

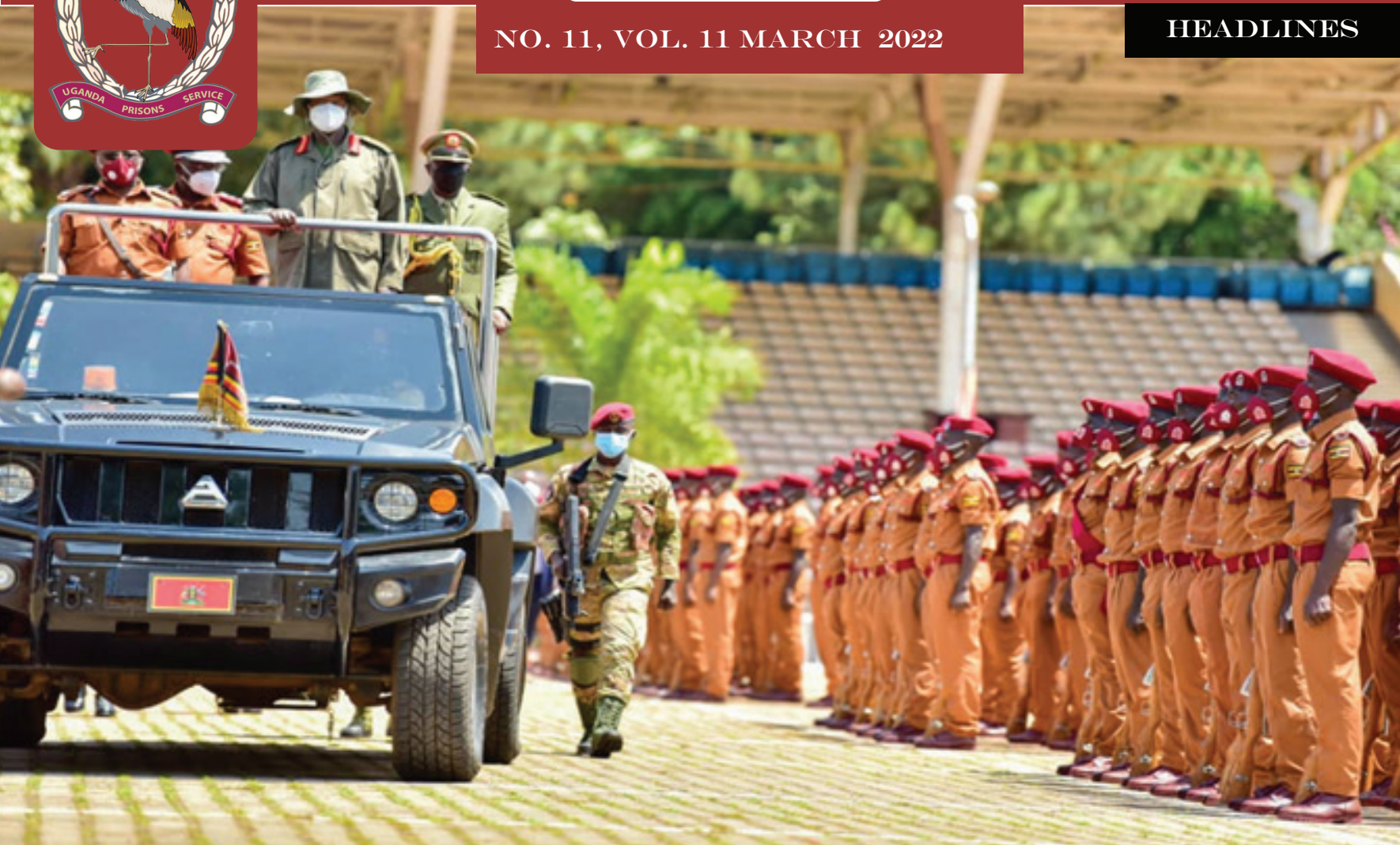
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## WISDOM CORNER

"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve" **Mary Kay Ash.**

"Character is much easier kept than recovered" **Thomas paine**

"Winners compare their achievements with their goals, while losers compare their achievements with those of other people" **NidoQubein**

"Rule your mind or it will rule you" **Horace**

" Self-discipline is a form of freedom. Freedom from laziness and lethargy, freedom from the expectations and demands of others, freedom from weakness and doubt. Self-discipline allows a pitcher to feel his individuality, his inner strength, his talent. He is master of rather a slave to, his thoughts and emotions". **Allan Alda**



**CAN. DR. JOHNSON O.R. BYABASHAIJA**  
**Commissioner General of Prisons**



## EDITORIAL



**FRANK MAYANJA BAINE**  
**COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS**  
**CORPERATE AFFAIRS**  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.**

Welcome to the March edition of the Uganda Prisons Service Monthly News Letter.

This month’s edition highlights Special celebrations of Women in Uniform in UPS, Bilateral Partnership between Ministry of Internal Affairs (Uganda) and Ministry of Justice (DRC), DRC Prisons officials Bench mark visit, UPS,ERA Partnership, Customer Care and PR training, Women Empowerment in UPS, Product Production, Sports and Memory Lane among others.

