Milton Tiyo giving his remarks



UPS officers at the training

"It is incumbent upon us all to ensure that every prisoner is treated with respect for their inherent dignity and value as human beings," said UNODC's Lesa Nyambe, highlighting the crucial role of upholding respect for Human Rights while promoting peace and security in the country.

UHRC Chair, Ms. Mariam Wangadya, reiterated the Commission's commitment to ensuring the rights of all prisoners are respected and upheld. She stressed the need for better rehabilitation and social reintegration programs to break the cycle of re-offending.



Sharon Lesa Nyambe - Head - UNODC in Uganda giving her remarks



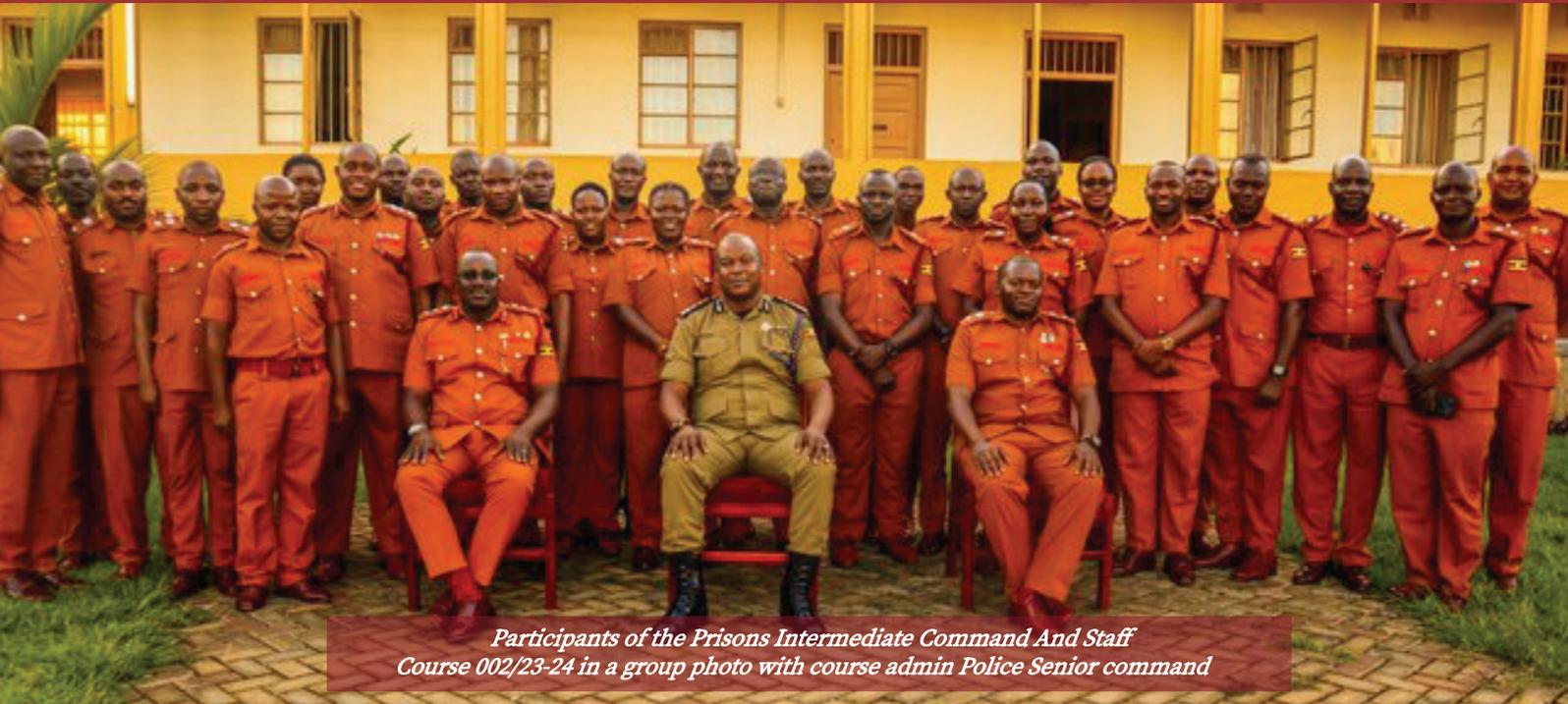
Uganda Human Rights Commission Chairperson Ms. Mariam Fauzat Wangadya giving her remarks



UPS officers at the training

The training demonstrates the Uganda Prisons Service's commitment to upholding Human Rights and promoting a safe and secure environment for all. By empowering prisons officials with the knowledge and skills to assess and address Human Rights concerns, the country takes a significant step towards promoting justice and preventing violent extremism.

CAPACITY BUILDING: PRISONS INTERMEDIATE COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE



Participants of the Prisons Intermediate Command And Staff Course 002/23-24 in a group photo with course admin Police Senior command

Mr. Moses Kafeero Kabugo, Senior Commissioner of Police (Commandant - Police Senior Command & Staff College - Bwebajja), conducted a lecture on Critical Incident Command tailored for Prisons Officers undergoing the Intermediate Command and Staff course at the Prisons Academy and Training School (PATS) in Luzira. The session was aimed to equip them with essential knowledge and strategies for managing critical situations effectively.

SCP Kafeero's lecture centered on an exploration of critical incidents, emphasizing the importance of understanding incident stages, defining security responsibilities, and refining command and control strategies. The participants were enlightened on various examples of critical incidents, ranging from fires and accidents to hostage situations, providing them with a broad perspective on potential challenges they may encounter in their line of duty.

Throughout the discussion, he highlighted the significance of proactive leadership, urging officers to assume temporary command when necessary, swiftly assess situations, and prioritize the safety of

responders. His emphasis on decisive action and rapid evaluation resonated with the officers, who recognized the role of effective crisis management in ensuring public safety and security.

