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*H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, accompanied by the First Lady, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, arrive for the 36th National Heroes' day celebrations in Lyantonde*

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**NATIONAL ID RENEWAL EXERCISE**

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**Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija**  
**Commissioner General of Prisons**

"The slower you go, the clearer the path becomes."

– **Zen proverb**

"Kindness is intelligence dancing."

– **Nayyirah Waheed (poet)**

"Even the tallest tree grows from hidden roots."

– **African proverb**

"Hurry is the enemy of depth."

– **Thomas Merton (Trappist monk)**

Meaning: Speed may achieve, but it rarely understands.

"Your attention is your truest form of wealth."

– **Alan Watts (philosopher)**

"A calm mind is a sharp blade."

– **Eastern wisdom, adapted from Buddhist teaching**

Meaning: Clarity cuts more cleanly than anger ever could.

"Listening is often more persuasive than speaking."

– **Frank Tyger (humorist & cartoonist)**

Meaning: Influence comes as much from presence as from words.

"Not every battle deserves your sword."

– **Unknown**

Meaning: Choose your conflicts with the same care as your values.

"Gratitude turns what you have into enough."

– **Aesop (fabulist)**

Meaning: Contentment is less about gain, more about perspective.

"The wound is where the light enters you."

– **Rumi (13th-century mystic poet)**

Meaning: Pain often opens the door to transformation.

"Patience is the art of trusting time."

– **Amelia Barr (novelist)**



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Welcome to the July 2025 Edition of Uganda Prisons Service Newsletter. In this edition we highlight on the; 36th National Heroes' Day, Loro Prison Farm's Upgrades, 31st National Agricultural Show, Sexual Offender Rehabilitation Specialized Training, Nelson Mandela Day, Maroons Fc's New Head Coach memory lane, and obituary, among others. Enjoy!

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FALSE ALLEGATIONS OF INHUMANE PRISON CONDITIONS AT LUZIRA UPPER MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON.**

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) notes with concern the false and baseless allegations made by some opposition leaders and the family of Rtd. Col. Dr. Kizza Besigye regarding his treatment at Luzira Upper Maximum Security Prison.

The claim that the facility is infested with bed bugs used as a torture tool against him is grossly false. Also, the assertion that he shares a ward with 15 others and yet in permanent isolation is contradictory. The public is urged to disregard this misinformation and disinformation.

UPS reaffirms its position as a professional government agency mandated to manage prisoners in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Uganda and Nelson Mandela Rules.

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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **UGANDA GOVERNMENT PRISON NWOYA PRISONERS AND STAFF IN A NON-FATAL ACCIDENT**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at around 1600hrs an unfortunate accident occurred at Paranga, Nwoya district involving 28 prisoners and one staff. The injured were rushed to Anaka hospital. Later on, two prisoners were referred to Gulu hospital for further management. All prisoners and a staff are in stable condition.

Preliminary information indicate that the driver lost control as he tried to avoid knocking a bodaboda rider. An inspection team has been dispatched to investigate the incident.

The relatives of prisoners and the Public will continue to be updated accordingly.

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# UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE

## MONTHLY STATISTICAL ABSTRACT

### JULY, 2025

## 1 CHARACTERISTICS OF PRISONERS' POPULATION

### 1.1 Population Change

Table 1.1 Average Population of Prisoners for June, 2025 and July, 2025.

Categories	Jun-25			Jul-25			% change
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Convicts:	39,309	1,852	41,161	39,901	1,912	41,813	1.6
Remands:	36,207	1,855	38,062	35,376	1,808	37,184	-2.3
Debtors:	408	173	581	465	193	658	13.3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>75,924</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>79,804</b>	<b>75,742</b>	<b>3,913</b>	<b>79,655</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Percentage (%)	95.1	4.9	100.0	95.1	4.9	100.0	
Approved Capacity			22,419			22,419	0.0
Occupancy Rate (%)			356.0			355.3	-0.7

### 1.2 Percentage composition of remands, convicts and debtors

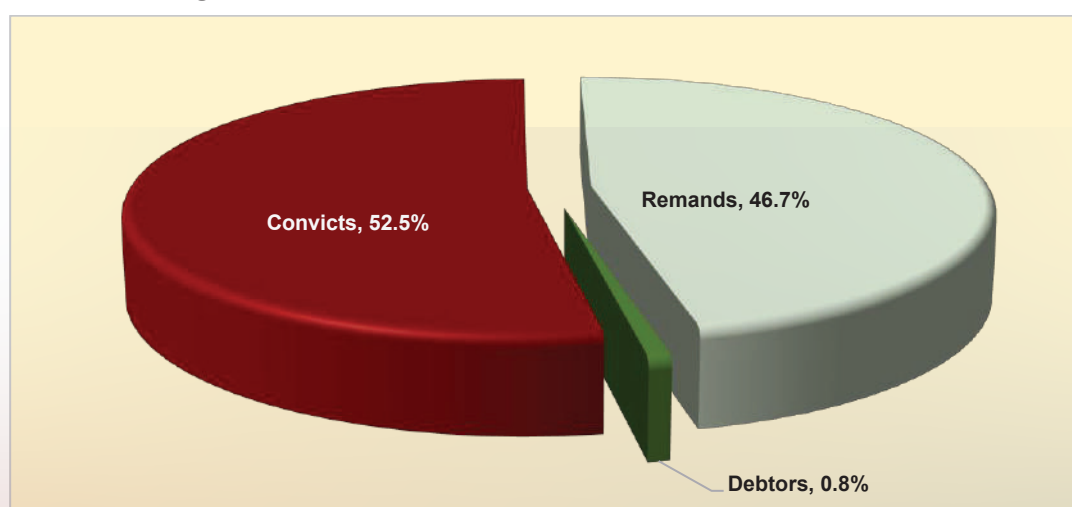


Figure 1.1 Composition of Prisoners' population





### 1.3 Percentage composition change of Remands, Convicts, and Debtors

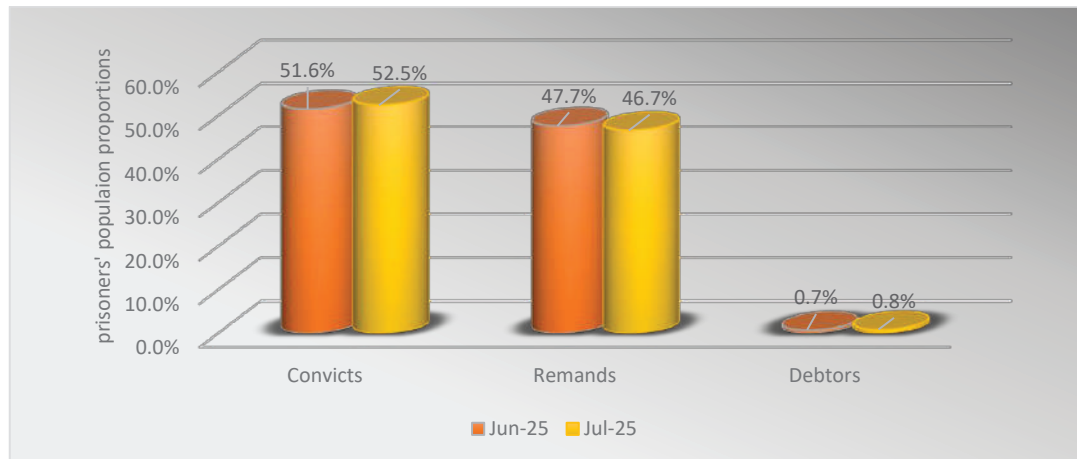


Figure 1.2 Percentage composition of remands, convicts and debtors

### 1.4 Monthly Prison population trends for the period January 2025 to July 2025

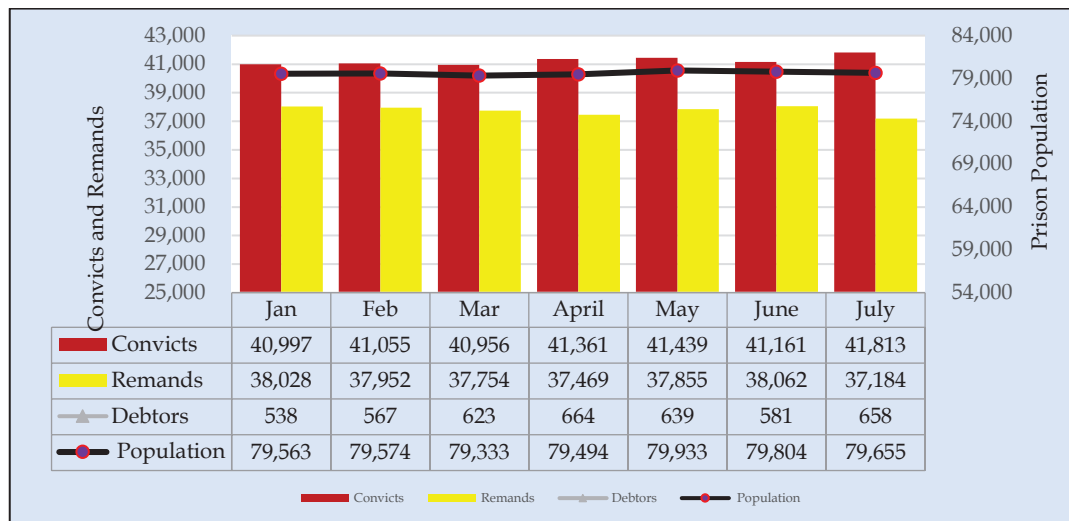


Figure 1.3 Monthly prison population trend for the period January 2025 to July 2025

### 1.5 Prison population trends for the period January 2025 to July 2025

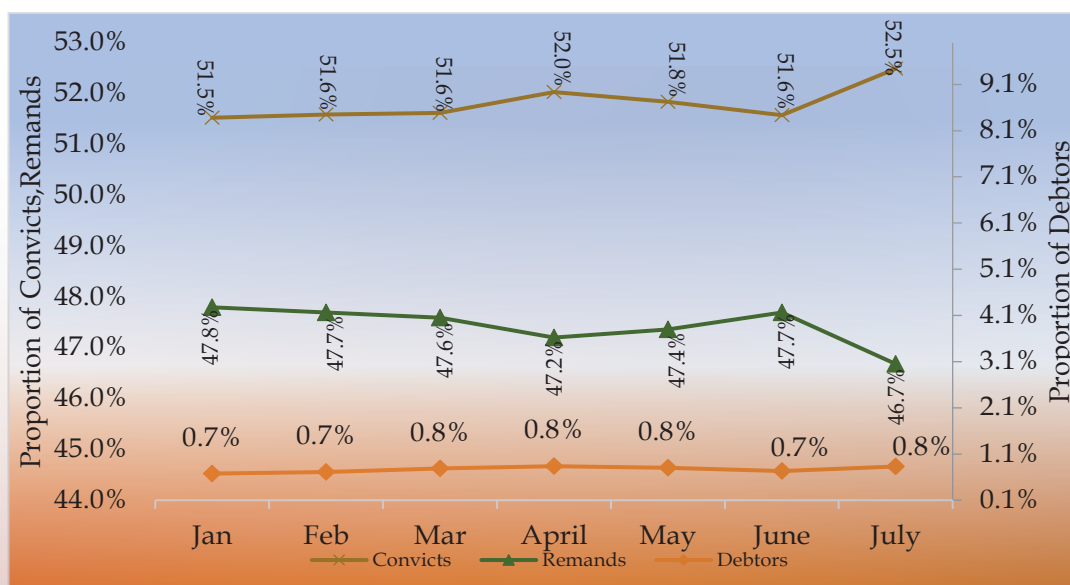


Figure 1.4 Composition trends of convicts, remands, and debtors for the period January 2025 to July 2025



## 2 STAFFING POSITION

### 2.1 Staff Strength

Table 2.1 Staff Strength as at 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2025.