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## PRODUCTION OF UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE



## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF UPS

### ***Provide Safe, secure and humane custodial services for transformation of prisoners***

- a) Congestion/Occupancy levels reduced from 342.1% to 276.2%
- b) Coverage of safe water sources increased from 62.5% (162/259 stations) to 81.9% (212/259 stations)
- c) Escape rate among prisoners reduced from 5.9/1,000 to 3.0/1,000 held offenders
- d) Prisons with access to health care services increased from 98% to 100%
- e) Mortality rate reduced from 4.3/1,000 to 0.5/1,000 held offenders
- f) Proportion of staff housed increased from 31.87% to 37%
- g) Proportion of prisoners aware of their human rights from time to time increased to 100%

### ***Provide Rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders***

- a) Recidivism rate among offenders reduced from 15.6% to 13.2%

### ***Promote access to Justice***

- b) Length of stay on remand (months) reduced from 18.3 months to 13.0 months for capital offenders and from 3.8 months to 2.0 months for petty offenders
- c) Proportion of the remand prisoner population reduced from 48.6% to 42.5%
- d) 100% appeals of convicted prisoners lodged and heard

### ***Enhance Prisons production and productivity***

- a) Prisons farms contribution to the national cotton production per year increased from 0.7% to 10.5%
- b) Prisons farms contribution to the national maize seed production per year increased from 0.36% to 18%
- c) Prisons farms contribution towards prisoners feeding requirements increased from 38% to 100%
- d) Shs.292.58bn generated in Non Tax Revenue

### ***Strengthen Governance, institutional capacity and accountability***

- a) Improved public perception of UPS services
- b) Enhanced capability of staff – (Competent, motivated, professional, efficient and effective correctional staff)
- c) Up to date and conducive policy, legal and regulatory framework in place
- d) Coverage of the approved structure increased from 22.4% to 31.9%
- e) Staff attrition reduced from 284 staff to 200 staff per year



## CELEBRATING WOMEN IN UNIFORM



**Elizabeth Nanfuka**  
Commissioner of Prisons  
(Rehabilitation and Reintegration)



**Juliet Nantale**  
Ass. Commissioner of Prisons  
(Rehabilitation and Reintegration)



**Margret Orik Obonyo**  
Ass. Commissioner of Prisons  
(RPC-Northern Region)



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Ass. Commissioner of Prisons  
(Commandant-PATS)



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Ass. Commissioner of Prisons  
(ON MISSION)

UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE  
MONTHLY STATISTICS SUMMARY  
MARCH, 2022

1.PRISONERS

1.1. Population Change

Table 1: March, 2022 Average Population of Prisoners

Categories	March			February			Percentage Change (%)
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Convicts:	31,322	1,394	32,716	30,864	1,354	32,218	1.5
Remands:	33,556	1,663	35,219	33,693	1,651	35,344	-0.4
Debtors:	270	56	326	199	47	246	32.5
Total:	65,148	3,113	68,261	64,756	3,052	67,808	0.7
Percentage (%)	95.4	4.6	100.0	95.5	4.5	100.0	
Approved Capacity			19,986			19,986	
Occupancy Rate (%)			341.5			339.3	