SCP Kafeero highlighted the imperative of timely inter-agency collaborations in emergency response efforts. Stressing the need for coordinated personnel and equipment availability, he advocated for services to be limited to areas where officers are fully trained, aligning resources with the nature of the incident at hand. This strategic approach, he noted, is essential for optimizing response efficiency and mitigating potential risks.

The lecture concluded with a call to action for Prisons Officers to apply the insights gained in their day-to-day operations, reaffirming their commitment to safeguarding communities and upholding law and order. His invaluable contribution to enhancing the professional capabilities of law enforcement personnel was met with appreciation and gratitude from participants, who departed with newfound knowledge and determination to excel in their future roles.

UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE, MTN UGANDA, AND ROTARACT JOIN FORCES TO EMPOWER INMATES THROUGH EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING



MTN and Rotaract donating scholastic and support items to UPS Masaka Main Prison

In a groundbreaking partnership, the Uganda Prisons Service, MTN Uganda, Rotaract, and Rotary have come together to provide scholastic materials and support vocational training for inmates at Masaka Main and Women's Prison. This initiative marks a significant milestone in the rehabilitation and reintegration of inmates into society.

The partnership was announced on March 14, 2024, at Masaka Main Prison, where MTN Uganda, through its MTN Changemakers Initiative, donated essential educational materials and committed to supporting a comprehensive technical training program. The program will offer courses in welding, carpentry, tailoring, and salon services, empowering inmates with valuable skills to support their reintegration into society.

Mr. Joseph Otai, Senior Superintendent of Prisons (Officer In Charge Masaka Main), commended MTN Foundation's donation, stating, "This aligns with our vision of reintegration and rehabilitation. As the largest prison in Greater Masaka, there's a lack of inmate rehabilitation in our area. We are grateful to MTN and Rotaract Masaka for their support and skill development initiatives." The MTN Changemakers Initiative aims to empower individuals and organizations making significant contributions to their communities.



Mr. Joseph Otai, SP - Officer In Charge Masaka Main giving his remarks

Through this partnership, MTN Uganda demonstrates its commitment to supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of inmates, promoting a safer and more productive society. Rotaract and Rotary's involvement brings expertise and resources to the table, ensuring a comprehensive approach to empowering inmates. The vocational training program will provide inmates with practical skills, increasing their chances of successful reintegration into society.

This collaborative effort marks a significant step forward in supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of inmates in Uganda. By providing education and vocational training, the partners aim to make a positive impact on the lives of inmates, their families, and the community at large.

RELIGIOUS MINISTRY IN UPS



Archbishop Paul Ssemogerere brings a message of hope to Kitalya group of prisons

In a pastoral visit during the holy week leading up to Easter, Archbishop Paul Ssemogerere of Kampala visited the Kitalya Group of Prisons. As part of the Uganda Prisons Service's religious empowerment program, the Archbishop's presence resonated deeply with themes of renewal and redemption, offering vital spiritual support to the inmates.

Archbishop Ssemogerere's visit to both UG. Prison Farm Kitalya and Kitalya Mini Max Prison included the donation of scholastic materials, food, hygiene essentials, and liturgical items from the Diocese of Kampala. These contributions aim to enrich the lives of the inmates, reflecting a commitment to holistic care that addresses both physical and spiritual needs.

During his tour, the Archbishop observed impressive rehabilitation programs, health standards, and nutrition provided for the inmates. He praised these initiatives and noted that the donated items would further support education, feeding, spiritual upliftment, and sanitation efforts within the prisons. In his sermon to the inmates, Archbishop Ssemogerere emphasized the inherent dignity and worth of every human being, drawing on the biblical passage Matthew 25:35-46.



The Archbishop visiting the Kitalya garments factory



The Archbishop visiting the Kitalya multi purpose computer lab.

He reminded the prisoners of Christ's call to compassion: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me something to drink...!". His words encouraged all to extend kindness and compassion, especially during this Lenten season.

Speaking on the significance of his visit, Archbishop Ssemogerere expressed the church's commitment to partnering with the Uganda Prisons Service in promoting positive change and transformation in the lives of inmates.

He highlighted the importance of such partnerships in fostering environments that support the rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners into society. The Archbishop's visit and the generous donations from the Diocese of Kampala exemplify a dedicated effort to provide holistic care to inmates, ensuring their physical, educational, and spiritual needs are met.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED AT LUZIRA WOMEN PRISON



Officer in Charge Luzira Women Prison, Ms. Stella Salume Atoo, SP, together with other invited guests at the event.

In a vibrant celebration of Women's Day, UG. Prison Luzira Women, situated in the Kampala Extra Region, reverberated with joy and jubilation as female inmates, staff, and distinguished guests came together to honor womanhood and empowerment.

The occasion, graced by Mrs. Geraldine Opoka, the Executive Director of Souls Foundation Limited, she delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the inherent value and purpose of each female inmate. Ms. Opoka encouraged a shift from negative to positive mindsets, envisioning a future where these women contribute meaningfully to society upon their release. She highlighted the significance of spiritual investment, asserting that peace of mind is the truest wealth.

