

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND VETERAN AFFAIRS

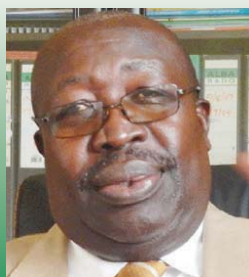


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Uganda's strategic Defence posture is premised on having a strong PanAfrican UPDF that is able to preserve, defend and protect the sovereignty of Uganda, contribute to regional stability, and support international peace efforts.



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SECURITY SECTOR NRM MANIFESTO COMMITMENTS, STRATEGIC GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIVES

Introduction

- The Security Sector is identified in the NRM Manifesto as a pillar in achieving the aspirations of the ruling party. This is enshrined on the NRM commitment to ensure a secure and peaceful Uganda by promoting and upholding democracy and good governance as core values for national socio-economic transformation.
- Below are the commitments, strategic guidelines and directives of the sector and the progress; NRM Manifesto commitments and Presidential Directives to the Security Sector.

NRM Manifesto commitments

- Continued Professionalisation and Modernisation of Defence and security forces
- Developing Defence and -Security Infrastructure
- Strengthening Research and Development
- Promoting Production for Wealth Creation and Self-sustainability
- Strengthening Internal and External Security

Presidential Directives

- Relocation of Airforce elements to Nakasongola
- Adequate provision for classified expenditure
- Funding redevelopment Luwero Industries
- Budget provision for adequate feeding for the army

NRM Manifesto and Presidential Directives to the Security Sector.

- Purchase uniforms and boots from local manufacturers
- Reduce expendable on Usage of Air force fuel Installation of Solar Power In Barracks to reduce the current electricity bill
- Drilling boreholes in barracks to reduce current water bill
- Development of the National Military Referral Hospital
- Development of Kitante Medical Centre
- Pursue the pre-financing option for construction of the 30,000 houses for UPDF.
- Pursue the pre-financing option for construction of ISO and ESO Headquarters.
- Come up with a proposal on salary enhancement for scientists in the Army
- Gradually and affordably increase the salaries of soldiers until they come inline with salaries of primary school teachers
- Organize Veterans to benefit from Operation Wealth creation and to engage In Income generating activities as Government considers payment of the shs 536bn pension and gratuity arrears.
- Funding the Uganda Air cargo to enable them repair the grounded aircraft
- Increase the Income generating activities for soldiers' spouses to include weaving, soap making and making clothes using handlooms
- Continuing with professionalization and modernization of the defence and security forces



UPDF engineering brigade assembling motorised infantry fighting vehicles in Jinja. Being Assembled (R), Assembled (L).

Manifesto Commitment: Acquisition and maintenance of equipment.

Achievement:

The Ministry has continued to professionalise and modernize the defence and security forces. This has been done through acquiring, refurbishing and maintaining equipment for land, air and water. This has enhanced the security forces' capability to respond to threats on time.

Presidential Directive:

Classified expenditure should remain a priority because its spent on items that are crucial for UPDF and National security.

Achievement:

Classified expenditure has continued as priority on MoDVA's budget. Consequently UPDF capacity and capability have continued to grow and meets the current needs to sustain Peace and security.



UPDF Su Khoi jet Fighters



Acquired Force Capability Equipment



Force capability equipment

LDU's and recruits pass out



RECRUITMENT

Manifesto commitment: Human Capital Development

Achievement: Recruitment - The sector has consistently achieved this through enlistment, focusing on career development and deploying of officers and militants in operational and non-operational areas. A number of troops have been recruited over years to augment the UPDF and enhance capability in terms of numbers.



Manifesto commitment: Human Capital Development

Achievement: Training and Retraining of officers and militants- The Ministry has continued to train and retrain the Force in relevant courses for skills development and knowledge acquisition. This has been geared towards professionalising and modernising the army in addition to making the UPDF thrive at the national, regional and global stage. Trainings have been undertaken both locally and internationally with joint exercises to test readiness for peace support operations and improve regional response in dealing with global and national security threats over the years.