STAFF CATEGORY	GENDER		TOTAL
	Males	Females	
<b>Uniformed</b>	<b>9,368</b>	<b>3,992</b>	<b>13,360</b>
Senior officers	499	114	613
Principal officers	666	171	837
Non-Commissioned Officers	8,203	3,707	11,910
<b>Non-Uniformed</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>488</b>
Senior officers	102	81	183
Junior officers	153	152	305
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,623</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>13,848</b>
Trainees at PATS	810	238	1,048
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>10,433</b>	<b>4,463</b>	<b>14,896</b>
Percentage (%)	70.0	30.0	100.0

### UNIFORMED STAFF BY RANK

CATEGORY	SEX		TOTAL
	M	F	
Commissioner General of Prisons	1		1
Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons	1		1
Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons	6		6
Senior Commissioner of Prisons	3		3
Commissioner of Prisons	13	5	18
Assistant Commissioner of Prisons	13	5	18
Senior Superintendent of Prisons	39	7	46
Superintendent of Prisons	94	29	123
Senior Assistant Superintendent of Prisons	32	8	40
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons	296	60	356
Cadet Assistant Superintendent of Prisons	1		1
Principle Officer I	227	60	287
Principle Officer II	436	111	547
Cadet Principle Officer	3		3
Chief Warder/Wardresses I	181	52	233
Chief Warder/Wardresses II	258	90	348
Chief Warder/Wardresses III	501	204	705
Sgt Warder/Wardresses	1,189	572	1,761
Cpl Warder/Wardresses	1,995	1,017	3,012
L/Cpl Warder/Wardresses	655	316	971
Warders/Wardresses	3,424	1,456	4,880
Recruit Warders/Wardresses	810	238	1048
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,178</b>	<b>4,230</b>	<b>14,408</b>





# END OF SERVICE TOUR



**ACP Margaret Orik Obonyo**

Assistant Commissioner of Prisons (ACP) Margaret Orik Obonyo has officially retired from service, marking the end of an extraordinary 43-year career in the Uganda Prisons Service. As the Regional Prisons Commander for Northern Region, Mrs. Obonyo's journey from a recruit wardress to a transformative leader exemplifies resilience, discipline, and a commitment to serving the sovereign state of Uganda. Her story is one of triumph over adversity, marked by exceptional leadership, community engagement, and a legacy that will inspire generations.

Born on June 14, 1962, in Gulu District, Margaret Orik Obonyo's early life was shaped by ambition and hardship. She completed her Primary Leaving Education in 1978 and attended Gulu High School for her O-levels. Tragically, the loss of her father during the brutal Idi Amin regime disrupted her education, forcing her to drop out of school due to lack of school fees. This setback shattered her dream of becoming an engineer, but it did not dim her determination to make a meaningful impact.

In 1981, at the age of 19, she joined the Uganda Prisons Service as a recruit wardress following a successful recruitment exercise at Booma Grounds in Gulu District. Her commitment and discipline shone through during training, where she emerged as the best female trainee, earning numerous prizes for her adherence to training norms. Her flexibility, intellect, and leadership abilities quickly distinguished her, setting the stage for an illustrious career.

Mrs. Obonyo's early career saw her deployed to the Prisons Training School as a trainer, a role she executed with diligence for 24 years until 2006. During this period, she played a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of prison officers, training many of the service's senior leaders, including the current Commissioner General of Prisons, Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, all Assistant Commissioner Generals of Prisons, and various Heads of Departments between 1982 and 2006. Her influence on the Uganda Prisons Service's leadership pipeline remains profound.

In 2006, she was transferred to Mbale Women's Prison as Officer-in-Charge, where her administrative prowess transformed the facility into a model of excellence. Under her leadership, Mbale Women's Prison became renowned for its high level of organisation, neatness, and smartness, with significant improvements in staff well-being and inmate livelihoods. Her ability to foster discipline and rehabilitation earned the prison widespread recognition.



Mrs. Obonyo's talents extended beyond Uganda's borders. Her exemplary service led to her appointment under the United Nations Mission in Sudan and the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, where she served with distinction for nearly two years. Her diplomatic assignments showcased her ability to represent Uganda with professionalism and grace, further solidifying her reputation as a versatile leader.

Upon her return, Mrs. Obonyo made history as the first female Officer-in-Charge of Gulu Main Prison. She later rose to District Prisons Commander for Gulu and, subsequently, Regional Prisons Commander for Northern Uganda—a position she has held with exceptional administrative skill until her retirement.

Since she was appointed Regional Prisons Commander, Mrs. Obonyo has overseen the establishment of several new prison units across Northern Uganda, including Nwoya, Amuru, Orom Tikau, Lututuru, Patongo, Pader, and Aswa. These facilities have strengthened the region's correctional infrastructure, access to justice, improved prisons production, enhancing rehabilitation and community reintegration efforts. Her leadership has ensured these units operate with efficiency and align with the Uganda Prisons Service's mission of safe, secure, humane custody and rehabilitation.

Mrs. Obonyo's legacy is not confined to prison walls. Her strong community engagement and public relations skills have been a cornerstone of her tenure. She prioritised building trust and collaboration between the Uganda Prisons Service and local communities, fostering partnerships that enhanced the service's impact. Her initiatives included skills training and rehabilitation programs for inmates, enabling them to reintegrate as productive members of society.

Her approachable demeanour and dedication to public relations earned her respect from high-ranking government officials, who frequently visited her region to witness her transformative work. Mrs. Obonyo's ability to balance operational excellence with community outreach has left an enduring mark on Northern Uganda.

Despite the challenges that interrupted her early education, Mrs. Obonyo pursued further studies, earning a Diploma in Business Studies from the Northern Institute of Business Management. Her commitment to personal growth mirrored her professional dedication. A happily married mother of five (three girls and two boys) and a proud grandmother of eight, she has balanced her remarkable career with a fulfilling family life, serving as an inspiration to women in uniform.

Her success is rooted in her core values: character, discipline, hard work, and an unrelenting determination to serve Uganda. Mrs. Obonyo's willingness to push boundaries and her belief in the power of perseverance have made her a role model for aspiring leaders.

As ACP Margaret Orik Obonyo retired on her 63rd birthday, her four decades of monumental contributions is highly celebrated.

*We wish her a well-deserved retirement filled with joy, family, and new adventures.*



# UGANDA COMMEMORATES 36TH NATIONAL HEROES' DAY IN LYANTONDE DISTRICT



*H.E The President of The Republic of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni is warmly received by service chiefs on arrival for the 36th National Heroes' Day celebrations in Lyantonde*

Uganda marked its 36th National Heroes' Day with vibrant celebrations in Lyantonde District, under the theme "The Legacy and Ideals of Our Heroes: A Memorable Inspiration." The event, held at Kaliro Town Council, was graced by President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and First Lady Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni, who also serves as the Minister of Education and Sports.

**T**he occasion brought together ministers, members of parliament, religious and cultural leaders, and a strong contingent from the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), reflecting on the sacrifices of Uganda's heroes and their enduring impact on the nation's peace and unity. In his address, President Museveni reaffirmed the government's commitment to protecting Ugandans and their property.

He highlighted the successful collaboration between security forces that led to the defeat of criminals using pangas to terrorise residents in Masaka, restoring peace to the region. The President also urged cattle farmers to cultivate their pastures rather than relying solely on natural resources, emphasising self-reliance in agriculture. He promised a forthcoming detailed statement on land issues and reiterated support for war veterans

through the Ministry of Luwero Triangle. "If they can build a house but can't afford iron sheets, the ministry should step in with assistance, including cement," Museveni stated.

The event also commemorated Lyantonde's role in Uganda's liberation struggle during the National Resistance Army's (NRA) protracted war (1981–1986), which brought the National Resistance Movement (NRM) to power. President Museveni led the wreath-laying ceremony at a monument in Kaliro Town Council, honouring fallen freedom fighters. He was joined by the Head of Public Service and Secretary to the Cabinet, the Deputy Chief of Defence Forces, the Deputy Inspector General of Police, and the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija.





*H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, accompanied by the First Lady, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, arrive for the 36th National Heroe's day celebrations in Lyantonde*



*H.E The President of The Republic of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, accompanied by the first lady, lay a wreath to commemorate fallen heroes*





*H.E The President of the Republic of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni in a group photo with National Heroes' Day medalists, honoring their exceptional contributions to the nation.*



*H.E The President is warmly welcomed by service chiefs and senior government officers*





*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija lays a wreath to commemorate fallen heroes*

The Uganda Prisons Service was prominently Represented, showcasing its commitment to national unity and progress. Senior officers in attendance included ACP John Bosco Tumwebaze (Director of Administration), ACP Dr. George Muge (Director of Cooperation and Corporate Affairs), ACP Robert Munanura (Director of Production and Engineering), SCP Frank Mayanja Baine (Deputy Director of CCA/Service Spokesperson), and SCP Jude Kalisa (Deputy Director of Project Development). Regional Prisons Commanders from Central, Kampala Extra, Southern, and Kooki regions were also present. A notable highlight was the strong representation of women in UPS leadership, underscoring the institution's commitment to gender inclusivity and diversity.

Among those present were Ag. SCP Prossy Geraldine Najjuma (Industries), CP Juliet Nantale (Rehabilitation and Reintegration), CP Stella Nabunya (Health), ACP Rebecca Gabu (Human Rights), and ACP Christine Peace Babirye (Information Communication and Technology). The 36th National Heroes' Day served as a reminder of the sacrifices made for Uganda's freedom and the collective responsibility to uphold the legacy of its heroes through continued efforts toward peace, development, and unity.



*Ag.SCP Prossy Geraldine Najjuma*



*CP Juliet Nantale*



*CP Stella Nabunya*





*Members of the UPS top management at the National Heroes' Day celebrations*



*Honouring the National colors*





*H.E The President of the Republic of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni  
in a group photo with UPDF Senior Command*



*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija and DIGP James Ochaya  
share a light moment with members of the clergy*



# FOUR PRISONS OFFICERS HONoured WITH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL ON HEROES' DAY 2025



*H.E The President of the Republic of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni in a group photo with Uganda Prisons Service medalists during the 36th Heroes' Day celebrations in Lyantonde District.*

His Excellency Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda conferred the prestigious National Independence Diamond Jubilee Medal upon four distinguished Uganda Prisons Service officers during the 36th Heroes' Day celebrations held in Lyantonde District.

**T**he recipients were recognized for their outstanding dedication, courage, and contributions to Uganda's development, in accordance with the National Honours and Awards Act, 2001 (as amended).



*Mr. Walter Ogaba*

Mr. Walter Ogaba, a retired Superintendent of Prisons, dedicated 41 years of service. Born on September 10, 1961, in Gulu District, he rose through the ranks from Recruit Warder in 1980. Ogaba served at various stations, including Upper Prison, Bulaula, Logore, Adjumani, and Gulu Main.

Notably, during the 1993 Upper Prison riot, he bravely thwarted an escape attempt by throwing the keys to a colleague, safeguarding the facility. His leadership and proactive measures ensured no further riots occurred under his watch, earning him recognition for his commitment to public safety.

**Mr. Alexander Merica**

Mr. Alexander Merica Kilia, born on June 6, 1966, in Moyo District, has served the Uganda Prisons Service for 37 years since joining in 1988. Holding a Diploma in Computer Science from Kyambogo University, Kilia's career has progressed through various stations, including Murchison Bay, Prisons Headquarters Industries, Masindi Main, and currently Moyo Prison.

His dedication has earned him promotions, culminating in his current rank of Principal Officer II. Notably, Kilia played a key role in quelling the 1993 Upper Prison riot, demonstrating his commitment to prison security and public safety.

Mr. Tonny Ogwal, born on October 8, 1972, in Lira District, has served for 30 years since joining in 1995. Throughout his career, Ogwal has demonstrated discipline and resilience, serving at various stations including Fort Portal Main, Western Region Prisons Commander's Office, Jinja Main, and currently Bugembe Prison.

Promoted to Chief Warder I in 2021, he has consistently shown dedication. Notably, during the 1999 ADF rebel attack on Fort Portal Main Prison, Ogwal courageously refused to open the gate under fire, preventing rebel entry and protecting both staff and inmates.

**Mr. Tonny Ogwal****Ms. Alice Achan**

Ms. Acan Alice, born on January 1, 1972, in Kitgum District, has served for 32 years since joining in 1993. Throughout her career, Alice has demonstrated discipline and bravery, serving at various stations including Fort Portal Main, Bufulubi Prison Farm, Kamuli, Lira Main, and currently Pece Prison.

Promoted to Chief Wardress III in 2021, her actions during the 1999 ADF attack on Fort Portal Main Prison exemplified her courage. Despite her house being set ablaze and being captured by rebels, Alice rescued children from the fire, refused to disclose the armory's location, and misled the rebels, protecting the prison. Her bravery was instrumental in repelling the attack, earning her widespread admiration.



# NEW ERA OF PRISON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN MANAFWA, BUSIA AND TORORO DISTRICTS - EASTERN REGION.



*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija with UPS senior officers on a guided tour of the new prisoners' ward at Masafu Prison in Busia District, Eastern Uganda*

**Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, Commissioner General of the Uganda Prisons Service, concluded an extensive strategic and working tour of Eastern Uganda, visiting Bubulo, Masafu, and Tororo prisons to tackle pressing challenges such as overcrowding.**

**E**ngaging with officers in charge of prisons in the Eastern, Iganga, and Southeast regions, Dr. Byabashaija outlined a bold vision to enhance service delivery, promote transparency, and improve conditions for inmates and staff. Central to these efforts is the robust contribution of the UPS Engineering Gang, a dedicated team driving infrastructural growth to boost the welfare of both prisoners and staff across the country.

One of the tour's big moments was the opening of two new prisoner wards at Masafu Prison in Busia District and Bubulo Prison in Manafwa District. Built by the Engineering Gang, each ward can hold over 100 inmates, taking a big step toward easing the overcrowding that's long plagued Uganda's prisons.