1.2. Percentage composition of remands, convicts and debtors

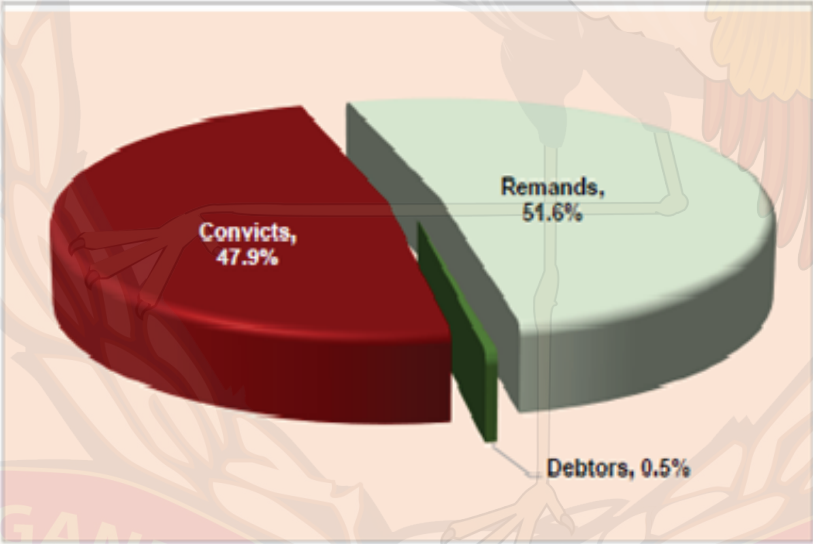


Figure 1: Composition of Prisons population



1.3. Monthly Population Trends of Prisoners (July, 2021 to March, 2022)

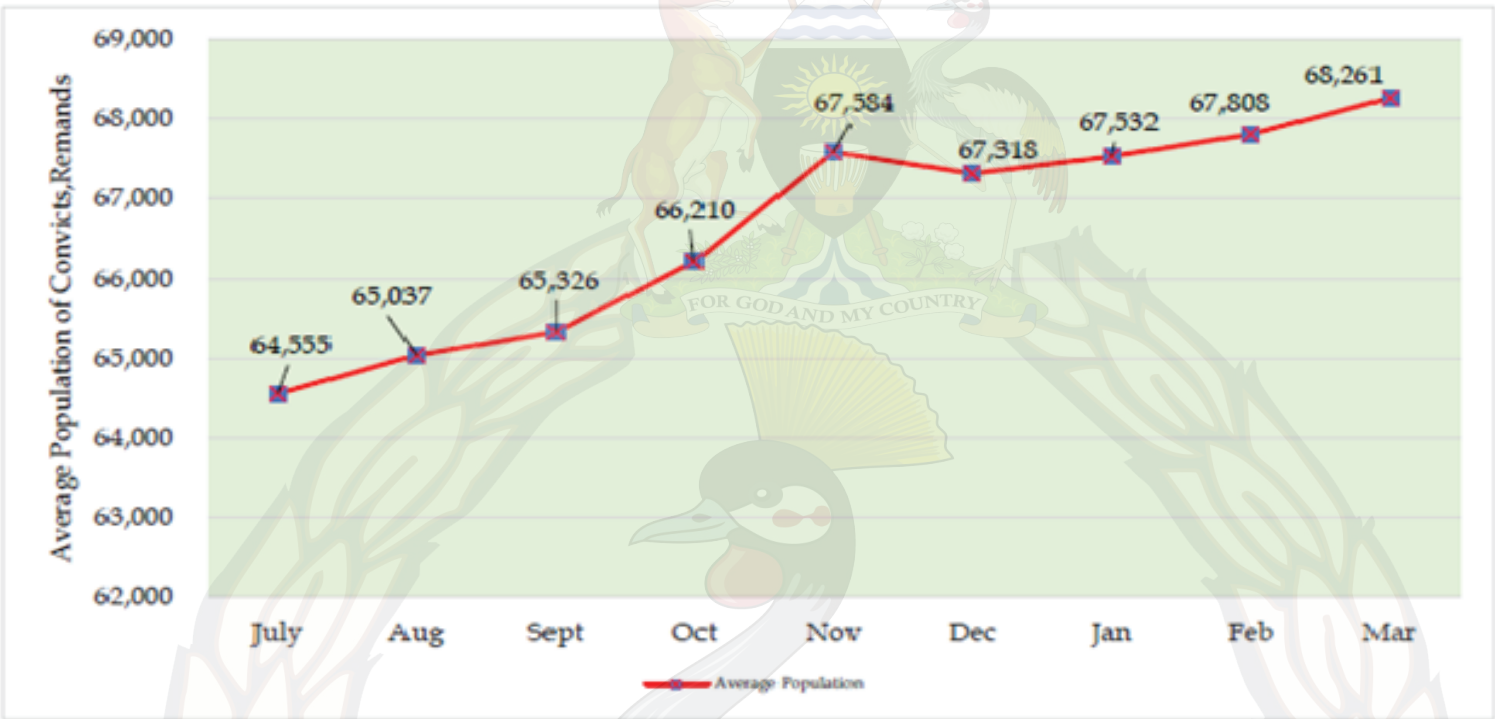


Figure 1: Monthly population Trend of prisoners

1.1. Population Composition Trends for Convicts, Remands, and Debtors for the period July, 2021 to March, 2022

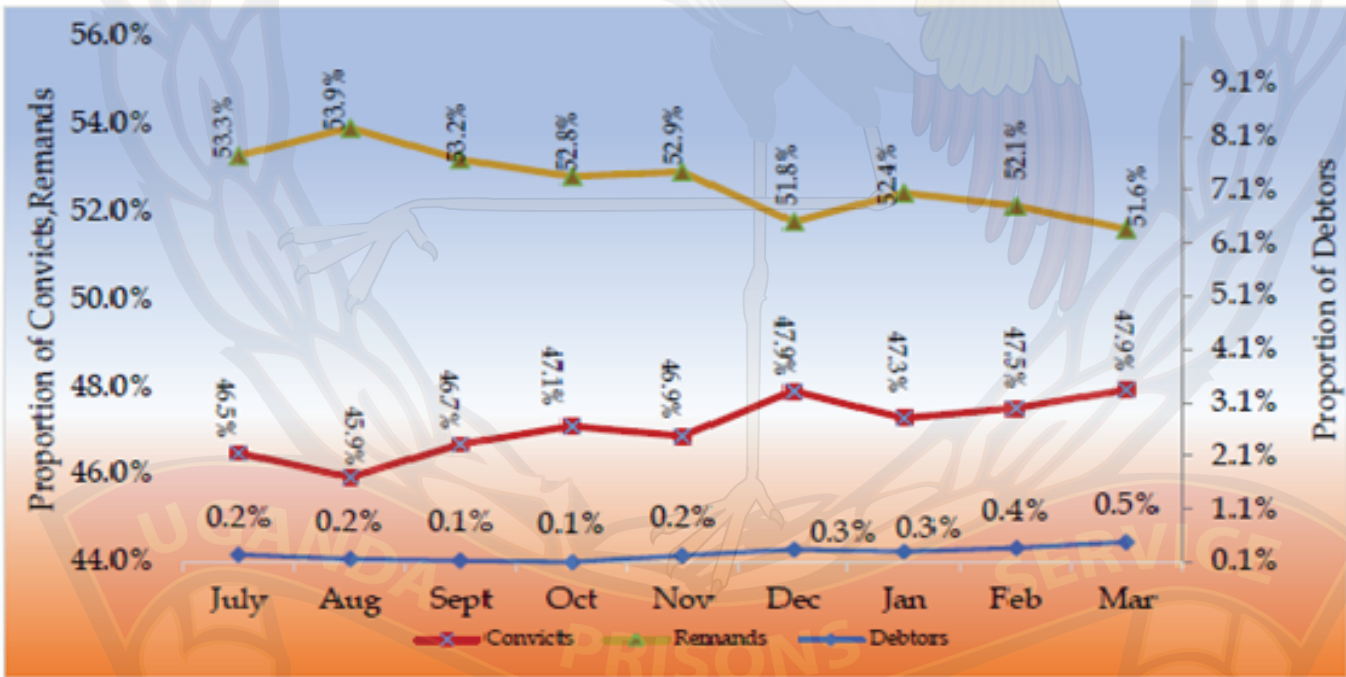


Figure 2: Monthly composition trends of convicts, remands, and debtors

## 2. STAFFING POSITION

### Staff Strength

Table 2: Current Staff Strength.

STAFF CATEGORY	GENDER		TOTAL
	Males	Females	
<b>Uniformed</b>	<b>8,724</b>	<b>3,460</b>	<b>12,184</b>
Senior officers	372	82	454
Principal officers	418	112	530
NCOs	7,934	3,266	11,200
<b>Non-Uniformed</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>449</b>
Senior officers	87	69	156
Junior officers	147	146	293
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,958</b>	<b>3,675</b>	<b>12,633</b>
Trainees at PATS	166	36	202
CASPs	166	36	202
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9,124</b>	<b>3,711</b>	<b>12,835</b>
Percentage	71.1	28.9	100.0

### Uniformed staff by Rank

Table 3: Uniformed staff by Rank

RANK	Male	Female	Total
CGP	1		1
DCGP	1		1
ACGP	5		5
CP (2 Ag. Directors)	18	1	19
Ag CP	2		2
ACP	19	7	26
SSP	36	7	43
SP	86	25	111
ASP	138	31	169
CASP	66	11	77
CASP (Trainees)	166	36	202
PO I	142	37	179
PO II	276	75	351
Chief Warders/Wardresses I	183	45	228
Chief Warders/Wardresses II	260	63	323
Chief Warders/Wardresses III	433	165	598
Sergeant /Matron	1,048	473	1,521
Corporal and Assistant Matron	1,658	807	2,465
Wdr	4,352	1,713	6,065
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,890</b>	<b>3,496</b>	<b>12,386</b>



## BILATERAL PARTNERSHIP: MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (UGANDA) HOSTS MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF D.R.C



***From left to right; Mr. Jean Pierre Masala, Ambassador of DRC to Uganda, Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Omuhunde Rwashote Byabashaija, Minister for Justice of the DRC, Ms. Motombo Kiese Rose, Minister of State for Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uganda,, Gen. David Muhoozi, Permanent secretary Ministry of Internal Affairs - Lt Gen Joseph Musanyufu.