Training Exercises



LDU Training

Uganda Military Academy Kabamba



Kaweweta Recruits Training School



Human Capital Development - WELFARE

Presidential Directive:

Pay well scientists like engineers, pilots and doctors in order to retain them in UPDF and other establishments (e.g. LIL). Gradually and affordably increase the salaries of soldiers until they come in line with salaries of teachers and medical personnel.

Achievement:

There is gradual enhancement of salaries for Scientists and lower ranks to be at the same level as Grade III primary school teachers.

Health care services have been regularly provided to UPDF soldiers and their families in all the 112 health units across the Country. In addition, medical services have continued to be extended to the surrounding communities of the UPDF barracks and in Somalia.

-There are some medical cases that cannot be handled within UPDF Health centres; these cases are referred to Private not for Profit Hospitals which include Uganda Heart Institute, Mulago, Mengo among others.

Health care services



Housing Accommodation



DEVELOPING DEFENCE AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Presidential Directive:

Construct National Military Referral Hospital (NMRH) in a phased manner.

Achievement:

Construction works of a 250-bed Military Referral Hospital (MRH) at lower Mbuya is ongoing. The OPD,

Main theatre/maternity and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) first floors are being cast. Foundations of the main Laboratory, Pharmacy, emergency, radiology blocks and Officers ward foundation have been completed. Generally, progress is at 30%. The MRH will include specialised units of Heart and Cancer treatment Units.

Health and Sanitation



Military Referral Hospital-Lower Mbuya



Bombo Intensive Care Unit and Senior Officers Ward

Manifesto Commitment:

The NRM Government will continue with the construction of barracks to provide a conducive and habitable living environment for the personnel, as part of the welfare improvement programme in the UPDF and UPF.

Presidential Directive:

Provision of Housing accommodation.

Achievement:

The Ministry embarked on a 30,000 housing project to address the issue of provision of housing accommodation. The Ministry is currently engaging MoFPED for funding of this project.

Temporary structures in barracks will be replaced with permanent ones. This will include developing and rehabilitating other welfare facilities such as health, education and sports infrastructure in every barracks.

A Pre-feasibility Study was submitted to MoFPED and was approved. A Feasibility Study is being developed and once approved will determine the financing options.

Achievement:

The sector continued to renovate and rehabilitate infrastructure facilities in the areas of housing accommodation, health and sanitation and training schools. This has helped improve the living conditions of soldiers and their families. Consequently the morale of soldiers to serve has been enhanced overtime.

The Ministry continues implementing the Second Defence Strategic Infrastructure Investment Plan (DSIIP II) with routine renovations and construction works in Housing accommodation.

Some of the constructions are shown below;

Housing Accommodation



Special Forces Command (SFC) Entebbe Service Brigade accommodation.

DEVELOPING DEFENCE AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Presidential Directive:

Moving the Air force from Entebbe to Nakasongola

Achievements:

- Secured and undertook major repairs at Nakasongola Airbase runway. The runway is now operational with flights of Sukhoi and other light Air crafts.
- Constructed 02 hangars at Nakasongola. 01 has been completed and 01 is under going construction.

- Constructed aircraft maintenance workshops-Posted 60 ground support staff.
- Constructed and renovated 02 blocks of flats for Air force staff.
- Installed and commissioned Air Defence Radars.
- Procurement for fire station, control tower and purchase of equipment is ongoing
- Fencing was done and completed.
- The procurement process is still ongoing for maintenance of the

runway and clearing of the bush
Presidential Directive:
Expenditure on electricity, MoDVA should look at the option of running the barracks on solar power.

Achievement:

In a bid to reduce expenditure on electricity, the Ministry embarked on a solar project as one of the options.

A Kololo pilot project was commenced on. A contract was

signed to design and build a solar power generation system at Kololo National Ceremonial Grounds. Currently, construction of the power house is at roofing stage at 75%.

All project materials have been delivered on site (1620 solar panels each of 315watts, 300 batteries each 1000AMPS/hrs, cables 90sqmm (4core, 6050m) and accessories. Installation of the solar panels is complete.