The new spaces, carefully planned and constructed, aim to create safer, more supportive environments for rehabilitation. Dr. Byabashaija made it clear that cutting down on congestion is a top priority, pushing prison leaders to keep working on solutions in the months ahead.

The ward openings brought together local leaders from Busia District and community members, showing the UPS's focus on working with the public. This teamwork highlighted the shared effort to improve prisons, with Dr. Byabashaija giving a nod to Busia's leaders for backing Masafu Prison and praising the Officer in Charge at Masafu for guiding the Engineering Gang's construction work. Better Healthcare for All Healthcare took center stage during the tour, with Dr. Byabashaija spotlighting a new hospital at Luzira Prison.





*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija engages with inmates during his strategic and working tour of Eastern Uganda prisons, a step forward in infrastructural development in the service*

with modern equipment, including a donated Digital X-Ray machine, the facility is a game-changer. The portable X-ray, run by trained prison staff, will travel to different prisons to screen for tuberculosis and other health issues, helping both inmates and workers stay healthy.

The establishment of the hospital's infrastructure has been key to making this possible, ensuring the space is ready for advanced medical care.

Dr. Byabashaija urged staff to get regular checkups, especially for HIV, to stay fit for their demanding jobs. The push for better healthcare reflects a broader effort to care for everyone in the prison system, with the Engineering Gang's work making sure facilities are up to the task.

To strengthen the UPS workforce, Dr. Byabashaija announced a fair and open hiring process for new junior officers, with training starting soon. He also shared plans for a promotion review running from October 2025 to April 2026, designed to reward hard work and commitment among both junior and senior staff. To keep the UPS in step with modern standards, new training programs are rolling out, covering everything from basic officer skills to advanced leadership courses. These efforts aim to give staff the tools they need to handle today's

correctional challenges. The Engineering Gang has pitched in by upgrading training spaces, making sure they're practical and ready for hands-on learning.

Dr. Byabashaija spoke about the Parish Development Model, a government program to boost local economies and lift families out of poverty. He encouraged prison staff to get behind it, noting its potential to spark growth in nearby communities. In Busia, strong ties with local leaders have helped Mutufu Prison offer better services, thanks in part to this initiative that supports these partnerships.

At Tororo Prison Farm, Assistant Commissioner General Eli Muhumuza stood in for Dr. Byabashaija and showcased major upgrades driven by the Engineering Gang. Seven wards have been revamped, with seven more in the works, setting Tororo up as a standout facility. These improvements, focused on reducing overcrowding and improving inmate living conditions, include modern features that prioritise comfort and rehabilitation. Mr. Muhumuza emphasised that Tororo's progress shows what's possible when infrastructure and vision come together, with the construction efforts leading the way.



# PICTORIAL



*A group photo of visiting delegation with staff of UG. UPS Prison Tororo Main. The team assessed conditions at the facility, staff and inmate welfare, and other infrastructural developments.*



*The CGP receives a guard of honour on his arrival at Masafu*



*CGP is welcomed by jolly female inmates into Masafu*



*The visiting Uganda Prisons Service top management team led by the CGP inspects the newly commissioned prison facilities at Bubulo prison*



*ACGP Muhumuza commissions a newly constructed prisoners ward at Bubulo*





*Inmates showcase an energetic cultural performance*



*CGP together with the visiting team engages with inmates at Bubulo*



*The CGP is welcomed to Masafu Prison in Busia District.*



*The CGP engages with female inmates at Masafu*



*The CGP welcomed to Bubulo*



*Assessing the current state of Tororo main prison*



# UPS STEPS UP INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN MID-WESTERN REGION – MAIHA PRISON FARM



*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija and his visiting team under taking the strategic and policy working tour of Uganda Prisons Service facilities at Maiha Prison*

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) has continued its drive to modernize correctional facilities with infrastructural investments aimed at decongesting prisons, improving staff and inmate welfare, and enhancing operational efficiency. This commitment was evident during a two-day strategic and policy working tour by the Commissioner General of Prisons (CGP), Canon Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, across several units in the Mid-Western Region.

**T**he tour, which covered Kiryandongo, Kigumba, Masindi Main and Women's Prisons, and Isimba, provided an on-the-ground assessment of ongoing construction and rehabilitation works.

These developments include new prisoners' wards, improved security systems, upgraded staff housing, and expanded agricultural facilities—critical steps in making Uganda's prisons safer, more humane, and professionally managed.

The Commissioner General concluded the visit at Maiha Prison Farm in Masindi District, a unit that has undergone remarkable transformation since its establishment in 1968. Once a modest medium security farm, Maiha now stands out for its commercial maize grain production on 138 acres and diversification into agroforestry, orchard

farming, and staff shambas. Infrastructure upgrades have included modern prisoners' accommodation, fortified security installations, and newly constructed staff quarters.

Dr. Byabashaija commended the Officer-in-Charge of Maiha for his leadership in driving development, praising his track record in delivering tangible improvements. He also urged other unit heads to replicate such innovation while maintaining environmental responsibility in construction works. Addressing staff and Officers-in-Charge from across the region, the CGP emphasized the central role of staff welfare, good working relationships, transparency, and accountability in professional prison management. He called for strict adherence to administrative procedures, proper record keeping, and maintenance of high sanitation and hygiene standards.





*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija interacts with inmates during the visit. He encouraged them to remain disciplined and committed to improving their welfare.*

In his remarks, Dr. Byabashaija encouraged officers to practice prudent financial management, live within their means, and invest in their children's education according to their resources. He advised them to pursue academic and professional growth, particularly in science and technology, which he noted are increasingly important in modern corrections management.

The Commissioner General reaffirmed UPS's commitment to continuous training through courses for both junior and senior officers, as well as the introduction of new human resource development programs. He further announced that evaluations for promotions will begin in October 2025, with a significant number of officers expected to be elevated in 2026.

The delegation accompanying the CGP to Masindi District included:

Mr. Wilson Magomu, Senior Commissioner of Prisons (Deputy Director, Production and Engineering)

Mr. Frank Baine, Senior Commissioner of Prisons (Deputy Director, CCA/Service Spokesperson)

Mr. Ben Alex Wansadha, Commissioner of Prisons (Safety, Security, and Operations)

Mr. Stephen Lugonda, Commissioner of Prisons (Staff Administration and Counseling)

Mr. Jacob Kivumbi, Commissioner of Prisons (Custodial Services)

Mr. Aggrey Aturwanirire, Commissioner of Prisons (Planning)

Mr. Ronald Godie, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons (RPC, Mid-Western)

Ms. Generous Betunga, Superintendent of Prisons (Livestock and Entomology)

Mr. Moses Atine, Superintendent of Prisons (Estates Manager)

Mr. Akimfa Odongo, Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (Water Engineer, Prisons Engineering Gang)





*Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija,  
at the saluting base*





*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija together with members of the UPS top management on a guided tour around the newly commissioned prison's facilities*



*The CGP is welcomed by UPS senior officers*



*The CGP receives a guard of honor upon arrival*



*The CGP and his visiting team share a light moment with the RPC and OC as they inspect Maiha prison facilities*



*The CGP interacts with inmates*



# NATIONWIDE DRIVE TO MODERNIZE PRISONS GAINS MOMENTUM WITH LORO PRISON FARM'S UPGRADES



*DCGP Samuel Akena in a group photo with senior prison officers and Oyam district leadership during the commissioning of new prisoners' wards and staff facilities at Loro Prison Farm in Oyam District*

Loro Prison Farm in Oyam District has marked a new chapter in improving inmate welfare, staff accommodation, and overall prison infrastructure. The Deputy Commissioner General of Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), Mr. Samuel Akena, officially commissioned two newly constructed prisoners' wards, modern staff housing units, and newly installed security systems at the facility.

**T**he new wards, built by the Prisons Engineering Gang using locally sourced materials, are self-contained with sanitary facilities, proper ventilation, spacious sleeping areas, operational space, and televisions—features that are expected to greatly improve the living conditions of inmates. This development is in line with the 2022 presidential directive to reduce prison overcrowding and enhance rehabilitation efforts across the country.

While addressing inmates, Mr. Akena emphasized that better living conditions are essential for rehabilitation, noting that a dignified environment allows prisoners to focus on reform and reintegration into society. In addition to the prisoners' wards, 16 newly completed housing units for prison staff were unveiled. These units are part of ongoing efforts to improve staff welfare, as decent accommodation

boosts morale and productivity.

He praised the Prisons Engineering Gang for their resourcefulness and skill in transforming Loro into a model correctional facility. A pilot program to establish a school for the children of prison staff at Loro was announced, offering free education. This initiative, he noted, would strengthen staff commitment and enhance service delivery while uplifting the surrounding community.

Later in the day, Mr. Akena held a meeting with Officer-in-Charges (OCs) from the Mid-Northern region, where he emphasized the importance of compliance, discipline, and professionalism in their daily work. He reminded them that these values form the backbone of a credible and efficient Prisons Service.





*DCGP Samuel Akena commissions a newly constructed prisoners' ward at Loro Prison Farm, Oyam District, built by the Prisons Engineering Gang*

Mr. Godfrey Komakech, Senior Superintendent of Prisons (Regional Prisons Commander for Mid-Northern), also spoke at the event. He highlighted several ongoing and completed projects in the region, including the construction of new prisoners' wards, renovation of existing facilities, expansion of prison farms, and improvement of staff accommodation. According to him, these projects demonstrate a commitment to creating safer, more productive, and humane correctional environments across Uganda.

The event formed part of UPS's broader community engagement initiatives and was attended by members of the public and leaders from Oyam District Local Government, led by Deputy Resident District Commissioner (RDC) Tabaaro Richard. He commended the Uganda Prisons Service for its contribution to local development, particularly

in improving security, generating employment, and supporting community projects.

Established during the pre-independence era, Loro Prison Farm has steadily evolved into a modern facility with robust security systems, comprehensive accommodation for staff and inmates, and recreational spaces that support rehabilitation programs. It also plays a significant role in Uganda's agricultural sector, particularly through its thriving cotton production, which contributes to the growth of the national textile industry.

The transformation at Loro signals a nationwide effort by the Uganda Prisons Service to address congestion and improve prison conditions. Similar projects ranging from new infrastructure to enhanced security systems are underway in various prison units countrywide.



# PICTORIAL



*DCGP Samuel Akena is warmly welcomed by senior Prison officers*



*DCGP Samuel Akena is taken on a guided tour around the facility*



*The visiting team inspecting the old housing units, a transition into modern prisons*



*An eagle's eye of the newly constructed staff houses*



*A newly constructed prisoners' ward*



# CGP LEADS BY EXAMPLE IN THE NATIONAL ID RENEWAL EXERCISE



*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija, inputs his biometrics during the national ID renewal exercise.*

**The Commissioner General of Prisons (CGP), Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, has renewed his national identity card and called on all staff of the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) to actively participate in the ongoing national ID renewal exercise.**

**D**r. Byabashaija emphasized that possessing accurate and valid national IDs is crucial for validation, security, and seamless service delivery. He urged all Prison Officers to cross-check their details, especially age, birth dates, and names, to prevent challenges related to payroll, promotions, and access to other essential services.

Joining him in this effort, the Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Samuel Akena, top management, department heads, and both senior and junior officers at the Prisons Headquarters have already renewed their IDs, demonstrating leadership and commitment to compliance. The ongoing nationwide exercise, which aims to renew 15.8 million IDs, has recorded notable progress, with over 2.6 million Ugandans having successfully renewed their IDs as of 2025.

The Uganda Prisons Service's active involvement highlights its dedication to supporting government initiatives that enhance service delivery and national security.

The National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) has urged all Ugandans whose IDs are due for renewal to take advantage of this campaign to ensure continued access to government and private-sector services.



# PICTORIAL



*The CGP takes a specimen photo for his new National Identity Card*



*The CGP takes a retina scan for his new National Identity Card*



*DCGP Samuel Akena, (a NIRA board member), overseeing the ID renewal exercise at Prisons headquarters*



*ACP Juliet Semwogerere renews her ID*



*SSP Robert Naimuli renews his ID*



*The ID renewal exercise in progress*



# UGX 50 MILLION RAISED IN CHURCH OF UGANDA'S "DO GOOD RUN" FOR MENGO SENIOR SCHOOL HOSTEL



*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija signs the artistic impression during the fundraising initiative for a boys' hostel at Mengo Senior Secondary School*

In a solemn display of community spirit and corporate social responsibility, the Uganda Prisons Service partnered with the Church of Uganda to raise funds for the construction of a boys' hostel at Mengo Senior Secondary School. The initiative, organised under the theme "Imitating God's Goodness by Doing Good" (Galatians 6:9–10), brought together Church leaders, Mothers' Union members, Prisons officers, students, and Christians from across Kampala.