***

The Minister for Justice of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ms. Motombo Kiese Rose held a bilateral meeting with her counterpart, Minister of State for Internal Affairs, Mr. David Muhoozi of the Republic of Uganda during a benchmark visit by DRC Prisons Officials to Uganda Prisons Service.

The meeting took place on Tuesday 7th April 2022 afternoon at the Ministry of Internal Affairs Headquarters in Kampala.

Minister Mutombo and Minister Muhoozi mutually agreed to effect the Prisons and Judicial reforms in the DRC that will match the standards of Uganda's status.



***MIA Board room as discussion for MOU are underway with DRC delegation.***



***UPS team led by the CGP at MIA headquarters***

Following the discussion, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Internal Affairs, Lt. Gen. Joseph Musanyufu said a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the two institutions.

According to the Commissioner General of Prisons Can. Dr. Johnson Omuhunde Rwashote Byabashaija, Uganda Prisons Service has been identified as an anchor institution for the DRC Prisons authorities particularly due to its Rehabilitation and Reintegration programs within the African Continent.

The Democratic Republic of Congo officially joined the East African Community at the 19th Extra – Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State last week.



## D.R.C MINISTER OF JUSTICE MAIDEN VISIT TO PRISONS HEADQUARTERS



### *Minister for Justice of the DRC, Ms. Motombo Kiese Rose and Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija,*

The Democratic Republic of Congo, Minister of Justice, Mrs. Mutombo Kiese Rose in the company of Mr. Jean Pierre Masala, Ambassador of DRC to Uganda today paid a courtesy call on the the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Omuhunde Rwashote Byabashaija at Uganda Prisons Headquarters, Kampala.