Ms. Stella Salume Atoo, Superintendent of Prisons (Officer in Charge UG. Prison Luzira Women), lauded the progressive leadership of Uganda Prisons Service for its open-door policy. She stressed the invaluable role of partnerships from various sectors, including families, individuals, and companies, in supporting rehabilitative programs within the prison service. Ms. Atoo encouraged female prisoners to engage in diverse income-generating activities such as soap making,

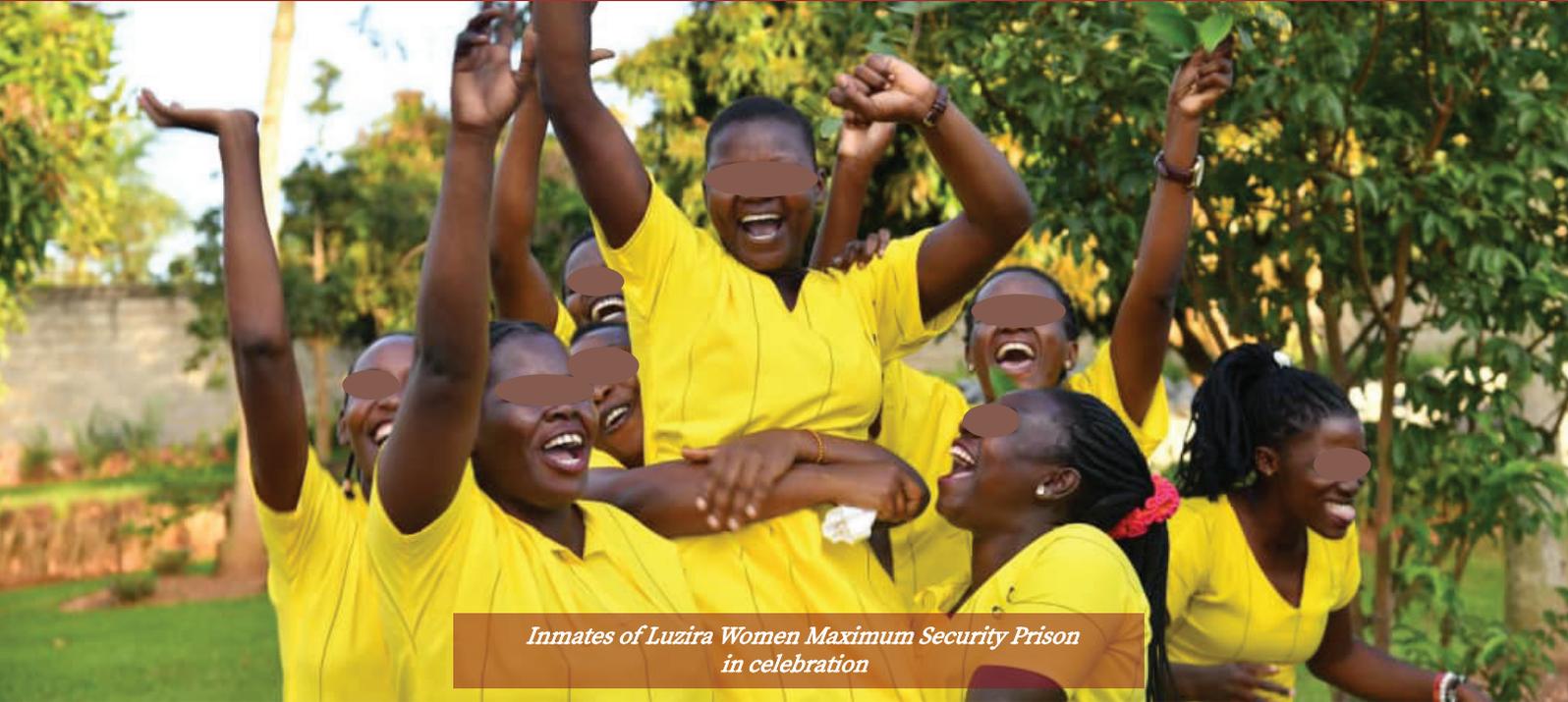


Ms. Dinah Martha Akirapa, Principal Rehabilitation and Reintegration Officer gives her remarks

Ms. Dinah Martha Akirapa, Principal Rehabilitation and Reintegration Officer, representing the Regional Prisons Commander highlighted the unique potential of women and urged inmates to channel their efforts towards productivity and self improvement. Martha underscored the importance of developing talents and maintaining a forward-thinking mindset to prepare for life beyond prison walls. She commended the O.C for her special rapport with female inmates and extended gratitude to welfare, medical staff, prison personnel, and development partners for their unwavering support.

The celebration unfolded with traditional dances, music, poetry, and exhibitions showcasing the talents and skills of female inmates. Exhibition of hand crafts by inmates added flavor to the festivities, creating a vibrant atmosphere of unity and solidarity.

UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE CELEBRATES OUTSTANDING UACE PERFORMERS



Inmates of Luzira Women Maximum Security Prison in celebration

In a display of determination and academic excellence, inmates at Upper Prison Inmate School, Luzira, achieved outstanding results in the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) examinations for the year 2023. The achievement, which highlights the transformative power of education, reflects the commitment of both inmates and Uganda Prisons Service to rehabilitation and reintegration.

A total of 34 inmates, comprising 30 males and 4 females, sat for the UACE examinations, with each candidate demonstrating perseverance. Remarkably, they all successfully qualified for the award of the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education.

At the Upper Maximum Security Prison, notable achievers include Oyoo Bosco, who secured an impressive 16 points, and Twesiime Alex, Senyondo James, and Wasswa Robert, each achieving 12 points. Their outstanding performance reflects not only their academic abilities but also their resilience and dedication to self-improvement.

Similarly, at the Luzira Women Maximum Security Prison, two female prisoners have distinguished themselves through their academic achievements. Alupo Esther and Nagawa Safina



Inmates of Upper Prison in celebration

attained 13 and 12 points, respectively. Nagawa Safina, an aspiring journalist, and Alupo Esther, who dreams of becoming a lawyer, serve as inspiring role models for their fellow inmates, encouraging them to prioritize education as a pathway to personal and professional growth. Under the visionary leadership of CGP Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, Formal Inmate Education stands as a cornerstone in the Uganda Prisons Service's rehabilitative efforts. The success of the Formal Inmate Education program underscores its transformative impact in empowering offenders to become law-abiding and productive members of society.

INMATES UPLIFTED BY RELIGIOUS EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE



Officers and inmates at Jinja Remand Prison receive relief items from Watoto church and Power FM representatives

Inmates at Jinja Remand Prison participated in a religious empowerment initiative organized by the Uganda Prisons Service.