**T**he Do Good Family Run, organised by the Mothers' Union Fraternity of Kampala Diocese, began at 6:00 a.m. with an energizing aerobics warm-up. Canon Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, Commissioner General of Prisons, served as Chief Runner and flagged off the 5-kilometre run alongside The Most Rev. Dr. Stephen Samuel Kaziimba Mugalu, Archbishop of Church of Uganda. After completing the run, Dr. Byabashaija visited the designated site for the new hostel. A tree was planted, the area blessed, and plans for construction—expected to start soon—were formally marked.

Later, the Commissioner General visited the provincial offices of the Kampala Diocese before attending the main fundraising event. During the occasion, awards were handed out to top runners,

whom were members of the Uganda Prisons Athletics Club. Dr. Byabashaija also made a personal cash donation toward the hostel and pledged continued support from the Uganda Prisons Service until the project is completed.

Speaking to the gathering, Dr. Byabashaija emphasized the importance of supporting community-driven initiatives. "Projects such as the construction of All Saints Cathedral in Nakasero and the ongoing Emmanuel Cathedral in Kinyasano, Rukungiri, show what can be achieved when people work together," he said.

Reflecting on his 42 years of service to the Government of Uganda, he noted that supporting initiatives like this is a way of giving back to society.



*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija, alongside The Most Rev. Dr. Stephen Samuel Kaziimba Mugalu, engages in aerobics and warm-up exercises ahead of the Do Good Family Run*

The event successfully raised over UGX 50 million in cash and pledges. Canon Dr. Byabashaija commended the Mothers' Union and the Church of Uganda for promoting self-sustainability through local resource mobilization rather than depending on external donors. He praised the Mothers' Union for upholding family values, instilling moral discipline, and serving as community role models.

Archbishop Dr. Kaziimba highlighted that the run also promoted healthy lifestyles, encouraging Ugandans to engage in regular physical activity to prevent non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. "Exercise is a form of stewardship of the body. Your body is a temple of the Lord and should be kept healthy," he said.

Mrs. Grace Murengezi, Provincial Mothers' Union President, appealed to well-wishers to support the hostel project, which addresses accommodation challenges at Mengo Senior School. The proposed four-storey hostel, to be constructed in Bakuli, Kampala, is estimated at UGX 4.6 billion. Funding is expected from local fundraising efforts across Dioceses and support from international mission partners.

The run was also attended by Rev. Canon William Ongeng, Provincial Secretary of Church of Uganda; Canon Dr. Ruth Senyonyi, immediate past Mothers' Union President and Chairperson of the Uganda AIDS Commission; Bishops' wives Mama Jean Magezi and Mama Florence Wakula; and hundreds of other community members, demonstrating strong support for the project.



# PICTORIAL



*The fundraising event in progress during the Do Good Family Run*



*The , Chief Runner, CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija, awards medals to winners of the Do Good Family Run*



*CGP Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija presents a cash contribution towards the construction of the boys' hostel at Mengo Senior Secondary School*



*Participants of the Do Good Family Run match on, guided by the melodious performance of the brass band*



*The Do Good Family Run event underway*





*The Chief Runner, warming up and doing aerobics ahead of the Do Good Family Run.*



# UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE DOMINATES 31ST NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW – CROWNED OVERALL WINNER AND MOST INNOVATIVE INSTITUTION



*DCGP Samuel Akena and members of UPS top management visit the UPS exhibition centre at the Jinja National Agricultural Show, expressing their appreciation for UPS' high-quality maize seed on showcase*

**The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) has once again cemented its reputation as a national powerhouse in agricultural innovation, environmental conservation, and skills-based rehabilitation after emerging Overall Winner and Most Innovative Institution at the 31st National Agricultural Show in Jinja.**

**T**he victory, which extends UPS's remarkable dominance at the country's premier agricultural showcase to nearly two decades, was a resounding endorsement of its integrated approach to agriculture – combining food production, vocational skills training, value addition, and environmental stewardship.

The show, organised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) in partnership with the Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE), ran from June 27 to July 5, 2025 under the theme: "Technological Innovations Driving Farm Wealth."

The prestigious awards were received on behalf of the Commissioner General of Prisons, by Mr. Wilson Magomu, Senior Commissioner of Prisons, Deputy Director Production and Engineering,

accompanied by Ms. Prossy Geraldine Najjuma, Ag. Senior Commissioner of Prisons – Industries, Mr. Fred Kayongo, Ag. Commissioner of Prisons – Product Promotion and Distribution, Mr. Deogracious Ogwapit, Senior Superintendent of Prisons – RPC South East Region, and heads of exhibition sections.

## **A Strategic National Showcase**

UPS's participation in the Agricultural Show is not simply about competition – it is a strategic platform for demonstrating the institution's contribution to national food security, rehabilitation, and rural transformation.

With over 266 prison units nationwide – many operating integrated agricultural and industrial programs – UPS is one of the largest institutional producers of food, seedlings, livestock, and value-added products in Uganda.





*SP Behabura Generous explains the functioning of the silage slicing machine to DCGP Samuel Akena while at the Jinja National Agricultural Show*

The show gives the Service the opportunity to:

Demonstrate innovations in agriculture, livestock breeding, artisanry, and environmental management.

Transfer practical skills to farmers, students, and agricultural stakeholders.

Showcase the rehabilitation-through-production model, where offenders learn marketable skills before reintegration into society.

Market institutional products and generate Non-Tax Revenue (NTR) for the consolidated fund.

Build partnerships with government ministries, agricultural research institutions, and the private sector.

### **Behind the Scenes – A Coordinated National Effort**

Months before the show, a national coordination plan was launched under the Department of Production & Engineering. Regional commanders and farm managers were tasked to select the best of UPS's agricultural output – from top-quality livestock breeds to high-yield crops, artisan furniture, and industrial products.

At the exhibition site, the UPS layout was carefully designed to allow clear visitor flow between exhibition zones:

- 1.Crop Demonstration Model
  - 2.Tree Seedling and Afforestation Area
  - 3.Artisanry and Industrial Products
  - 4.Livestock Paddocks and Breed Stations
  - 5.Staff Spouses Bakery Stand
  - 6.Environmental Conservation and Soil Testing Corner
  - 7.Corporate Branding and Audio-Visual Display Area
- This professional zoning impressed visitors and created a seamless learning experience for farmers and other guests.

### **Highlights from the Exhibition**

#### **1. Crop Demonstration Model**

UPS presented a living classroom of integrated crop farming. The display featured:

Vegetables: cabbage, tomatoes, spinach, onions, sukuma wiki.

Cereals: maize, millet, sorghum.

Root crops: cassava, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes.

Grain legumes: beans, groundnuts, soybeans.

Visitors were guided through demonstrations on crop rotation, spacing, mulching, drip irrigation, and integrated pest management. Officers also showcased soil sampling and testing tools used on UPS farms to guide fertiliser application for maximum productivity.





*DCGP Samuel Akena and the visiting team admire a cotton demonstration garden at the Show*

## 2. Tree Seedlings and Afforestation

The afforestation section promoted both commercial forestry and environmental restoration. It included:

Indigenous hardwoods such as mvule and mahogany.

Exotic timber species like eucalyptus and grevillea.

Fruit tree seedlings for agroforestry.

Visitors received practical advice on nursery management, transplanting, and the economic value of tree farming. UPS also highlighted its role in climate change mitigation and the restoration of degraded landscapes.

## 3. Prisons Industries – Artisanry

This section demonstrated the vocational training success of UPS workshops. Exhibits included:

Hardwood furniture for homes and offices.

Decorative woodwork and handicrafts.

Custom carpentry and household fittings.

Live demonstrations allowed visitors to watch furniture polishing and assembly, while officers explained how inmates are trained in carpentry and joinery to prepare them for self-employment upon release.

## 4. Flagship Livestock Showcase

UPS's livestock display was one of the most visited attractions at the show.

### Beef Breeds:

Boran – Isimba Prison Farm: Resilient, semi-arid adapted, high carcass yield.

Brahman & Sahiwal – Kiburara Prison Farm: Heat-tolerant, disease-resistant.

Dairy Breeds:

Friesians & Crossbreeds: High milk production, feed-efficient, adaptable.

Small Ruminants:

Dopper Sheep – superior meat quality, fast growth.

Mubende Goats – indigenous resilience.

Boer Crossbreeds – high meat yield, excellent crossbreeding potential.

### Pigs:

Large White & Crossbreeds – high litter size, rapid growth, premium carcass quality.

Housing models demonstrated low-cost, climate-smart pig production.

### Poultry:

Layers, broilers, and Kuroiler-type dual-purpose birds with brooders and feeding systems.

Aquaculture:

Tilapia and catfish fingerlings with pond design and feeding demonstrations.

Feeding Innovations:

Black Soldier Fly larvae – a high-protein feed alternative.

Azolla – a protein-rich aquatic plant for animal feed.





*A UPS demonstrational goat housing unit showcased at the Jinja National Agricultural Show*

### 5. Staff Spouses Bakery

A crowd favourite, the bakery stall offered:

- Freshly baked bread.
- Assorted cakes.
- Traditional “daddies” snacks.

The bakery is an income-generating project for staff spouses, empowering families while supplying quality baked goods to the community.

### 6. Environmental Conservation and Soil Testing

UPS promoted climate-smart agriculture through:

- Soil testing kits for precision farming.
- Biogas digesters for renewable energy.
- Composting units for organic manure.

These initiatives demonstrated how farmers can increase yields while protecting the environment

### 7. Corporate Branding and Audio-Visual Displays

UPS made a strong visual statement with:

- Branded banners, teardrops, and pull-up stands.
- Giant LED screens showcasing videos of prison agricultural, industrial, and rehabilitation activities nationwide.

The professional presentation strengthened the institution’s public image and impressed the judging panel.

### Farmer Training and Public Engagement

Throughout the show, UPS officers conducted live training sessions for farmers and agricultural students. Topics included:

- Artificial insemination in cattle.
  - Pasture establishment and silage making.
  - Biosecurity and disease management in livestock.
  - Soil fertility improvement and sustainable cropping systems.
  - Vocational skilling programs
- Hundreds of visitors walked away with practical knowledge and printed guides, making the UPS stall both an exhibition and a mobile classroom.

### Economic Contribution – Non-Tax Revenue

UPS generated significant Non-Tax Revenue (NTR) through the sale of livestock, seedlings, crops, artisan products, and bakery goods. This income is remitted to the government’s consolidated fund, supporting both institutional and national development priorities.

### Why UPS Won

Judges cited several reasons for UPS’s dominance:

- 1.Diversity of Exhibits – covering agriculture, industries, and environmental conservation.
- 2.Technical Depth – detailed demonstrations backed by real data.
- 3.Innovation – alternative feeds, soil testing, and integrated crop-livestock systems.
- 4.Professional Branding – corporate image and giant screen storytelling.
- 5.Public Engagement – training sessions, live demos, and interactive displays.



### National Impact

UPS's victory is more than an institutional achievement — it reflects a national model where correctional facilities double as centres of agricultural excellence and rehabilitation.

By linking production with training, UPS not only feeds prisoners but also contributes to national food security, creates market-ready skills, and protects the environment.

### Looking Ahead

UPS plans to expand its innovations to all prison farms nationwide, set up regional agricultural training centres, and strengthen collaborations with farmers and agricultural investors.

The service spokesperson, Mr. Frank Baine, Senior Commissioner of Prisons (Deputy Director CCA/Service Spokesperson) noted that the win is proof that prisons can be places of transformation, productivity, and national service. He added that the goal is to keep leading in innovation while giving offenders the skills to return to society as productive citizens.



*Uganda Prisons service being awarded with 'The best exhibitor' Awards of the 2025 National Agricultural Show, Congratulations!*



*Executive office furniture*



*Showcasing the high quality maize seed*





*SP Behabura Generous explains the silage preparation process to show attendees*



*DCGP Samuel Akena appreciates a flowering sunflower plant on showcase*



*An automated silage preparation machine*



*School going pupils at the show. They got a chance to learn the best agricultural practices from UPS*



*Revitalisation of Prisons Industries: UPS made furniture on display*



*Visiting students appreciate the comfy UPS furniture, manufactured under the Prisons Industries project*





*Dinning table furniture  
on display*



*Office furniture*



*The crafts section*



*Hydroponics preparation*



*Attendees at the show being taken through  
the different UPS farm locations*



*School pupils at the show*



# UPS STRENGTHENS HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT TO BOOST LEADERSHIP AND OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS



*ACGP Hillary Bisanga in a group photo with course participants and facilitators during the launch of the Institutional Leadership and Management Training program which forms part of the Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff Course*

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), in collaboration with the Uganda Management Institute (UMI) launched a 22-day Institutional Leadership and Management Training program for the 4th intake of the Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff Course. The training, hosted at the Prisons Academy and Training School (PATS) in Luzira, reflects UPS's commitment to human resource development as a driver of professional excellence and efficient service delivery.

**T**he program, which began on July 23, brings together 58 senior officers (10 female and 48 male) from across the country. It is designed to build capacity in practical leadership, strategic thinking, and institutional management, in alignment with the growing demands and complexity of correctional services.