The delegates have been in Uganda for a Benchmark visit focused on Prisons Reforms in the DRC.

The CGP welcomed the Minister of Justice (DRC) to Uganda and discussed matters of mutual interest between the two institutions, he briefed them about the strategic objectives, mission and mandate of UPS as to why it achieved much with passage of time

To note, earlier, the African Journal of Criminology and Justice indicated that Uganda has the best Prisons Rehabilitation programs and ranked 1st on the African continent and 4th globally.



### *The dialogue in progress in the office of CGP*







## BENCHMARK VISIT: D.R.C PRISONS OFFICIALS LEARN FROM UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE



**Mr. Samuel Akena, AIGP briefing the DRC delegation at the UPS Boardroom**



The Democratic Republic of Congo officially joined the East African Community at the 19th Extra – Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State on the Tuesday.

The Uganda Prisons Service is hosting prisons officials from the DRC on a benchmark visit focused on Prisons Reforms in the areas of;

- i) Prisons Industries and Production,
- ii) Prisons Food security initiatives,
- iii) Prisons Security Systems,
- iv) Gender mainstreaming and v) Human Resource Management particularly management of Training school, career planning and succession.

The delegation paid a courtesy call to the Prisons headquarters where the Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons, Samuel Akena received and briefed them on the Service on behalf of the Commissioner General of Prisons.



**UPS heads of departments had a presentation on the activities of UPS to the delegates**



## GALLERY: D.R.C PRISONS OFFICIALS BENCHMARK VISIT TO UGANDA PRISONS SHOW ROOM-LUGOGO

They were welcomed and briefed by Kabami Juliet, Superintendent of Prisons (Showroom Manager)  
The officials are on a study tour to understand the operations of Uganda Prisons Service.



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## UPS & ERA PARTNERS TO INCREASE ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION



**Mr. Samuel Akena, ACPG and Eng. Ziria Waako of ERA**

Uganda Prisons Service and Electricity Regulatory Authority on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U) at the E.R.A head office which will see the service transition from using biomass to electricity while cooking.

The agreement is a Government initiative to increase electricity consumption and save the environment.

The Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons, Samuel Akena who represented the CGP noted that the Service uses 30 tonnes of firewood every year for cooking in the 254 prisons country wide holding 67,000 prisoners and spends over 1.6 billion shillings on firewood annually.

The Electricity Regulatory Authority Chief Executive Officer Eng. Ziria Waako outlined the project benefits like reduction in pollution associated with cooking using firewood and improved health by eliminating inhalation of smoke during the cooking process.



**MOU signing gets underway**

The Ceremony was witnessed by Mr. David Nsalasatta, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons (Director of Production and Engineering) , Mr. Samuel Emiku, Under Secretary and UPS ccounting officer, Mr. illary Bisanga, Commissioner of ]Prisons (Logistics Management), Mr. Jude Kaliisa,, Commissioner of Prisons (Project Development), Mr. Henry Tiberondwa Assistant Commissioner (Engineering) and M/s. Victoria Nahyema., Superintendent of Prisons (legal)



**After a fruitful MOU, representatives from UPS and ERA in a group photo**



## PLEA BARGAINING: A JUDICIARY PROJECT TO REDUCE CASE BACK LOG

The Chief Justice, Hon. Justice Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny - Dollo described Plea Bargaining as a good intervention that will help the Judiciary to shift from case backlog to caseload management.

"During the Annual Judges' Conference, we agreed to a paradigm shift from case backlog to case load management and Plea Bargaining is a good intervention in facilitating the shift."

He made these remarks on Monday while flagging off a week-long Plea Bargaining Sensitization and Prison Camp at Mbarara Main Prison. This was the first Plea Bargaining Camp he was presiding over as Chief Justice. At the Camp, 700 have been lined to be concluded within the week.

The Chief Justice reassured the stakeholders who included Judicial Officers, heads of diplomatic missions, representatives of criminal justice institutions and the inmates, that the Courts were ready to handle cases that may not necessarily be backlog but are ready for trial.



The call to utilize Plea Bargaining in the Criminal Justice System was reiterated by the Chief Registrar, HW Sarah Langa Siu, who noted that the fast access to justice initiative was a game-changer. "Plea Bargaining is one of our strategies in caseload management and if well-managed, it is cheap, faster and meets the ends of justice for both the victims and accused persons," she said.

The Chief Registrar noted that the 2022 Camp would handle both capital and petty offences simultaneously. "...we have two Judges that will handle the capital cases and two magistrates to handle non-capital cases," she said.

Mr Scott Lest also from Pepperdine University, went on to hand over to the Principal Judge, a portrait of him at Bushenyi prison in 2020 where he scored the winning goal that saw criminal justice actors win a friendly football match with inmates.

The Officer in Charge of Mbarara Main Prison, SSP Innocent Draville, in his brief decried the congestion at the facility. He noted that while the Prison's capacity is 324 inmates, it currently accommodates 2,064 inmates. It was observed that the South-Western prisons have a prison population of 8,329 inmates which is 400 per cent above their capacity. Speaking on behalf of the co-organizers of the Camp, Pepperdine University, Mr Cameron Mc Collum commended the efforts of all criminal justice actors to gather on prison grounds to take justice services to accused persons. "I have never seen, what I see this week, remandees, Judges, Prosecutors, defence counsel, Police all gathered with a common goal to move justice forward. And this is not in the courtroom, or an office but in a prison courtyard," he noted.