The event included sermons, prayers, and a symbolic cake-cutting ceremony, aiming to foster a sense of community and spiritual renewal. In collaboration with Watoto Church and Power FM 98.7, the initiative focused on the theme "Redemption Love of Jesus," spreading messages of love, forgiveness, and redemption to the inmates.

The activities of the day included inspirational sermons highlighting the power of faith and the promise of new beginnings, which deeply resonated with the inmates. The prayers offered a moment of collective reflection and spiritual solace, reinforcing the idea of God's unwavering love and compassion. In addition to the spiritual nourishment, the event featured the distribution of gifts, embodying the Easter spirit of generosity and care. The gifts, along with the uplifting messages, aimed to remind inmates that they are valued and loved, regardless of their circumstances.

The symbolic cake-cutting ceremony was a highlight of the day, symbolizing unity and the shared celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. It brought joy and a sense of inclusion to the inmates.

Representatives from Watoto Church and Power FM emphasized the importance of extending love and compassion to all individuals, especially those in challenging situations. They reiterated that the theme "Redemption Love of Jesus" is a call to recognize and honor the inherent dignity of every person. This initiative at Jinja Remand Prison not only provided spiritual upliftment but also reinforced the commitment of Uganda Prisons Service to holistic care for inmates. Through partnerships with faith-based organizations, the service aims to create environments where inmates can experience personal growth, hope, and a renewed sense of purpose.



Cake cutting moment

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY IN UPS



A Hybrid Seed Maize UH5355 field at U.G. Prisons Farm Ruimi showing male and female lines. Behind is Kibale Forest Reserve good for isolation

SEED MAIZE PRODUCTION

In a strategic move towards agricultural self sufficiency and enhanced food security, the Prisons Farms Department embraced seed maize production in 2016 as a delegated mandate from H.E the President of Uganda. This initiative not only tackles the challenge of adulterated seeds but also plays a vital role in fortifying the nation's overall food security by providing high quality certified maize seed to farmers at affordable prices. In this Financial year 2022/2023 a total of 1,430.7MT of certified maize seed and 67.5 MT of foundation seed were produced.

Seed maize producing farms namely; U.G Prisons Farms Ruimi for Hybrid seed, Amita for OPV longe 5D which is enriched with protein, Kitalya, Orom-Tikau, Ragem, Bulaula, Loro and Mubuku, for bulking parent lines. The quality of Prisons seed has earned acclaim, boasting an impressive performance score of 99% purity and 95% germination after laboratory tests at National Agricultural Research Laboratory Kawanda.



A section of Treated and bagged maize seed awaiting loading at U.G Prisons Farm Ruimi.



Maize seed drying on a platform at U.G Prisons Farm Ruimi, the best drying method under conducive weather



Farmers lining up for Prisons maize seed at U.G Prison Lira

Prisons maize seed touching Farmers lives on the account of its 99.9% purity and 95% germination. The seed enterprise directly contributes to Prisons' self-sufficiency, supplying 100% of the certified maize seed requirement for maize grain production across all prison farms. Beyond intrinsic benefits, it addresses market challenges of adulterated and overpriced seeds, reducing middlemen influence. Financially impactful, the Seed Maize Enterprise targets a substantial Non-Tax Revenue (NTR) of 5 Billion Ugandan Shillings annually. During the review period, 115 metric tons of certified seed, valued at UGX 690 Million, were distributed and planted across Prison farms, emphasizing its economic significance and pivotal role in sustaining the agricultural ecosystem within Prison facilities.



FINANCIAL YEAR	ACREAGE	OUTPUT IN MTs
FY 2016/17	975	655.6
FY 2017/18	1,071	1,051.5
FY 2018/19	1,462	1,218.7
FY 2019/20	1,163	1,348.9
FY 2020/21	1,261	1,157.3
FY 2021/22	1,202	1,112.1
FY 2022/23	1,613.5	1,430.7

Seed Maize Production Trend

In FY 2021/22, 1,202 acres yielded 1,112.1 MTs, while FY 2022/23 saw remarkable growth, with 1613.5 acres producing 1,430.7 MT. Acreage increased by an impressive 34.5%, and output grew by about 28.5%, highlighting Prisons Farms' resilience and dynamism in seed multiplication.

Seed processing and treatment

Simple seed treatment equipment was procured to help in having our seed processed, treated, and bagged ourselves to avoid adulterations by third parties. All the units have been supplied save for the dryer whose delivery is ongoing.





A section of maize grain field at U.G Prisons Farm Isimba.

MAIZE GRAIN PRODUCTION

Key Drivers of Successful grain production

Strategic initiatives driving success in maize grain production at Prisons Farms include but are not limited to;

A competent and committed workforce, contributing to the impressive growth trajectory in maize grain production. Their dedication and expertise underscore the pivotal role played in realizing and sustaining this success story.

Acreage expansion, aligning with growing demand, demonstrates a proactive approach to meeting nutritional needs.

Emphasizing quality inputs, including superior seeds and fertilizers, elevates the output's quality and yield.

Ongoing infrastructure improvements in drying and storage facilities maintain integrity and market readiness.

Capacity building, which entails routine training of both staff and inmates in good husbandry practices.

The integration of modern agricultural machinery enhances production efficiency.

Adoption of advanced farming technologies such as soil analysis for optimal conditions, enhancing yield and quality.

National Food and Feeds Security

Working on guidance of H.E the President on National Food and Feeds security, Uganda Prisons Farms Department is undertaking special assignments, elevating its role beyond conventional farming operations. Two noteworthy initiatives underscore the department's commitment to broader societal welfare in a concerted effort to contribute significantly to national food and feeds security.