At the opening of the course, the Uganda Prisons Service highlighted the essential role leadership training plays in preparing officers to effectively manage both staff and inmates. The training is expected to equip participants with a blend of knowledge and hands-on skills necessary for maintaining balance in diverse correctional environments.

Mr. Hillary Bisanga, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons (Director of Human Resource Management), stressed the importance of engaging with the training seriously. He emphasized that each officer's participation will be followed by evaluations and field assessments to determine the course's practical impact. These evaluations will not only measure effectiveness but will also guide future capacity-building decisions.

He acknowledged the valuable contribution of UMI in facilitating the development of a knowledgeable and capable workforce, underlining the importance of academic partnerships in professionalizing the correctional system.

UMI's leadership, through the Director of Programs and Student Affairs, pointed out the course's alignment with public sector needs





*Course participants are initiated into the course during the launch*

particularly in security-sensitive institutions like the Prisons Service. Participants are expected to emerge with stronger capabilities to address institutional challenges, implement reforms, and improve the overall professionalism and humaneness of prison operations.

The partnership between UPS and UMI was described as a model collaboration for the public sector, particularly in aligning training efforts with national development and governance goals. Ms. Mary Centenary, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons (Ag. Commandant of PATS), encouraged participants to approach the training as an opportunity for personal and professional growth. She emphasized the need for officers to remain open to learning, unlearning, and relearning—core tenets of continuous leadership development in today's dynamic service environment.

The training is structured to help officers evolve into transformational leaders who contribute to reform and service excellence within UPS. PATS, as the hub for correctional professional development, continues to offer a range of programs geared toward upskilling officers across all ranks.

### **A Strategic Pillar of Institutional Modernization**

This course represents one of many initiatives under UPS's broader Human Resource Development (HRD) strategy, which includes:

- Tiered command and staff courses (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels)

- Specialized training in ICT, production, security, rehabilitation, and health

- Ongoing professional development through institutional partnerships

- Leadership succession planning and mentoring

- Performance-based evaluation systems linked to promotions

Through the visionary leadership of Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, UPS has embedded HRD at the core of its institutional modernization. These training initiatives are helping to cultivate a skilled and accountable workforce that can meet both current and future service demands.

Moreover, these programs directly contribute to broader national objectives, supporting the National Development Plan (NDP III) and the Governance and security programme framework, especially in promoting access to justice, protecting human rights, and improving service efficiency.



# UGANDA PRISONS STRENGTHENED SEXUAL OFFENDER REHABILITATION THROUGH SPECIALIZED TRAINING



*A group photo after the conclusion of the five-day Training of Trainers workshop on the Sexual Offender Treatment Program (SOTP) in Entebbe*

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), in partnership with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), successfully concluded a five-day Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop aimed at enhancing the delivery of the Sexual Offender Treatment Program (SOTP). The training took place at Admas Hotel in Entebbe and brought together social welfare and rehabilitation officers from various prison regions across the country.

**T**his initiative formed part of UPS's broader efforts to strengthen the rehabilitation of sexual offenders through structured, evidence-based interventions. Officers selected for the course were prepared to serve as master trainers within their respective commands, enabling a wider and more consistent application of the SOTP across the national prison system.

The training covered several key areas, including offender profiling, behavioral risk assessment, therapeutic intervention techniques, and comprehensive case management. It also focused on equipping officers with strategies to support the reintegration of offenders into society following their release.

By enhancing the capacity of rehabilitation staff, the program aimed to improve the management of

sexual offenders through a professional, targeted, and restorative approach. The initiative addressed underlying behavioral issues, promoted rehabilitation, and contributed to reducing recidivism.

UPS acknowledged the complexity surrounding sexual offending and emphasized the importance of a specialized treatment model. The implementation of SOTP demonstrated the Service's commitment to a restorative, rights-based correctional framework in line with international best practices.

In addition to improving offender outcomes, the training served as a strategic investment in institutional capacity, public safety, and professional development. Officers who participated in the workshop are now expected to champion the rollout of the SOTP across all prisons, maintaining high





*A facilitator uses a teaching aid to teach and clearly drive the point home during the Sexual Offender Treatment Program (SOTP) Training of Trainers workshop in Entebbe*



*Attendants of the workshop study teaching aids during the interpretation session*

standards of integrity and professionalism. The conclusion of the training marked an important step forward in Uganda Prisons' modernization agenda, strengthening its role as a regional leader in progressive correctional rehabilitation.



# CUSTOMER CARE MINDSET CHANGE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS TRAINING IN KOOKI REGION - LYANTONDE



*SCP Frank Mayanja Baine and CP Apollo Akankunda in a group photo with Officers-in-Charge, their deputies, medical staff, and social welfare workers in the Kooki Region after the training*

**In a continued effort to enhance service delivery and uphold the highest standards of professionalism, Uganda Prison Service conducted a training for Officers-in-Charge, their deputies, medical, and social welfare workers in the Kooki Region.**

**T**he training, led by Mr. Frank Mayanja Baine, Senior Commissioner of Prisons (Deputy Director CCA and Service Spokesperson) and Mr. Apollo Akankunda, Commissioner of Prisons (National, Regional, and International Cooperation), focused on community engagement, customer care, public relations, and strict adherence to the Commissioner General of Prisons administrative instructions and guiding principles.

Mr. Baine opened the session by emphasizing best managerial practices, mindset change, and effective financial management as pillars for effective prison management. He stated that Inmates are very important people in society and they contribute positively to the transformation of this country, urging officers to treat inmates with cautiousness, humility, and empathy.

Mr. Baine outlined the qualities of a professional prison officer, emphasizing respect, competence, reliability, honesty, and integrity. He encouraged officers to cultivate key skills, including attentive listening, focus, a positive attitude, and continuous learning, while also supporting growth of others. Conversely, he warned against detrimental behaviors such as arrogance, greed, conservatism, rigidity, and poor public relations, which undermine the institution's ethos and impede effective service delivery.

Mr. Apollo Akankunda highlighted the importance of stakeholder engagement, urging officers to collaborate with key actors in the criminal justice system, including the Uganda Police Force, the Judiciary, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, civil society organizations, District Administrators, and Regional Referral Hospitals. He noted that such partnerships ensure transparency and reliability.





*SCP Frank Baine outlined the qualities of a professional prison officer, emphasizing respect, competence, reliability, honesty, and integrity.*

Mr. Akankunda stressed the need for robust supervision, thorough task and situation analysis during staff deployment, and proactive measures to prevent escapes by taking full responsibility for prison stations. He encouraged continuous personal development and accountability, aligning with the guiding principles of good governance and institutional growth.

Since the introduction of customer care and public relations training, over 7,000 prison officers have benefited from the initiative, improving service delivery across prisons nationwide.

With the aim of increasing its reach, the programme also seeks to achieve the mission of contributing to the protection and development of society by providing safe, secure, and humane custody of prisoners while placing human rights at the center of its correctional programs, as well as the goal of transforming every prisoner into a productive, law-abiding, and economically viable citizen.

Adherence to human rights standards, as outlined in the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules), was a key focus. Baine highlighted operational imperatives such as the “6-hour rule” for

timely processing, the “3 C’s” of life choices (Choices, Chances, and Changes), and proper retirement planning.

He also emphasized financial planning, detailing the four rules of money—earning, accumulation, multiplying, and saving—while advocating for proper budgeting, prioritizing prisoner health, and enhancing access to justice. Mr. Baine further called for increased agricultural productivity on prison farms within the region.



*CP Apollo Akankunda stressed the need for robust supervision, thorough task and situation analysis*



# ENHANCING SERVICE DELIVERY AND PROFESSIONALISM WITH TRAINING IN MINDSET CHANGE, CUSTOMER CARE, PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND FINANCIAL LITERACY



*A group photo with SCP Frank Baine after the training for Luzira Women Prison officers and medical staff at Luzira Youth Centre*

Mr. Frank Baine, Senior Commissioner of Prisons (Deputy Director Corporation and Corporate Affairs/service spokesperson), led a training session for prison officers from Luzira Women's Prison and medical workers from Murchison Bay Prison Hospital and Luzira Prison Staff Hospital. Held at Luzira Youth Centre, the training focused on mindset change, customer care, public relations, and financial literacy, while emphasizing key values such as patriotism, professionalism, empathy, discipline, and humility.

**M**edical workers were specifically reminded about the importance of patient confidentiality, with Mr. Baine stressing that protecting privacy is a core ethical duty alongside providing compassionate and professional care. Given their role serving both inmates and the surrounding community, staff were encouraged to show kindness and respect to all, including inmates, colleagues, and local residents, to build trust and foster strong community relationships.

Mr. Baine highlighted essential skills like effective communication, active listening, and empathy as crucial for creating a welcoming environment aligned with the Uganda Prisons

Service's Client Charter, which commits to fair and respectful treatment of everyone.

The session also introduced the concept of servant leadership, encouraging staff to put others' needs first and serve with humility and dedication. Mr. Baine called for sacrifice and resilience in balancing personal financial goals with the commitment to provide high-quality service. He stressed that true service often means prioritizing the well-being of the community over personal gain. In the financial literacy segment, participants learned practical advice on saving, earning, growing, and managing money wisely. Mr. Baine urged staff to maintain resilience in their financial decisions while remaining focused on their duty to serve.





*ASP Ankunda attentively attending the training*

Overall, the training helped the Uganda Prisons Service build a culture of responsibility, excellence, and respect. It gave officers and medical workers the tools they need to provide caring and effective services to prisoners and the surrounding communities.



*The training underway*



*Medical workers from Murchison Bay Prison Hospital and Luzira Prison Staff Hospital attending the training*



# UGANDAN DELEGATION BENCHMARKS MALAYSIA'S CORRECTIONAL AND PAROLE SYSTEMS TO ENHANCE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS



*A delegation from Uganda in a group photo with Malaysian officers and other attendees during the study visit to Malaysia Prisons Service*

**A high-level Ugandan delegation recently visited the Malaysia Prisons Service to study global best practices in parole, rehabilitation, community corrections, and reintegration of offenders. The mission forms part of Uganda's ongoing efforts to modernize its correctional system, reduce recidivism, and align with international standards of humane custody and rehabilitation.**

**L**ed by Mr. Jacob Kivumbi, Commissioner of Prisons (Custodial Services), the delegation included representatives from the Uganda Prisons Service, Uganda Law Society, and Ministries of Internal Affairs and Justice and Constitutional Affairs. Other team members included Mr. Aggrey Aturwanirire, Commissioner of Prisons (Planning), Ms. Nalwanga Sarah, Assistant Commissioner (Community Corrections), Mr. Ayo Felix, Senior Superintendent of Prisons (ICT Networks), Mr. Daniel Ssekijjo Nsolonkambwe, Superintendent of Prisons (OC-Jinja Main Prison), Ms. Nakaliika Jane, Principal Rehabilitation & Reintegration Officer, Ms. Nahyema Victoria, Superintendent of Prisons (Legal), Ms. Susan Nakabuye (Senior State Attorney, Ministry of Justice), Mr. Okello Eugene Pacelli (Principal Legal

Officer, Uganda Law Reform Commission), Ms. Jeroline Akubu (Assistant Commissioner, Uganda Law Reform Commission), and Mr. Stephen Mugenyi (Head of Planning, Ministry of Internal Affairs).

During the visit, the delegation toured correctional facilities, engaged with officials, and reviewed Malaysia's Parole Management Information System—a technology-driven tool that enhances offender supervision, tracks rehabilitation progress, and facilitates timely reintegration. They also observed community-based corrections programs designed to lower reoffending rates, which include structured parole supervision, vocational training, psychological counselling, and social reintegration initiatives.

Ms. Zainah Pardi, Director of Malaysia's Parole and Community Service Division, welcomed





*Discussions and learning sessions on global best practices in parole, rehabilitation, community corrections, and reintegration of offenders underway*



*Exchange of presentaries*

the delegation and shared operational insights into the Parole Secretariat Division, which supports the Parole Board in implementing decisions and overseeing offender reintegration. Both sides emphasized the importance of international collaboration in strengthening correctional systems.

Speaking during the visit, Mr. Kivumbi noted, “Benchmarking Malaysia’s advanced correctional systems is vital for Uganda to modernize our parole and rehabilitation frameworks. We are committed to ensuring humane custody and effective reintegration of offenders, in line with the principles enshrined in the 1995 Constitution.” He added that Uganda seeks to adopt innovative solutions to challenges such as prison overcrowding, limited rehabilitation resources, and reintegration support.

The Undersecretary of Malaysia’s Ministry of Home Affairs commended Uganda’s ongoing prison reforms and pledged support for continued collaboration. This partnership demonstrates a shared commitment to reducing recidivism, promoting public safety, and implementing evidence-based correctional policies.

Ms. Nalwanga Sarah, Assistant Commissioner (Community Corrections) highlighted the significance of exposure to international systems.