The Camp has been organized by the Judiciary in partnership with the Pepperdine University. @Courtesy of Judiciary



**CJ being welcomed to Mbarara Prison by O.C**

"Therefore, at this camp, we are ready to handle a case that was even committed the day before provided the accused person is willing to plea bargain," he said.

The CJ also cautioned the accused persons note roll on the programme just for the sake of it unless they are certain that they are guilty of the offences they are accused of.

The Principal Judge, Hon. Justice Dr Flavian Zeija, expressed his optimism that with the Camp on course, caseload will have significantly reduced. He added that he was "looking forward to a time where we shall be able to realize that 50 per cent of criminal matters are plea bargained. If we attain this goal, case backlog will be dealt with and delayed trials will be a thing of the past."

On her part, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Hon.Lady Justice Jane Frances Abodo, recognized the efforts of prosecutors to ensure that the Camp is a success. "Prosecutors have for the last three weeks been looking through files of those interested in doing Plea Bargaining and I encourage them to bargain fairly," she said.



**CP Asinjah Baker welcomes the CJ**



## CUSTOMER CARE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS TRAINING EXTENDED TO WESTERN REGION

Officers in Charge, Clinical Officers and District Prisons Commanders from western region attended Customer Care and Public Relations training workshop conducted by Mr. Frank Mayanja Baine, Commissioner of Prisons (Corporate Affairs) and Prisons Spokesperson in Fort Portal City today.

Mr. Baine, CP (CA) noted that the training aims at augmenting the functions of Uganda Prisons Service which is highlighted in the Prisons Act Part II section 5 (a), "the functions of the Service shall be to ensure that every person detained legally in a prison is kept in humane, safe custody, produced in court when required until lawfully discharged or removed from prison";

District Prisons Commanders (DPCs) and Officers in Charge were urged to abide by legal and administrative requirements as provided for in the constitution, Prisons Act, Standing Orders, Clients Charter and Prisons Rules and Regulations so as to perform their duties with absolute integrity.



**CP (CA) Frank Baine interacting with the team**

The Uganda Prisons Service Client Charter (2018-2022) section 4.6 clearly spells out that UPS will serve all clients with respect, fairness, courtesy and promptness with a view to promoting its good image.

"UPS needs to continuously protect its brand, unique outlook and culture in the public eye, why we exist is to build a professional image, that's why our discipline is paramount, we have best brass/jazz band, our parade is outstanding, our uniform is ever glittering and we have at most interest to work hard," he said.

He encouraged the participants to manage their staff and inmates effectively with customer care as earlier guided by the Commissioner General of Prisons with a need to build more on the image of UPS as a reputable government agency over the years.

The Regional Prisons Commander, Mr. Ariko Peter, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons commended the Commissioner General for such a brilliant initiative of training staff on Customer Care and Public Relations, he pledged to implement such programs in all stations within the western region having been tasked to open up customer care desks and start regular staff meetings in each station with in the region, this will facilitate easy activity implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes.

Mr. Kumakech Godfrey, Senior Superintendent of Prisons (OC-Ibuga Prison Farm) said the Customer Care training provides an opportunity for rapid improvement of communication skills and administration of Prisons among participants present. He urged fellow Officers in Charge to learn how to tell their own stories to score an impact among staff, inmates and work mates.



**CC/PR training in progress**



**RPC (Western) Mr. Ariko Peter, ACP**

The session attracted 16 officers in Charge, 3 District Prison Commanders and 1 Clinical Officer.



INSIGHT INTO TRAININGS AT PATS



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BASIC COURSE FOR RECRUIT WARDERS AND WARDRESSES

Qualifications requirements

- 1. Must be a Ugandan
- 2. UCE results with at least four credits, one of which must be in English and a pass in Mathematics obtained at the same sitting or its equivalent.
- 3. Must be physically fit and mentally sound
- 4. Must possess a national identity card
- 5. Must be between 18 to 35 years of age
- 6. Must have no criminal record
- 7. Recommendation letters from local leaders of place of origin (LC I, II & III)

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Vision of the training school

"To be a Human Resource Center in Providing Correctional and Professional Excellence in Africa".

Mission of the Academy and Training School

"To Offer Training that is Responsive to Correctional Needs"

Core Values of the Academy and Training School

- Discipline
- Professionalism
- Teamwork and
- Equal opportunity

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Course Duration

(Minimum 9 months)

Course description

This course seeks to inculcate in the recruits the fundamental ideas in the management of offenders in UPS. It gives them the insight into the vision, mission, values, objectives and strategic direction of the service. The curriculum empowers the new entrants with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitude that are deemed necessary to transform them from civilians to prisons officers who are in position to perform prisons work.

Rationale of the course

The changing trend of crime from the known traditional to more sophisticated crimes like terrorism, cyber and syndicate crime implies that prisons officers must be abreast with the modern and appropriate prisons management approaches and methods. In addition, management of offenders through a more rehabilitative and life building initiatives have increasingly become of interest.