Maize field under Food and Feed security at U.G Prisons Farm Aswa- 1

Under the intervention of Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries (MAAIF), the National Food & Feeds Security Program takes center stage in Prisons Farms' mission. This initiative aims not only to produce essential food items but also to generate feeds for livestock, fostering comprehensive food and feeds security for the country.

As part of the ongoing commitment to national food security, Prisons Farms is strategically expanding its footprint to new stations. The addition of Aswa, Awei Aloi-Ongom, Odina, and Pingire to the roster of stations underscores the department's proactive approach to broadening its impact. These new stations are poised to play a pivotal role in the nationwide intervention, contributing to the production of food and animal feeds that are vital for sustaining the country's food Security objectives.

Karamoja OPM Program

This is run with assistance from Office of the Prime Minister under the Karamoja school children feeding program and food security, implemented at U.G Prisons Farm Namalu.

Aligned with the Karamoja school children feeding program and food security initiative, the Prisons

Farms Department actively participates in special assignments implemented at Namalu Prisons Farm. This program, focuses on production of maize grain for school children in Karamoja sub region to contribute to regional food security concerns. Namalu Prisons Farm stands as a key contributor to the success of this initiative, exemplifying the department's dedication to community welfare beyond traditional farming roles. A total of 500 acres have been assigned to this cause with output of about 500MT of maize.



A section of Maize field at U.G Prisons Farm Namalu in Nakapirit District



Sunflower field at U.G Prisons Farm Ruimi

SUNFLOWER

Sunflower takes center stage in the oil crops initiative, notably as a cover crop, aiding in breaking the pests and disease cycles affecting other crops. Operating on a contractual basis, Mukwano Industries provides sunflower seeds to Uganda Prisons.

During the reporting period, there was a 55.7% improvement in planted acreage, with 895 acres compared to the previous year, 2022, which had 575 acres. The output also saw a 13% increase, reaching 278,082 kgs, compared to the 246,065 kgs harvested in 2022. Harvested sunflower seeds serve as raw materials for diverse products, creating a symbiotic relationship that has cultivated success. Beyond contractual commitments, sunflower has proven itself as a significant revenue-generating crop for Prisons Farms.



GLOBAL GOALS FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW: A LOOK AT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

2030



Eradicate Extreme Poverty by 2030: An Ambitious yet Achievable Target

In 2000, the world came together to reduce extreme poverty by half by 2015 - and we succeeded! Despite this progress, over 800 million people globally still struggle to survive on less than \$1.25 daily, equivalent to the entire European population living in dire poverty. Building on our past success, we now aim to abolish poverty entirely, recognizing that this formidable challenge can be overcome with collective effort and dedication.



Zero Hunger, Sustainable Agriculture, and Nutrition for All

Over the past two decades, global hunger has declined by nearly 50%. Many countries have made significant strides in ensuring their vulnerable

populations have access to nutritious food. This progress is a remarkable achievement. Now, we must take it a step further and eradicate hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity for good. To achieve this, we must adopt sustainable agricultural practices, support small-scale farmers, and prioritize nutrition. It's a challenging goal, but with nearly 1 in 9 people worldwide going to bed hungry each night, we must act. Let's work together to create a world where everyone has access to nutritious food all year round, and make this vision a reality by 2030.



Ensure a Lifetime of Well-being: Quality Healthcare for All

Good health is the foundation of a fulfilling life, impacting our happiness, productivity, and overall potential. That's why ensuring access to essential healthcare services, safe medicines, and effective vaccines is a top priority. While significant progress has been made in reducing preventable child and maternal mortality rates over the past 25 years, there is still much work to be done. Unacceptably high numbers of children under five years old and

populations have access to nutritious food. This progress is a remarkable achievement. Now, we must take it a step further and eradicate hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity for good. To achieve this, we must adopt sustainable agricultural practices, support small-scale farmers, and prioritize nutrition. It's a challenging goal, but with nearly 1 in 9 people worldwide going to bed hungry each night, we must act. Let's work together to create a world where everyone has access to nutritious food all year round, and make this vision a reality by 2030.



Unlocking the Power of Education: Inclusive and Equitable Learning for All

Despite progress, many children worldwide remain denied the fundamental right to education, hindered by poverty, conflict, and crises. Disparities persist, with those from the poorest households four times more likely to be out of school than their wealthier peers. Yet, there is hope. Since 2000, significant strides have been made, with a 91% enrollment rate in primary education in developing regions. Building on this success, our goal is to ensure every child has access to comprehensive education, from primary to secondary school, vocational training, higher education, and beyond. Let's strive for excellence in education, providing opportunities for all to reach their full potential and unlock a brighter future.



While the world has made significant strides in prosperity and fairness, a stark reality remains: gender inequality persists, and women and girls are consistently left behind. Disparities in employment, wages, and representation in public decision-making continue to affect women, who also bear the brunt of unpaid care work. Yet, there are encouraging signs of progress. More girls are in school, and gender parity in primary education has been largely achieved. The proportion of women in

paid employment is increasing. Building on these advancements, the Sustainable Development Goals seek to eradicate all forms of discrimination against women and girls, empowering them to reach their full potential and achieve true gender equality.



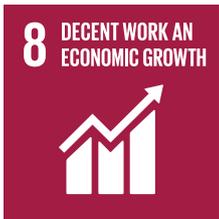
Universal Access to Safe Water and Sanitation: A 2030 Imperative

Ensuring that every person on the planet has access to clean, affordable drinking water and sanitation is a vital target to achieve by 2030. While many of us take these essentials for granted, millions worldwide face water scarcity, a crisis that will only worsen due to climate change, affecting at least one in four people by 2050 if we don't act. However, by fostering global cooperation, preserving natural water sources, and sharing innovative technologies, we can chart a new course to achieve this critical goal, guaranteeing a sustainable future for all.



