

IGG recovers sh2.4b, 12 public officials dismissed

The Inspectorate of Government (IGG) has dismissed 12 public officials and interdicted four others over the past two months as part of intensified efforts to curb corruption and misuse of public funds.

The inspectorate has also recovered sh2.41b in misappropriated funds during the same period, returning the money to the treasury, revealed the IGG, Justice Aisha Batala Naluzze. The interdicted officials include chief administrative officers, accountants, teachers, nurses, parish chiefs and nurses, who hail from the six districts of Bukwo, Masaka, Sironko, Pallisa, Kibuku and Kapchorwa.

Three public servants received reprimands, while one was demoted to a lower rank, said the IGG while addressing journalists at the Uganda Media Centre last week.

Naluzze assumed office in October last year following the expiration of Beti Olive Kamy's four-year term.

According to documents, the inspectorate identified sh9.9b in recoverable funds. Naluzze said efforts are underway to recover the remaining sh7.49b. The Inspectorate registered 1,516 complaints during

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the period, sanctioning 1,151 cases (75%). It implemented 378 out of 1,392 recommendations (27%), conducted eight systemic investigations and seven reviews to address structural weaknesses in public institutions. At the end, 246 breach-of-code investigations were concluded.

Furthermore, 308 corruption cases and 330 ombudsman matters were investigated and concluded, including 14 high-profile corruption cases. The office also generated

27 court cases and completed 927 verifications.

Naluzze revealed that spot checks were carried out at Kabale, Mbarara, and Masaka regional referral hospitals, which led to three arrests and exposed critical gaps, such as overcrowding, non-functional equipment, medicine shortages and staff extortion.

She cited the reconstruction of a classroom block at Namwanzi Primary School in Kalungu district – initiated after an IGG inspection – as

evidence that oversight yields tangible results.

Despite these achievements, the IGG acknowledged significant challenges. "Corruption has evolved from being petty to syndicated and normalised. The Inspectorate faces a shortage of skilled personnel, particularly forensic experts, to tackle sophisticated crimes," she said.

Naluzze noted that logistical constraints, including an

inadequate and ageing vehicle fleet and limited resources, were further hampering timely investigations, prosecutions and verifications.

The Inspectorate is prioritising high-impact cases, adopting prosecution-led investigations and expanding focus on money laundering for stronger deterrence. The target is to raise the prosecution rate to 70%.

Other measures include enhancing verification processes with analytical tools and specialised expertise such as financial analysts, training 78 investigators and prosecutors in financial crime handling, and deepening collaboration with stakeholders like the Criminal Investigations Directorate, Anti-Corruption Court, and Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

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