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Course objectives

- 1. Produce prisons officers who fully appreciate the organizational culture and prisons work
- 2. Inculcate in prisons officers the ideals of safety and security of prisoners, staff and public
- 3. Produce prisons officers who are able to devise rehabilitation and reintegration programs for offenders
- 4. Contribute to the professionalization of the prison service through productive and effective prison service
- 5. Produce prisons officers who are able to adhere to the best human rights and welfare practices of prisoners and staff in accordance to the standards stipulated in the international and national instruments

Expected learning outcomes

- Upon completion of the course trainees are expected to;
- 1. Attain and maintain physical fitness
  - 2. Exhibit respect to superiors, peers and the general public
  - 3. Perform different types of drills and parades
  - 4. Demonstrate teamwork and good working relations
  - 5. Ensure safety and security of inmates, prison installations and property

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## PHOTO GALLERY FOR PASSOUT OF 2,018 RECRUIT WARDERS AND WARDRESSES:



*Service Chiefs welcome H.E the president*



*H.E the president inspects the parade*



*H.E the president inspects the band*



*H.E the president in his address passed out the graduands*



*Minister of Internal Affairs giving his speech during the ceremony*



*CGP receives guard of honour*





*CGP giving his address during the passout*



*Parade Commander leading the parade*



*Commandant PATS giving her submission*



*Deputy Commandant PATS as the vice master of ceremony*



*Parade in progress both in slow and quick time*



## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: FROM BOTTOM TO TOP - INSIGHT INTO THE CAREER OF MRS. ORIK OBONYO (ACP)

Mrs. Margaret Orik Obonyo, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons - Regional Prisons Commander, Northern Uganda.

Mrs. Obonyo was born on the 14th June 1962 in Gulu District. She attended Parenga Primary School where she completed Primary Leaving Education in 1978 and Gulu High School for her O-level.

Unfortunately, she lost her father towards the peak of brutal Amin's regime at a tender age, this prompted her to drop out of school at S.3 class due to lack of school fees, greatly affecting her dream of becoming an engineer.

In 1981, she forcefully interrupted her education and joined Uganda Prisons Service at 19 years as a recruit wardress following a successful recruitment procedure at Booma Grounds in Gulu District.

During training, she emerged as the best female trainee in leadership, academics and parade drills winning numerous prizes, credit to her commitment to the training norms.



**Chief Wardress, Margaret Orik Obonyo (now ACP)**

Due her flexibility, intellect and leadership abilities exhibited during training, she was then deployed at the training school as a trainer where she served diligently for 24 years until 2006 when she was transferred to Mbale Women Prison as Officer In Charge.

While at the training school, she recalls training most Prisons Senior Officers including the current Commissioner General of Prisons, his deputy, Assistant Commissioner Generals and Head of Departments among others between 1982-2006.

While at Mbale Women Prison, she commenced her role in Prisons Administration, the facility experienced tremendous changes in terms of staff well-being and improved inmates live hoods, it was well known for high level of organization, neatness and smartness.

Having grown through the ranks from a Wardress to Assistant Superintendent of Prisons, she was continuously appointed to serve Uganda under the "United Nations Mission in Sudan" and "United Nations Mission in South Sudan", where she perfectly executed her diplomatic duties away from home for close to two years.

Upon her return from South Sudan, Obonyo there after worked as Officer In Charge - Gulu Main Prison becoming the first female O.C in Gulu District, she was then uplifted to District Prisons Commander, Gulu and later Regional Prisons Commander, Northern Uganda, a position she holds up to date, showing maximum administrative skills in these institutions.



**Mrs. Obonyo during her graduation for a Diploma in Business Management from Northern Institute of Business Studies**



**Mrs. Obonyo (RPC-Northern) welcomes Minister of state for foreign Affairs, Minister of state for Internal Affairs, CGP and other guests to her region.**

The most inspirational fact about her is that the length she's willing to move on what she believes in is admirable, she is a happily married mother of 5 (3 girls & 2 boys), blessed with 8 grandchildren.

Mrs. Margaret OrikObonyo, ACP believes that her successful tenure at the Uganda Prisons Service is fueled by character, discipline, hard work and determination towards serving the sovereign state of Uganda at various



## CELEBRATING WOMEN IN UNIFORM





## WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION IN STYLE AT LUZIRA WOMEN PRISON



Invited guest from various organisations during the event



Quality art and craft products made by inmates on display



Sports as a rehabilitation tool, inmates entertaining the guests in participating in footballing activities



Vocational Skilling of inmates: exhibition of products made by the inmates



Inmates displaying their skills in sports and education





## JUSTICE DEFENDERS; STRATEGIC PARTNERS IN EDUCATION AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE BY PRISONERS

The world we live in is often deemed a man's world; but not for long

The tide is changing for the millions of women whose voices are silenced. Their journeys towards justice are changing the narrative; placing those often left behind at the forefront; propelling system change.