Powering the World Sustainably: Energy for All

Significant strides have been made in expanding access to electricity, with 1.7 billion more people connected between 1990 and 2010. However, as the global population continues to grow, the demand for energy will only increase. The challenge lies in meeting this demand while mitigating climate change caused by fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions. The solution lies in embracing energy efficiency and clean energy sources like solar and wind power. By doing so, we can strike a balance between meeting the world's growing energy needs and protecting the environment for future generations.



Fostering Inclusive Economic Growth and Dignified Employment for All

Economic progress is meaningless without decent work opportunities that enable individuals to support themselves and their loved ones. While the global middle class has expanded significantly, with developing countries experiencing a threefold increase over the past 25 years, job growth is currently not keeping pace with the growing workforce. However, by implementing policies that encourage entrepreneurship, job creation, and the eradication of forced labor, slavery, and human trafficking, we can create a more inclusive and sustainable economic framework. Our goal is to achieve decent work for all women and men by 2030, promoting economic growth that benefits everyone.



Unlocking Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through Innovation

Technological advancements hold the key to addressing global challenges like job creation and energy efficiency. The internet, for instance, has connected the world, fostering global prosperity and wisdom sharing. However, a significant digital divide remains, with four billion people, mostly in developing countries, lacking internet access. Investing in innovation, infrastructure, and sustainable industries can bridge this gap, driving sustainable development. By prioritizing scientific research, innovation, and digital inclusion, we can create a more equitable and connected world, unlocking opportunities for all.



Breaking the Cycle of Inequality: A Global Call to Action

The persistent widening of the wealth gap between the rich and the poor is a long-standing concern. It's time to rewrite this narrative by implementing policies that foster equal opportunities for all, regardless of background or origin. Income inequality is a pressing global issue that demands collective solutions. We must strengthen financial market regulation, direct development aid to where it's most needed, and ensure safe migration pathways for people to pursue their aspirations. Together, we can reverse the trend of inequality and create a more just and equitable world for all.



Building Sustainable and Inclusive Cities for All

As the world becomes increasingly urbanized, with over half the global population living in cities, it's essential to ensure these hubs are equitable, safe, and environmentally conscious. By 2050, two-thirds of humanity will call cities home. While cities thrive as cultural and economic centers, they also struggle with extreme poverty and inequality. To create a more sustainable urban future, we must prioritize affordable housing, upgrade informal settlements, invest in public transportation, and develop green spaces. Additionally, we need to involve a diverse range of stakeholders in urban planning decisions. By doing so, we can preserve the vibrancy of cities while addressing their challenges, making them thriving and inclusive spaces for all.



Transforming Consumption and Production for a Sustainable Future

The world's consumption patterns are inconsistent and unsustainable, with some individuals using excessive resources while others lack access to basic necessities. Our goal is to create a world where everyone's needs are met without depleting natural resources for future generations. To achieve this, we must optimize resource management, minimize toxic waste, reduce food waste by half, and

encourage businesses and consumers to adopt recycling and reduction practices. Additionally, we will support developing countries in adopting responsible consumption patterns, ensuring a more equitable and sustainable world for all.



Act Now to Mitigate Climate Change and Its Devastating Impacts

Climate change is wreaking havoc globally, with devastating consequences evident in every country. The economic toll from natural disasters like earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones, and floods amounts to hundreds of billions of dollars annually. We can reduce the loss of life and property by enhancing resilience in vulnerable regions, such as landlocked countries and island states. With collective political will and technological innovation, we can still limit global warming to two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, avoiding the worst-case scenarios. The Sustainable Development Goals provide a framework for international cooperation to tackle this pressing challenge and ensure a sustainable future.



Protecting the Oceans: Essential for Human Life and Sustainable Development

The oceans are the lifeblood of our planet, supporting human existence through their temperature regulation, chemical balance, currents, and diverse marine life. Over 3 billion people rely on oceanic and coastal resources for their livelihoods. However, unsustainable practices have led to the overexploitation of nearly a third of global fish stocks, threatening the health of our oceans. Even those living far from the ocean rely on its vital functions, such as carbon sequestration and oxygen production. Unfortunately, human activities have increased ocean acidity by 26% since the industrial revolution, and plastic pollution has reached alarming levels, with 13,000 pieces of trash per square kilometer. But there is hope! The Sustainable Development Goals

outline targets for responsible ocean management and conservation, ensuring the long-term health of our oceans and the well-being of all people dependent on them.



Preserve and Restore Land Ecosystems

Terrestrial ecosystems are crucial for human and animal survival, providing food, clean air and water, and combating climate change. Forests, covering 30% of the Earth's surface, are vital for environmental balance and home to millions of species. However, land degradation, desertification, and biodiversity loss are accelerating at alarming rates. The Sustainable Development Goals aim to reverse these trends by conserving and restoring ecosystems like forests, wetlands, and mountains by 2030, ensuring a sustainable future for all.



Build Peaceful and Just Societies for Sustainable Development

Peace and justice are essential for a country's development, enabling citizens to thrive and reach their full potential. Without peace, there can be no development, and without justice, there can be no peace. While some regions enjoy relative peace and justice, others are plagued by conflict, crime, and exploitation, hindering their progress. The Sustainable Development Goals seek to reduce violence and promote lasting solutions to conflict, strengthening the rule of law, regulating the flow of illicit arms, and empowering developing countries to participate in global governance.

EMBRACING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS IN THE UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE

The Uganda Prisons Services often identifies and provides its officers with capacity building opportunities in areas it considers critical to its mandate and mission. While these opportunities have over the years increased, not many officers have fully embraced or received these opportunities with open arms.

There is often a creeping fear among many officers, especially those in managerial roles, to take up these courses. The fear of 'WHAT NEXT AFTER THE COURSE' often blinds the officers from taking up these opportunities. I want to share my experience with other officers on my recent experience and help others understand and appreciate why these training opportunities should be embraced and taken up without any second thoughts.

Recently, I was identified and given an opportunity for training. While this training opportunity was great, I was afraid of losing my duty station.