“Learning from Malaysia allows us to enhance our parole processes, community corrections, and rehabilitation programs. We can adopt best practices that improve inmate reintegration and ultimately make our prisons safer, more humane, and more effective in producing reformed citizens,” she said.

The insights gained from this benchmarking exercise are expected to inform policy reforms in Uganda. Key areas of focus include strengthening parole procedures, expanding community-based rehabilitation initiatives, integrating technology in offender management, and promoting vocational and educational programs for inmates.

Officials from both countries agreed that international knowledge exchange is crucial for developing correctional systems that balance punishment with rehabilitation, uphold human rights, and reduce the social and economic costs associated with reoffending. The Uganda delegation left Malaysia equipped with actionable lessons to enhance Uganda’s correctional framework and improve societal reintegration outcomes for offenders.

This visit marks a major step in Uganda’s ongoing efforts to adopt global standards in corrections, signalling the government’s commitment to creating a humane, efficient, and rehabilitative prison system.



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# UPS BOOSTS HEALTHCARE WITH NEW PORTABLE DIGITAL X-RAY MACHINE



*A group photo of Senior Prisons officers, Ministry of Health representatives, and medical workers after the handover ceremony of the Digital X-Ray (DXR CAD) machine at Luzira Staff Health Facility*

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) has taken a major step forward in improving healthcare for inmates and staff with the donation of a modern Digital X-Ray (DXR CAD) machine to the Luzira Staff Health Facility. The new portable device was handed over by the Ministry of Health in a ceremony attended by Ms. Stella Nabunya, Commissioner of Prisons (Health Services), who represented the Commissioner General of Prisons.

**T**his state-of-the-art X-ray machine, donated through the Ministry of Health's National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Program (NTLP) with support from the United States Government, is part of a national initiative to provide 48 portable X-ray machines aimed at enhancing screening for tuberculosis (TB) and other lung diseases.

Based at Luzira, the DXR CAD machine is designed to serve not only the prison but also other prisons and nearby communities, increasing access to vital healthcare services. Its portability allows it to be easily moved to different prison locations, ensuring that even remote facilities can benefit without the need for long-distance travel to hospitals. The machine produces clear, accurate images, helping healthcare workers quickly identify TB and other lung conditions.

Early detection means faster treatment and fewer complications, especially important for high-risk groups such as inmates and people living with HIV. Two staff members from Luzira, including a radiographer and a clinician, have already been trained to operate the machine, with plans for further training to ensure widespread use across the prison system.

Ms. Stella Nabunya expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Health and NTLP for the donation, emphasizing the positive impact the machine will have on prison healthcare. The handover ceremony was also attended by senior health officials, including Dr. Kisambu, Assistant Commissioner of Health Services; Mr. Xavier Elubu, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons; Mr. Thomas Apila, Officer in Charge of Luzira Staff Hospital; and representatives from NTLP.





*CP Stella Nabunya receives the modern Digital X-Ray (DXR CAD) machine donated to the Luzira Staff Health Facility*

The Ministry of Health has set clear guidelines to ensure the safe and effective use of the machine, including adherence to safety standards from the Atomic Energy Council and proper maintenance protocols to prolong its lifespan. With strategic planning and ongoing training, the Uganda Prisons Service aims to enhance TB screening and treatment in prisons and surrounding communities, addressing a critical health challenge. This upgrade marks a great improvement in medical care within Uganda's prisons, where timely and accurate diagnostics have historically been difficult. By equipping prison healthcare staff with advanced tools and skills, UPS is committed to protecting the health and well-being of inmates and staff nationwide.



*Demonstrates of the functionality of the Digital X-Ray (DXR CAD) machine*



# UPS LAUNCHES LANDMARK TRAINING ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN GULU



*Both junior and senior Prison officers, justice trainers, and cultural leaders in a group photo after the launch of the inaugural Restorative Justice and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) training in Gulu City*

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) launched its inaugural training on Restorative Justice and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Gulu City, marking a significant step toward transforming the justice system. The program, designed to reduce recidivism and promote the reintegration of ex-prisoners, brought together Officers in Charge of Prisons from the Northern Region, welfare and reception staff, and representatives from the Acholi Cultural Institution.

**M**r. Alex Oloka, Commissioner of Prisons (Regional Prisons Commander Northern Region), emphasized the program's vital role in strengthening community acceptance to ensure successful reintegration of former offenders.

Ms. Nuru Mbalyowere, Principal Rehabilitation and Reintegration Officer (Community Corrections) from Prisons Headquarters, highlighted the broader impact of such initiatives. She explained that restorative justice and ADR not only reduce reoffending but also help heal community wounds by facilitating victim-offender reconciliation, strengthening social bonds, and alleviating prison overcrowding through non-judicial resolutions.

Communities play a key role in facilitating reconciliation by engaging in open and honest dialogue with offenders, promoting healing,

understanding, and forgiveness. This process involves providing emotional support, guidance, and practical assistance necessary for rehabilitation and successful reintegration into society.

These programs empower communities to collaboratively resolve conflicts, promote peace, and reduce reliance on punitive measures. The Acholi Cultural Institution pledged full support, committing to drive the program's adoption across the region. UPS plans to roll out the initiative nationwide, furthering its Community Corrections efforts, including parole integration. All stakeholders, communities, and institutions were urged to embrace these initiatives and explore their potential to create a more inclusive, rehabilitative justice system that benefits society as a whole.



# TIME FOR ACTION: UPS, UNODC, AND JUSTICE DEFENDERS MARK NELSON MANDELA DAY WITH A FOCUS ON DIGNITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND INMATE REHABILITATION



*The winning inmate football team receives a trophy and a prize after emerging victors during the Nelson Mandela Day 2025 celebrations at Luzira Prisons*

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), together with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Justice Defenders, held a week of activities at Luzira Prisons to celebrate Nelson Mandela Day 2025 under the theme “Time for Action.” The events took place in all Luzira prison units — Upper Prison, Murchison Bay Prison, Luzira Women’s Prison, and Kampala Remand Prison — ending on Friday, 25th July 2025.

**T**he celebrations brought together inmates, prison staff, human rights groups, and guests to honour Nelson Mandela’s values of dignity, equality, and second chances. The week was filled with sports, music, dance, drama, training sessions, and exhibitions showing the rehabilitation work happening inside the prisons.

The opening ceremony featured speeches from UPS, UNODC, and Justice Defenders, who spoke about the need for humane treatment of prisoners and the role of the community in helping offenders change and return to society.

Sports were a big part of the week. Inmates competed in football, netball, volleyball, athletics, and indoor games. The finals attracted large crowds, and winners received trophies and medals to recognise their hard work, teamwork, and

discipline. Cultural performances such as the Acholi Bwola dance, Kiganda dance, and modern drama entertained and educated the audience with messages of unity and hope.

There were also workshops on legal rights, health, and vocational skills. Justice Defenders’ legal officers, including former inmates trained as paralegals, gave free legal advice to help participants understand the justice process.

A highlight of the week was the testimony of Mr. Canaan Nkamuhabwa, who was once on death row at Upper Prison. While in prison, he studied and earned a Bachelor of Laws degree. Inspired by Nelson Mandela’s story, he appealed his case, was released, and is now a lawyer with Justice Defenders, helping others in prison. His story gave many inmates hope that change is possible.





*The Nelson Mandela Day is celebrated in prisons to honor the values that Nelson Mandela stood for human dignity*



*The celebrations at Luzira showed that Nelson Mandela's dream of justice, dignity, and rehabilitation is still alive*

UPS also displayed products made by inmates, such as furniture, clothes, metalwork, and farm produce, to show the skills they are learning for life after prison.

At the closing event, leaders from UPS, UNODC, and Justice Defenders praised the discipline and talent of the inmates. They encouraged the public to support rehabilitation and reintegration efforts, reminding everyone that transformation is possible when inmates are given opportunities and support.

Nelson Mandela Day is celebrated in prisons to honor the values that Nelson Mandela stood for—human dignity, forgiveness, and the chance for everyone to change and grow. In the prison setting, the day serves as a strong reminder that even those who have made mistakes deserve respect and opportunities to improve. It encourages inmates to think about their own lives, learn new skills, and build hope for a better future.

The celebration also promotes fair and kind treatment and supports efforts to prepare prisoners to successfully return to society, following international rules like the Mandela Rules. By marking this day, prisons show that change is possible and that every person can make a positive difference in their communities when given the chance.

The celebrations at Luzira showed that Nelson Mandela's dream of justice, dignity, and rehabilitation is still alive — and that prisons can be places where lives are changed for the better.



*Nelson Mandela Day celebration promotes fair and kind treatment and supports efforts to prepare prisoners to successfully return to society*





*The chief guest inspecting the inmates' football teams before kickoff*



*Inmates show case cultural dances*



*Cultural celebrations also took centre stage as part of the Day's celebration*



# UGANDA PRISONS PARTNERS WITH GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL MISSION TO PROMOTE SPIRITUAL REHABILITATION



*SP Iwanve Robert, (Officer in Charge of Religious Affairs) talks to inmates during the Religious Empowerment Program*

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), through its Religious Empowerment Program, has joined forces with the Gateway International Mission Team, led by Pastor Joel Frye Alan, to deliver spiritual rehabilitation to inmates in multiple prison units, including Kigo, Iganga, Mbale, Tororo, Mbarara, and Bushenyi.

**T**he mission included Bible study sessions, sports and music galas, and the donation of essential items to support inmates' daily needs. Pastor Joel emphasized, "A prison is one of the best places for spiritual rehabilitation," highlighting the team's goal of offering inmates hope, purpose, and personal redemption.

Mr. Iwanve Robert, Superintendent of Prisons (Officer in Charge of Religious Affairs), praised the initiative, noting that faith-based programs have significantly reduced recidivism by addressing inmates' emotional and moral needs. "Spiritual guidance helps inmates find a renewed sense of purpose, improving their behavior and equipping them to reintegrate positively into society," he said.

The advantages of religious empowerment in prisons are well-documented. These programs:

**Foster moral and ethical development:** Inmates develop a stronger sense of right and wrong, which guides their behavior both inside and outside prison.

**Reduce recidivism:** By addressing the emotional and spiritual needs of inmates, these programs lower the likelihood of reoffending.

**Promote mental and emotional wellbeing:** Bible study, prayer, and fellowship provide coping mechanisms, reduce stress, and improve overall mental health.

**Encourage positive social interactions:** Faith-based programs create an environment of respect, forgiveness, and mutual support among inmates.

**Support rehabilitation and reintegration:** Inmates leave prison better prepared to contribute positively to society, reducing societal crime rates.





*Pastor Joel interacts wit an inmate after the gospel sharing session*

The UPS has benefited from such programs. They contribute to safer prison environments, reduce conflicts, and complement other rehabilitation initiatives such as vocational training and education. The open-door policy of the Commissioner General of Prisons has enabled the service to collaborate with faith-based organizations, enhancing the holistic rehabilitation of inmates.

Inmates expressed gratitude for the message of love, forgiveness, and hope, with many embracing personal transformations. The partnership underscores the power of faith as a transformative tool for fostering rehabilitation, promoting discipline, and preparing inmates for reintegration into society.



*Spiritual guidance helps inmates find a renewed sense of purpose, improving their behavior and equipping them to reintegrate positively into society*



# UPS ADVANCES LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, MANAGEMENT AND VECTOR CONTROL TO BOOST FOOD SECURITY AND REHABILITATION



*SCP Magomu Wilson (Deputy Director Production and Engineering) is taken on a guided tour by SP Generous Behabura around the newly established multipurpose feeding lot - Isimba Prisons farm*

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) continues to strengthen livestock production and management through synchronized breeding and fattening programs, ensuring uniform calving and optimal meat production. Herds across prison farms include Boran, Brahman, Sahiwal, and Charolais cattle breeds, with systematic nutrition and veterinary interventions to improve herd health and productivity. The farms also serve as benchmark sites for applied research, hosting student interns from Makerere University who assist with herd monitoring, nutrition assessment, and breeding management.

UPS operates multiple livestock producing farms across Uganda, including Logore, Isimba, Ragem, Kiburara, Adjumani, and Tororo, strategically located to leverage the ecological diversity of the country. Each farm is adapted to local environmental conditions, enabling optimal cattle growth, improved breeding outcomes, and high-quality beef production. Natural breeding programs are complemented by controlled artificial insemination, allowing better herd management, healthier calves, and superior carcass quality. Synchronized breeding further ensures efficient calving schedules and consistent meat output, aligning with Uganda's broader agricultural development and food security goals.

Comprehensive veterinary care underpins prisons livestock programs. Regular vaccinations, parasite control, and disease monitoring maintain herd health and prevent losses. Nutrition management—including balanced feed, forage cultivation, and pasture rotation—ensures cattle reach optimal growth and reproductive performance.

Makerere University student interns contribute technical support in these areas, gaining hands-on experience while assisting prison staff and inmates in applying scientific livestock management practices.