### ***Justice Defenders legal education and practice***

Equipped with legal education, Justice Defenders has facilitated thousands to access justice in women's prisons. Often marginalised and stigmatised for their past indiscretions, paralegals stand proud as change-makers; to serve those within their community. In Uganda, Justice Defenders operates within five prisons including Kagadi, Kaweeri, and Kassanda prisons.

Trained paralegals provide vital legal services to those on the fringes of society, the impact results in mothers reunited with their children and better-functioning societies. By offering legal advice and drafting court documents, paralegals keep the wheels of justice turning. Through the University of London programme, Betty a student and paralegal in Luzira Women's Prison attests to true transformation.

"Justice Defenders has added value to me, by offering me the opportunity of studying law at the prestigious University of London.

" The opportunity not only benefits the mother of one but hundreds of others within her community.

Betty notes, "Though I do all those activities, I don't forget my God who has transformed, and blessed my life in prison."

### ***Hope in rehabilitation and reintegration***

Women bare a great shame when convicted, but there are efforts to reintegrate and destigmatise women who find themselves in conflict with the law. These programmes are making great strides made so far. With opportunities for reintegration and positive reinforcement. Women such as Legal Trainee Miriam Okurut and Assistant Legal Officer Babra Nakanwaji contribute toward closing the justice gap as part of Justice Defenders.

Working as part of the team since their release, they work to serve defenceless communities.

With a unique set of challenges within the legal framework, women are often met with harsh and rigid laws. However, women like Susan Kigula are champions for change. Influencing system change through her landmark case, she continues to challenge the death penalty across the world. Her work advances the cause of women in prison. "I have trained a group of women to advocate for the rights of women and girls in prison." Susan explains. "We want the unjust imprisonment of women to stop because we are the ones that take care of the children, the homes, and the nation."

As Justice Defenders, we remain a beacon of hope to the thousands who feel forgotten. As we work to close the justice gap; we see no gender, no race, or creed. We remain committed to serving the estimated 5.1 billion people affected by lack of access to justice. Those arrested or convicted for a criminal offense. Victims of unreported crimes. And people who live in communities where high levels of insecurity make it impossible for them to access justice.

## WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT KAWEERI PRISON





## QUALITY DEFINES UPS PRODUCTS AS EXIBITED DURING HARVEST MONEY EXPO - 2022

Uganda Prisons Service through its Product and Promotion department participated in 2022 Harvest Money Expo trade fair led by Mr. Okedi Peter P.O I, Mat. Abalo Sarah and Ass. Mat. Aujat Harriet at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds.

During the exhibition, they enlightened to stakeholders and customers on how to multiply three maize seed varieties which are high quality yield producing varieties while marketing other UPS manufactured products at large.



Clients being taken through the various kinds of products



Our sister force, UPDF officers placing their order



Customer care at its best



Mr. Andrew Mwenda really enjoyed UPS Stack



Availabke stock during the expo



## UPS AS A HUB OF SPORTS



**Maroons Players celebrate after scoring an important Goal**



**Top scorer Fred Amaku at his best form**

Solomon Walusimbi netted a brace while Fred Amaku and Abraham Tusubira completed the other as Maroons put four past Kitara in a FUFA Big League game at Luzira.

The win sends Maroons into the second position on the log, with only two games to play against already relegated MYDA and Nyamityobora in Luzira and Mbarara respectively.

## UPS PROMISES MORE MEDALS IN ATHLETICS

Warder Adoli Haron of Uganda Prisons Athletics Club hit the qualifying mark of Common Wealth Games and African Senior Championships in Mauritius, this was evidenced during the Uganda Athletics Federation trials at Namboole over the weekend.

Adoli ran an astonishing time of 46.4 seconds in 400m race setting up his Personal Best record over time.

The towering athlete had this to say "After a long spell of injuries, am hopeful for having hit such a great milestone in my career, i thank all my coaches and team mates for believing in me"



**Aron Adoli set for the big prize**



## DOWN THE MEMORY LANE



**PRISONS OFFICERS AT SWEARING IN OF H.E MAY 2011**



**GRADUATION OF PRISONERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON-2016**



## DOWN THE MEMORY LANE



**ACSA PLANNING MEETING 2012**



**VISIT OF UNITED NATIONS TO LUZIRA WOMEN PRISON 201**



## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FOR THE Rt. HON. SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**LATE HON. JACOB L'OKORI OULANYAH (RIP)**



It is with great sadness that we've received the news about the passing on of Rt. Hon. Jacob L'Okori Oulanyah, the Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda.

On behalf of Uganda Prisons Service I wish to extend my deepest sympathies & condolences to his family, H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda, the Parliament of Uganda, relatives and friends.

We shall always remember him as a leader who exuded humility, purposeful servant leadership and regard for the common good of all the people of Uganda.

**May his soul Rest in Eternal Peace.**

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





## ORBITUARY

The Commissioner General of Prisons announces the deaths of fallen **COMMRADES**.



**13543** Wardress Caro Malongo  
U.G Prison Ndorwa (W)  
**B:** 2nd February 1993  
**D:** 1st March 2022



**16621** Warder Lubega Daniel  
U.G Prison Masafu  
**B:** 11th November 1996  
**D:** 26th March 2022