However, I trusted the decision of my superiors and their confidence in me. I embraced the opportunity and reported for training. That meant leaving behind a life I had got accustomed to. As one who once hesitated at the crossroads of career advancement, I can now confidently tell you that accepting to go for the training was the best decision I ever made. Initially, like many of my peers,

I had found solace and security in the familiar confines of my duty station. The economic benefits and sense of responsibility tethered me to my post, creating a reluctance to venture into the unknown realm of professional training. But, dear colleagues, let me tell you of the transformation that awaits those who dare to step outside their comfort zones.

I recently embarked on a professional training course, and the rewards have been nothing short of transformative. Through continuous learning and capacity building, I've witnessed a profound increase in my knowledge and skills relevant to our service.

Each lesson learned has opened new world to me, exposing me to knowledge that I now realise, if I had had earlier, I would have been more efficient and effective in my work.

Our work requires resilience, commitment and passion and I have found not better play to inspire myself and re-commit to my work than through these trainings.

The beauty about these courses is that they make you appreciate different disciplines outside of our traditional knowledge areas and that inter-disciplinary appreciation of issues helps you become a better officer. In a rapidly evolving environment, static knowledge quickly becomes obsolete. To remain relevant and effective in our roles, we must be willing to adapt and grow.

The Uganda Prisons Service is not stagnant; it is evolving, expanding, and demanding more from its officers. We are tasked with the noble responsibility of ensuring the safety, security, and rehabilitation of those within our care. To fulfill this duty with excellence, we must be dedicated, well-trained, and equipped with the latest tools and techniques in corrections.

Yes, there may be uncertainties that accompany stepping away from our duty stations for training. But let us not be paralyzed by fear of the unknown. Instead, let us be guided by the vision of a brighter future, both for ourselves and for the service we proudly represent. To my fellow officers, I urge you: do not let short-term comforts blind you to the long-term opportunities that await. The current forts we hold will soon be taken away by those officers that have been bold to step out of their comfort zone to acquire these trainings. If we do not take up opportunities as they arise, we may soon be advised to give way for those that were open and bold to take up these courses. For us to remain resilient, innovative, and equipped to meet the demands of tomorrow, we can not make the mistake of avoiding trainings.

Let us honour the trust and confidence of those that have seen potential in us and identified us for training. If you have any fears, please find your supervisor or career guidance professional and discuss. You may be running away from the best opportunity that life can possible offer you.

Andrew Byekwaso
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UGANDA PRISONS DARTS CLUB DOMINATES UGANDA DARTS LEAGUE WITH IMPRESSIVE WINS



Aiming at the target

The Uganda Prisons Darts Club is making waves in the Kzone Darts League, showcasing their determination with a string of impressive victories. The team has won four out of five matches, defeating PEARL 11-1, Uganda Wildlife Authority 7-5, Uganda Cancer Institute 8-4, and Bank of Uganda 12-0, with their only loss coming against Uganda People's Defence Forces 7-5.

The Prisons Darts Club's impressive performance has boosted their morale and set them on track for a title run this season. Their dominance in the league is a testament to their hard work and dedication to the sport.

"We are thrilled with our performance so far," said the team's captain, "We have been training tirelessly and it's paying off. Our goal is to win the league title and we are determined to make it happen."

Against the next opponent, they are confident of another win. With their current form, they are a force to be reckoned with in the Kzone Darts League. The Uganda Prisons Darts Club's success is a reflection of the growing popularity of darts in the country. The sport has gained a significant

following in recent years, with many teams and players emerging to compete at the national level.

As the Kzone Darts League continues, fans can expect more thrilling matches from the Uganda Prisons Darts Club and other teams.



Congratulations to Uganda Prisons Darts Club on their impressive silver medal finish in the Uganda Darts Super Cup that was held in Lira, Uganda.

A GOAL FOR UNITY AND FITNESS: THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL'S INITIATIVE TO ENHANCE LIVELIHOODS AND STAFF WELL-BEING



The Prisons Head Quarters' team line up in a group photo before a tournament match

In a bid to foster camaraderie, promote physical fitness, and enhance teamwork among staff across various prison stations nationwide, the Commissioner General of Uganda Prisons Service earlier this year launched an inter-station sports tournament. The initiative, which kicked off amidst much enthusiasm and fanfare, aims not only to unify the prison community but also to highlight the importance of holistic wellness among its workforce.

The tournament which resumed after the COVID-19 pandemic, featured competitive football and netball matches, marking a significant milestone in the service's efforts to bolster morale and build stronger relationships among staff members. Speaking to Mr. Jimmy Anguzu, Senior Superintendent of Prisons (Officer in Charge - Sports) expressed his optimism about the positive impact of the tournament.

"This tournament is not just about sports; it's about building a cohesive team spirit within our prisons. It provides an avenue for our hardworking staff to unwind, showcase their athletic prowess, and forge lasting friendships beyond their daily duties," he stated.

The tournament, which is set to expand to include other sports disciplines such as volleyball, tug of war and shooting range, is poised to become an annual fixture in the prisons' calendar. This expansion aims to encompass all prisons units nationwide, thereby promoting inclusivity and encouraging a healthy competitive spirit among staff members from diverse backgrounds and locations.

"This initiative goes beyond mere recreation; it highlights our commitment to development of personnel. By encouraging physical activity and team engagement, we are not only enhancing individual well-being but also strengthening the overall operational readiness of our prisons," Mr. Anguzu emphasized.



Supporters cheer up their teams during the competition



Revellers on the pitch sides as the games are played



Netball in action

The tournament's format includes regional qualifiers leading to a grand finale and has already kicked off at Kampala Extra Region where winning teams will be awarded trophies and commendations for their exemplary sportsmanship and dedication. Beyond trophies, the real prize lies in the bonds forged and the mutual respect nurtured among colleagues, transcending the boundaries of duty stations.