Vector-borne diseases, especially those caused by tsetse flies, pose significant threats to livestock and human health. African Trypanosomiasis and Nagana can reduce productivity and impact





*Advanced feed preparation and selection methodologies have enhanced animal health and productivity among prison farms*

local communities. UPS has implemented targeted tsetse control programs including high-quality tsetse traps produced within prison industries workshops. Inmates are trained in trap deployment, monitoring, and integrated vector management, while Makerere University interns provide research and technical oversight.

In addition, UPS, in collaboration with the National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), successfully conducted anti-tick vaccine trials at Isimba and Kiburara. These trials reduce tick infestations, control tick-borne diseases, and enhance overall herd health. The vaccination exercises also provide inmates with practical exposure to livestock immunization, biosecurity, and herd monitoring techniques.

The prison farms extend their impact beyond prison units by providing extension services to neighboring cattle-keeping communities. These services include advice on breeding, nutrition, disease prevention, and herd management, helping farmers increase productivity and reduce losses from disease and poor husbandry practices. Farms also act as living laboratories and benchmarking sites, allowing government

agencies, private stakeholders, and researchers to observe modern livestock management practices in real-world settings.

Livestock programs are fully integrated into inmate rehabilitation. Inmates gain practical skills in animal husbandry, breeding, nutrition, veterinary care, and vector management, equipping them with employable expertise for post-release life. The interns complement this learning environment, offering guidance in applied research, herd monitoring, and technical management. This combination of rehabilitation, education, and hands-on experience ensures that inmates acquire both vocational and scientific knowledge.

By integrating synchronized breeding, nutrition, veterinary care, vector control, and extension services, UPS contribute directly to national food security. Beef production is optimized through superior breeds, improved herd health, and consistent calving schedules. Vector and tick control programs reduce disease-related livestock losses, ensuring sustainable and productive operations. Extension services amplify the impact by transferring knowledge to local farmers, further strengthening national livestock productivity and resilience.





*Livestock programs have fully been integrated into the inmate rehabilitation activities*

The farms serve as centres for applied research and innovation. By hosting Makerere University interns and collaborating with NARO and MAAIF, UPS contributes to scientific knowledge on breeding, nutrition, veterinary care, and vector management. Farms are also used to benchmark best practices, demonstrating modern and sustainable livestock management to policymakers, researchers, and the wider agricultural community.

UPS aims to scale its livestock and vector control programs nationwide, enhancing productivity, public health, and rehabilitation outcomes. Plans include expanding tsetse control measures across all cattle producing prisons, integrating advanced herd monitoring technologies, and extending anti-tick vaccination programs. The service also plans to strengthen partnerships with research institutions, ensuring continuous improvement in livestock management, veterinary care, and training programs.

Through these initiatives, UPS demonstrates that correctional institutions can serve multiple functions: producing high-quality livestock, protecting public and animal health, providing vocational training for inmates, supporting community farmers, and generating research and educational opportunities.



*Prison farms have installed tsetse fly traps as a major step toward eliminating tsetse fly infestations*



*Periodic animal vaccination is one of the control measures that help maintain animal health on Prison farms*





*Healthy, high-breed animals are the result of proper breeding, balanced nutrition, and quality veterinary care.*



*UPS has made significant investments in research and veterinary services to enhance livestock production and management*



*The beef fattening project focuses on producing healthier, high-quality breeds through improved livestock care*



*A livestock feedlot promotes healthy growth with balanced feeding, reduces waste, protects grazing land, and ensures a steady supply of quality meat or milk*



*Synchronization in prison farms aligns livestock breeding so births occur together, making management and feeding more efficient.*





# SILAGE STORAGE METHODS

## GROUND SILOS (Pit Silage)

- \* Dug 3–4 ft deep, lined with plastic
- \* Covered tightly with polythene and soil
- \* Low cost, ideal for large volumes
- Risk:** Water logging or air leaks if not well managed

## SILAGE BAGS

- \* 100–150kg capacity
- \* Filled, compacted, and tied
- \* Easy to transport and manage
- \* Suitable for small farms, goats, pigs

## FARMER FEEDING GUIDE (DAILY PER ANIMAL)

- \* Animal Type    Silage/day (kg)
- \* Dairy Cow 20–30 kg
- \* Beef Cattle    10–20 kg
- \* Goat    2–3 kg
- \* Pig 3–5 kg (mixed with other feed)

## CONCRETE SILOS

- \* Built above or below ground
- \* Durable & rodent-proof
- \* Easy to compact and seal
- \* Requires higher capital input

## POLYTHENE TUBE SILAGE

- \* Long horizontal bags filled like sausages
- \* Great for group or cooperative use
- \* Low-cost, modular storage
- Risk:** Needs good sealing and shade

## UPS TRAINING DEMOS INCLUDE:

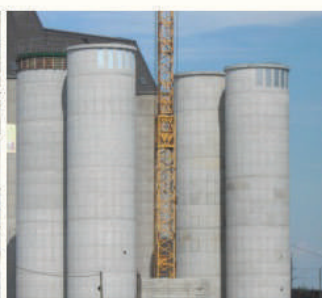
- \* Live silage chopping
- \* Sample bag packing
- \* Molasses mixing station
- \* Feeding trials for pigs and goats



GROUND SILOS (Pit Silage)



SILAGE BAGS



CONCRETE SILOS



POLYTHENE TUBE SILAGE





# HYDROPONICS USING MAIZE SEED

**INNOVATION TITLE:** Hydroponics Using Maize Seed  
**TECHNOLOGY TYPE:** Soil-less sprouted forage system  
**TARGET LIVESTOCK:** Cattle, Goats, Pigs, Poultry

## HOW IT WORKS:

- \* Maize grain is soaked, germinated, and grown for 7–10 days in trays  
Uses only water, shade, and ambient temperature—no soil
- \* Produces lush green shoots (15–20 cm high) with root mat
- \* Can be harvested daily and fed fresh

## BENEFITS TO FARMERS

- \* Requires no land—ideal for zero-grazing units, towns, or backyards
- \* Daily harvest—ready in 7 days
- \* Reduces feed costs by 30–50%
- \* Improves animal health: high digestibility, low anti-nutrient levels
- \* Ideal for dry seasons when pasture is scarce

## LIVESTOCK RESPONSE

Species	Benefit of Hydroponic Feed
Cattle	Boosts milk yield and rumen function
Goats	Easily digestible, good for weak or lactating does
Pigs	Fed with root mat or chopped; improves gut health
Poultry	Chopped or shredded; boosts eggs and color

## INPUTS REQUIRED:

- \* Clean maize seed (2.5–3 kg per tray)
- \* Flat trays or shallow basins
- \* Rack stand (metal/wood/bamboo)
- \* Water sprayer (no fertilizer needed)  
Shade or roofing material (for protection from direct sun/rain)

## UPS APPLICATION

- \* Demonstrated in UPS zero-grazing units and youth training centers
- \* Combined with bioslurry or frass fertilizer in integrated systems
- \* Farmer-friendly model for small plots, schools, prisons, and peri-urban farms

## FARMER INSIGHT TIP:

**“No soil, no land, no problem just seed, water, and shade!”**





# TSETSE FLY TRAPS

**INNOVATION TITLE:** Tsetse Fly Trapping for Livestock Health  
**TECHNOLOGY TYPE:** Insect vector control (non-chemical)  
**TARGET PEST:** Glossina spp. (Tsetse flies)

## WHY IT MATTERS

Tsetse flies transmit trypanosomiasis (Nagana) in livestock and sleeping sickness in humans. Infected animals suffer:

- \* Weight loss
- \* Reduced milk/meat production
- \* Poor fertility
- \* Early death

**UPS Solution:** Use of odor-baited traps and insecticide-impregnated cloth traps to reduce fly populations around livestock enclosures and grazing zones.

## UPS FIELD APPLICATION

- \* Deployed in UPS cattle corridors and grazing zones
- \* Integrated with livestock treatment and grazing control
- \* Easy-to-use models for community based tsetse suppression

## HOW TSETSE TRAPS WORK

- \* Visual attractant: Bright blue and black cloth panels mimic host animals
- \* Odor lure: Uses acetone or cow urine attractant (optional)
- \* Trap design: Funnel-style or biconical shape directs flies into a central collection chamber
- \* Placement: Installed near water sources, paths, or kraals (~100–200 m apart)

## BENEFITS TO LIVESTOCK OWNERS

- \* Reduces disease and mortality
- \* Increases weight gain and milk production
- \* Reduces chemical drug use
- \* Safe, low-cost, environmentally friendly

## TRAP MATERIALS

- \* Wooden or PVC frame
- \* Bright blue and black cloth (UV resistant)
- \* Transparent netting
- \* Collection bottle or cone
- \* Optional: insecticide-treated mesh

## FARMER INSIGHT TIP:

**“Combine traps with regular deworming and dipping for best livestock health.”**



# MAROONS FC UNVEILS UMAR ABDALLAH LOI AS NEW HEAD COACH



*Maroons Football Club officially unveils Umar Abdallah Loi as the team's new Head Coach in a ceremony presided over by Club Chairman ACPG Hillary Bisanga and board members*

**Maroons Football Club has officially unveiled Umar Abdallah Loi as the team's new Head Coach on a three-year contract, running from July 2025 to July 2028, with an option for an additional year. The unveiling ceremony, held at the club offices, was presided over by the Club Chairman, Mr. Hillary Bisanga, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons, alongside other members of the club's board.**

**U**mar, who will assume full duties next week, arrives with a wealth of coaching expertise backed by a CAF 'A' License and professional credentials from the FIFA Talent Identification and Scouting programs, the Football Periodization and Mentorship Course by FC Barcelona, among others. His coaching career includes guiding Malakia Sports Club to runners-up in the South Sudan Super League, steering Yei Joint Stars Women's team to back-to-back league titles in 2022/23 and 2023/24, and clinching South Sudan Cup victories with Superstar FC in Bor. He has also played a pivotal role in developing players from the West Nile region who progressed to the South Sudan National Team.

A former player himself, Umar combines deep technical insight with proven leadership, talent development, and scouting expertise.

His operational understanding of FUFA, CAF, and FIFA frameworks, coupled with a background in Business Administration and a Diploma in Purchasing and Supply Management, underscores his blend of football and professional acumen.

Supporting him will be a capable technical bench comprising Mohammad Senfuma (First Assistant Coach), Simon Peter Ojok (Second Assistant Coach), Maxwell Okello (Fitness, Body and Conditioning Coach), Ken Rogers Tezigwa (Goalkeeping Coach), and Stephen Ekidu, who rejoins the club's technical team.

The board expressed confidence that Umar's modern coaching methodologies, discipline, and results-driven approach will align with Maroons FC's ambition to compete at the highest level. The unveiling marks the start of what the club believes will be a transformative chapter in its history.





*The new head coach is unveiled to the club's board of directors*



*Maroons Club Chairman ACGP Hillary Bisanga, unveils the new head coach*



*The new head coach signed a three-year contract with the club*



# 100 YEARS OF ATHLETICS EXCELENCE IN UGANDA: THE UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE JOURNEY



*Stephen Kiprotich raises the Uganda flag high after winning the marathon gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics*

As Uganda Athletics celebrates 100 years of athletic excellence since the sport's introduction in 1925, the Uganda Prisons Service stands as a cornerstone of the nation's sporting heritage. For decades, the Prisons Athletics Club has nurtured talent, produced world-class champions, and brought immense pride to Uganda. From Olympic medalists to record-breakers, the service's legacy continues to inspire a new generation poised to uphold its tradition of excellence. The Prisons Athletics Club's journey began in 1964 when George Odeke competed at the Tokyo Olympics. After retiring, Odeke became the club's coach in 1968, collaborating with national team head coach Malcolm Arnold to launch a nationwide scouting program.

**T**his initiative transformed the club into a powerhouse by the late 1960s and early 1970s, contributing over 20 athletes to the national team across track and field. These athletes excelled in events like the All-Africa Games and Commonwealth Games, though African boycotts of the 1970s Olympics, in solidarity against apartheid in South Africa, limited their global exposure. Early stars included Jimmy Issamat, Retired Superintendent of Prisons, scouted from Soroti in 1968 as a triple and long jumper. Issamat captained the Prisons team from 1970 to 1979 and, alongside Fidel Ndyabagye, reached the long jump finals at the 1973 All-Africa Games in Lagos and the 1978 Games in Algiers.

Nalis Bugingo, also a Retired Superintendent of Prisons, joined in 1968 as a middle-distance runner (1,500m and 3,000m) before setting a national 3,000m steeplechase record of 8:33.11 at the East and Central African Games in Somalia, a mark that stood for 31 years. Bugingo placed fourth in the 1978 and 1982 All-Africa Games, won silver in the 1979 42km invitational marathon in Swaziland, and secured bronze in the 20km walking race at the All-Africa Games in Egypt. Although qualified for the 1976 Montreal Olympics and World Cross Country Championships in Germany, he missed both due to the boycott. Bugingo later joined Issamat as a Prisons coach in 1983.





