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### **UNMISS initiates one year training program for National Prisons Service Cadets**

The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in support of the National Prisons Service of South Sudan (NPSSS) has embarked on a one-year training program for South Sudanese national prisons cadets. The course, which aims at supporting the NPSSS in training career graduate officers, is the first of its kind in South Sudan.

The training, currently taking place at the newly established Prisons Service Academy in Lologo, Juba, is attended by one hundred prison cadets. It will focus on internationally recognized prison standards through a combination of classroom lectures in administration and management, and further field assignments.

Candidates have been selected through a rigorous two-month screening process carried out among recent university graduates in agriculture, medicine, law and social work. Trainees, including twenty women, come from all the ten States in South Sudan. Upon completion of their training, cadets will be assigned to roles, based on their performance and other parameters, at the national headquarters, the training academy and throughout the ten States. Deployment will not necessarily follow where they were initially selected from.

Courses are delivered by NPSSS officers previously trained by UNMISS, with the support of UNODC. "Train the Trainers" is an integral part of UNMISS capacity-building mandate to enable the Prisons Service to train its own officers and build a correction system that is safe, secure, and humane, with an emphasis on ending prolonged and arbitrary detentions.

All trainings have been designed by UNMISS and the NPSSS with the support of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and approved by the Honorable Minister of Interior.

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