As the tournament gains momentum and popularity among the prisons community, Mr. Anguzu remains optimistic about its future impact. "This is just the beginning. Through sports, we are building a stronger, more resilient corrections service—one where every member feels valued, supported, and part of a larger, unified team," he affirmed.

In addition to promoting physical fitness and teamwork, the tournament also serves as a platform for talent identification and development among prison staff, potentially opening avenues for participation in national sporting events and competitions.



Games underway



The CEO Maroons football club Mr. Rodrick Muhumuza participates in a football match



Team talk

CGP CUP 2024: TEAMS TAKE COMMANDING LEAD IN FOOTBALL



The SSU football team line up in a group photo before a tournament match

The CGP Cup 2024 has reached its midpoint, and the competition is intensifying. Prisons Academy and Training School (PATS) has emerged as the team to beat, with a commanding lead at the top of the leaderboard.

PATS' Impressive Form

PATS has been in impressive form, with five wins and one draw from their six matches. Their latest victory, a convincing 4-0 win over Medical Barracks, showcased their dominance and solidified their position at the top. With 16 points and a staggering +18 goal difference, PATS is the team to beat.

Uganda Prison Sports Station, this year's debutants, trails PATS by three points, with 13 points from six matches. Upper Prison and Safety and Security Unit (SSU) follow closely, with 12 points each. The competition is fierce, and these teams will be battling for crucial points to secure their positions in this edition.

Mid-Table Struggle

Murchison Bay and Kigo Government Prisons find themselves in the middle of the pack, with 10 and nine points, respectively. Uganda Prison Head quarters and Kampala Remand Prison struggle to

find their footing, with eight and six points, respectively. These teams will need to step up their game to avoid slipping down the leaderboard.

Strugglers at the Bottom

Band Prison and Medical Barracks prop up the table, with three points each. Barracks Prison remains winless, with a single point from six matches. These teams face an uphill battle to turn their season around and avoid relegation.

Exciting Matches Ahead

As the tournament reaches its crucial stage, teams will be fighting for every point. The upcoming matches promise to be thrilling, with PATS facing off against Sports Prison in a top-of-the-table clash. Upper Prison will take on SSU in another crucial match, while Murchison Bay and Kigo Prisons battle for mid-table supremacy. The CGP Cup 2024 is shaping up to be an unforgettable tournament, with PATS leading the charge. Will they continue their dominance, or will other teams rise to challenge them? The competition is heating up, and only time will tell.

CGP CUP 2024: NETBALL COMPETITION REACHES NEW HEIGHTS



The Murchison Bay netball team in a group photo before a tournament match

The CGP Cup 2024 netball tournament has reached its midpoint, and the competition is more intense than ever. The top teams, Sports Prison and Prisons Academy and Training School (PATS), are engaged in a fierce battle for supremacy, with both teams boasting impressive unbeaten runs.

Uganda Prison Sports Station has won all five of their matches, scoring an impressive 358 goals and conceding only 97. Their goal difference of +261 is the highest in the tournament, showcasing their dominance on the court. Their impressive performance has earned them the top spot in the standings, with 10 points from five matches. PATS is closely following, with five wins from six matches.

They have scored 274 goals and conceded 164, with a goal difference of +110. Their only loss came against Sports Prison in a thrilling match that ended 45-43 in favor of the champions. PATS is determined to dethrone Sports Prison and claim the top spot in the standings.

Prison Headquarters is in third place, with four wins from four matches. They have scored 229 goals and conceded 93, with a goal difference of +136. Their impressive performance



Prisons Headquarters: Eye for the goal

has earned them a spot in the top three, but they face stiff competition from NSS and Band, who are tied on points.

The competition is tense, with teams fighting for every point. NSS and Band are in a tight battle for fourth place, with both teams having won two matches and lost two. Luzira Women, despite their two wins, find themselves in sixth place due to their inferior goal difference.

Kigo, Murchison Bay, Kampala Remand, and Medical are struggling to keep up with the top teams. Kigo has managed one win from three matches, while Murchison Bay has won one

The tournament's second half promises to be even more exciting, with crucial matches lined up. Sports Prison will face off against PATS in a top-of-the-table clash, while Headquarters Prison will take on NSS in another crucial match. Band will face Luzira Women, while Kigo will take on Murchison Bay.

The CGP Cup 2024 netball tournament has been a thrilling competition so far, with teams displaying exceptional skill and determination. The competition is intense, and the stakes are high. Will Sports Prison continue their dominance, or will PATS dethrone them? Can Headquarters Prison maintain their impressive form, or will NSS and Band upset them? The answers to these questions will be revealed in the coming weeks as the tournament reaches its climax.

In the meantime, netball fans are in for a treat as the teams battle it out for supremacy. The CGP Cup 2024 netball tournament is a testament to the growth and development of netball in the country, and it promises to be an exciting and thrilling competition until the very end.

As the teams prepare for the second half of the tournament, one thing is certain - the CGP Cup 2024 netball tournament will be a competition to remember. The intensity, competitiveness, and excitement of the games have already made it a thrilling tournament, and it's only going to get better. So, stay tuned, netball fans, as the battle for supremacy continues.



Action time!



A netball game in progress



A netball game in progress

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE



Pipping Ceremony of Senior Prisons Officers on 02.06.2016 in Luzira presided over by the Commissioner General of Prisons Can. Dr. J.O.R Byabashajja

ORBITUARY

The Commissioner General of Prisons announces the deaths of fallen Comrades



6922 Ch/Wdr II
Lulu Henry Leku
Northern - Lugore
Age: 52
D: 14/03/2024



10934 Sgt/Wdr
Mulema Aloysius
Southern - Mugoye
Age: 50
D: 04/03/2024



18746 Warder
Ambangira Moris
Mid Eastern - Kumi
Age: 29
D: 11/03/202



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