*UPS' Nyakisi Adero, at the 2012 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships in Kavarna, Bulgaria*

The 1970s marked a golden era for Prisons athletes. Judith Aya won bronze in the 400m at the 1970 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh and silver at the 1973 All-Africa Games in Lagos. Silver Ayo matched her with silver medals in the same events. William Kosgei competed in the 400m hurdles at the 1970 All-Africa Games and 1978 Commonwealth Games.

Christina Anyakun and Constance Rwabiregye claimed gold in the 800m and javelin, respectively, at the 1973 All-Africa Games. Other 1973 standouts included Sam Onyach (discus), Budishana Nyaketcho (bronze, 400m hurdles), Musa Mustafa (10,000m), Rwabu Fulgance (10,000m and marathon), Ochen Negro (decathlon), Vitus Ashaba (1,500m), and Alphonse Olweny (4x100m relay team). Justin Arop (1958–1994), a javelin thrower, competed at the 1980, 1984, and 1988 Olympics, finishing 12th in Moscow.

He won gold at the 1978 and 1987 All-Africa Games and set a national record of 75.52m (new design) in 1988, following a personal best of 84.58m (old design) in 1982 at the Lite Summer Games in Durham, North Carolina. Political instability from 1978 to 1981 disrupted athletics, and the Prisons Athletics Club nearly collapsed in 1991. Coaches Buggingo and Issamat persevered, balancing national team duties with their prison roles. A revival began in 2005 under the Commissioner General of Prisons Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, whose support sparked a major recruitment drive. The club reclaimed dominance, winning numerous national championships since 2010 and producing global stars.

Notably, Stephen Kiprotich, Superintendent of Prisons, won the 2012 London Olympic marathon (2:08:01), Uganda's first Olympic medal since 1996 and first-ever marathon medal, followed by gold at the 2013 World Championships. Fred Musobo, 2015 World Mountain Running Championships gold medalist, competed at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, ran a personal best marathon of 2:06:56 in Daegu in 2019, and won the 2021 Source of the Nile Half Marathon (1:03:14). Felix Chemonges set a national marathon record of 2:05:12 at the 2019 Toronto Waterfront Marathon and competed at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Stephen Kissa, a 2020 Olympian in the 10,000m, ran a personal best of 13:10.93 in the 5,000m in 2018 and won the Montferland 15km road race. Phillip Kiplimo won gold at the 2015 World Mountain Running Championships and placed eighth at the 2014 Commonwealth Games marathon.

Nyakisi Adero made her marathon debut at the Amsterdam Marathon in October 2015, setting a new Ugandan record with a time of 2:34:54, which also earned her a spot at the 2016 Olympics. Representing Uganda at the Rio Olympics, Adero placed 68th.





*UPS' David Emong won a gold medal in the men's T46 1500m race at the London 2017 World Para Athletics Championships*

David Emong, a sprint and medium-distance runner, won Uganda's first Paralympic medal at the 2016 Paralympic Games, gaining a silver medal in the Men's 1500 metres.

Phillip Kipyeko competed in the 5,000m at the 2016 Olympics with a personal best of 13:10.69. Jackson Kiprop ran the marathon at the 2015 World Championships and 2016 Rio Olympics, having won the Mumbai Marathon. Haron Adoli shone in 2025, running a personal best of 45.21s in the 400m at the Kip Keino Classic in Nairobi and, with Prisons teammate Godfrey Chanwengo and Uganda Police's Shida Leni and Maureen Banura, set a national 4x400m mixed relay record of 3:15.26 at the 2024 World Athletics Relays in Guangzhou. He was the first Ugandan male 400m runner to qualify for the 2022 Commonwealth Games finals in Birmingham. He finished as a finalist in the African Athletics Championships and the African Senior Championships. Tom Dradiga, a two-time national 800m champion, ran a personal best of 1:44.74 in 2023 and competed at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and 2023 World Championships.

Rachael Zena Chebet placed fourth in the 2019 World Cross Country Championships senior race, earning team bronze, and competed in the 10,000m at the 2019 World Championships. Esther Chebet finished fifth in the 1,500m at the 2019 African Games, won team bronze at the 2019 World Cross Country Championships, and competed at the 2020

Tokyo Olympics. Dorcus Ajok won gold in the 1,500m at the 2015 Summer Universiade and reached the semifinals at the 2017 World Championships.

Belinda Chemutai finished 19th in the half-marathon at the 2023 World Athletics Road Running Championships in Riga, was selected for the 2024 World Cross Country Championships in Serbia, ran the 1,500m at the 2024 African Athletics Championships, qualifying for the final and placing eighth overall, and competed in the 5,000m at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Recent global competitors include Hosea Kiprop, Sam Kiprotich, Noel Cheruto, Knight Aciro, Hosea Kiplangat, Brenda Chekomboi, Yeko Bismac, Helud Cherop, and Ezekiel Mutai, who have excelled in World Cross Country and World Mountain Running events. Francis Demayi, Retired Assistant Superintendent of Prisons and certified trainer, was pivotal in this success.

As Prisons coach from 2009 until his retirement in 2024, Demayi mentored athletes for the Commonwealth Games, World Cross Country, All-Africa Games, and African Junior Championships. A member of the Uganda Athletics Federation's Technical Committee, he groomed a team of coaches to continue the club's legacy of excellence, ensuring the Prisons Athletics Club remains a powerhouse.



# UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE SHINES AT JOHN AKII-BUA MEMORIAL MEET



*UPS emerged victorious at the John Akii-Bua Memorial Meet with Tom Dradriga winning the 800m Men race*

The Mandela National Stadium, fondly known as Namboole, came alive with electrifying performances at the 23rd Akii-Bua Memorial Invitational Meet, a vibrant celebration of Uganda's century-long legacy in athletics. Named after the legendary John Akii-Bua, whose 1972 Olympic gold in the 400m hurdles set a world record, the event showcased East Africa's finest talent. Despite a torrential downpour that tested athletes' resolve, the Uganda Prisons Athletics Club dominated the podium, cementing their status as a powerhouse in Uganda's sporting heritage. The packed stands roared with pride, undeterred by the rain, as the club's athletes delivered a masterclass in grit and skill, honouring a century of excellence.

**T**he Akii-Bua Memorial Meet was a fitting tribute to Uganda's century of athletic excellence and John Akii-Bua's 1972 Olympic triumph. Held to honour his world-record-setting 400m hurdles victory, the event celebrated Uganda's rich sporting history, from early stars like George Odeke and Justin Arop to today's rising talents. The Uganda Prisons Athletics Club, revitalised under Dr. Byabashaija's leadership since 2005, dominated with multiple medals across track and field, proving their enduring legacy.

with heavy rain turning the track into a slick challenge. Kenya's Zablon Ekwam surged to victory in 45.97 seconds, but Uganda Prisons' Haron Adoli stole the show with a courageous second-place finish in 46.33. Adoli played it smart, conserving energy for the first 200 meters before unleashing powerful strides around the final curve. Though he couldn't catch Ekwam, the stadium erupted in chants of "Haron! Haron! Haron!" as he crossed the line, fending off Makerere University's Kenneth Omuka (47.56) for a podium spot.

## A Rain-Soaked Triumph in the 400m

The men's 400m final was a dramatic showdown,





*Atheletes endure the heavy downpour to showcase their might and strength during John Akii-bua Memorial Meet at the Mandela National Stadium*

### **Dominance in Field Events**

In the men's shot put, Prisons' Martin Odongo powered through with a 12.98-meter throw, claiming gold with a triumphant shout that echoed through Namboole. Teammate Moses Jinaro Oceng followed closely with a 12.89-meter toss for silver, his focus unwavering. Uganda Police's Baya Odong took bronze at 12.88 meters in a fiercely competitive field. Prisons athletes Oscar Opiyo (4th, 12.58m), Regan Semei Komakech (5th, 12.47m), Jackson Pope Ojara (6th, 12.46m), and Bob Onencan (7th, 10.96m) delivered consistent throws, showcasing the club's depth.

The long jump pit saw Prisons' Charles Okello soar to gold with a stunning 7.39-meter leap on his third attempt, his fist-pump igniting the crowd. South Sudan's Ayup Khoak Khor Liay grabbed silver with 7.15 meters, while UPDF's Denish Odongo secured bronze at 7.14 meters. Prisons' Moses Komakech (5th, 7.08m) and Jimmy Yikii (7th, 7.06m) kept the pressure on, their explosive jumps reflecting the club's commitment to excellence, supported by modern training grounds developed by the Engineering Gang.





*UPS has integrated numerous sports initiatives and programs for women, promoting inclusivity and enhancing gender equality in the world of sports*

In the women's javelin, Uganda Police's Josephine Joyce Lalam launched a massive 49.07-meter throw to win gold, but Prisons' Victoria Awidi answered with a 43.59-meter toss for silver, her smooth technique earning loud cheers. Scovia Lakot (4th, 40.77m), Gloria Ocen Akello (7th, 38.03m), and Nancy Lakot (8th, 36.19m) kept Prisons competitive, their performances underpinned by the club's access to world-class facilities.

### **Sprinting and Middle-Distance Mastery**

The men's 100m was a thrilling race, with Kenya's Meshack Babu edging out teammate Tyson Omondi Juma in a photo finish, clocking 10.38 seconds to Juma's 10.39. Prisons' Emmanuel Aboda claimed bronze with 10.61 seconds, his strong start and smooth strides keeping him in contention with the Kenyans. Aboda's performance highlighted the club's ability to compete with regional giants, a testament to the training infrastructure revitalised by the UPS.

In the men's 1500m, Prisons' Silas Chemutai ran a tactical masterpiece, sitting patiently in the pack for two laps before unleashing a blistering final 400 meters to win in 3:39.83. The stadium erupted as he raised his arms in triumph. UWA's Domenic Kiprop took silver in 3:40.52, while Uganda Police's Jacob Sande grabbed bronze in 3:40.91. Prisons' depth shone through with Hosea Kiprop (4th, 3:40.93), Sam Kapkureny Kiprotich (6th, 3:43.07), Tonny Omara (7th, 3:43.42), Daniel

Comboni (8th, 3:45.41), and Gideon Rotich (9th, 3:46.13), all running with heart, supported by upgraded training facilities.

The men's 800m saw Prisons' Tom Dradriga take charge, leading at the bell and powering to gold in 1:46.47 with long, confident strides. Teammate Kokas Erimu stayed close, securing silver in 1:46.86, as the crowd roared for the Prisons one-two finish. Samuel Ogwal (4th, 1:47.79) nearly snatched bronze, showcasing the club's strength.

### **Women's Events Showcase Talent**

In the women's 5000m, Uganda Police's Charity Cherop led with a steady 15:18.82 to claim gold, but Prisons' Esther Chebet fought hard for silver in 15:28.82, her powerful strides shining through. Uganda Police's Bentalin Yeko took bronze in 15:36.30. In the women's discus, Prisons' Rosemary Aciro earned silver with a 33.73-meter throw, and teammate Catherine Alanyo secured bronze with 33.01 meters, keeping the club competitive against Uganda Christian University's Kevin Prisca Anena (35.85m).

The women's 100m saw Uganda Christian University's Bridget Mbwali take gold in 11.91 seconds, but Prisons' Evaline Ocen Koli claimed silver with 12.17 seconds, followed by Uganda Christian University's Charity Mercy Atiang for bronze at 12.22 seconds. Prisons' Agnes Apio (4th, 12.32) and Esther Auma (5th, 12.70).





*Young athletes have been mentored and provided with competitive platforms to develop and showcase their athletics talents*

In the women's 800m, UWA's Halima Nakaayi surged to gold in 1:59.68, edging out Kenya's Sarah Moraa Orobi (1:59.94) and Ethiopia's Saida Tsehaye Ageze (2:01.31). Prisons' Knight Aciru finished a close fourth in 2:01.79, her strong pacing keeping her in the hunt.

#### Hurdles and Heritage

The men's 400m hurdles was a highlight, with Prisons' Kennedy Onen exploding from the blocks, clearing hurdles with precision to claim gold in 54.96 seconds. UPDF's Brian Onencan took silver in 55.74, while Prisons' Felix Ouma Ongee secured bronze in 55.98. Teammates Joshua Ajalu (5th, 58.75), Emmanuel Goni (6th, 58.96), and Fred Ambayo (7th, 60.07).



*UPS has contributed tremendously to the development of national athletics over the years*





*Over the years, UPS athletes have emerged as national stars on the world stage across various competitions*



# DOWN THE MEMORY LANE



On 10 March 2016, a roundtable with Uganda Prisons senior officers discussed implementing the Revised UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. Since then, these reforms have transformed prison management by improving inmate welfare, promoting rehabilitation, strengthening staff professionalism, and enhancing overall prison conditions across the country.

## ORBITUARY

The Commissioner General of Prisons announces the deaths of fallen Comrades



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