

**STATUS OF ACTIVITIES IN THE DIRECTORATE OF COOPERATION AND PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS**  
**COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**

**1. MoUs with Local Partners and RCS,**

S/N	PARTNER' NAMES	FIELD ACTIVITIES	DATE OF SIGNATURE		AREA(S) FOR IMPLEMENTATION	ACHIEVEMENTS	ONGOING/PLANNED ACTIVITIES
1.	<b>RP (Rwanda Polytechnic)</b> <a href="mailto:info@rp.ac.rw">info@rp.ac.rw</a> 0788386633	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To facilitate RCS staff and inmates to take part in various technical and vocational trainings</li> <li>➤ To ensure the link between Rwanda Correctional Service and IPRC</li> <li>➤ Availing trainers to participate in industrial exposure as trainees</li> </ul>	30/09/2019		RCS staffs from HQ and at the facilities.	In partnership with the Rwanda Polytechnic, RCS Staff and inmates have been trained in different options and now their skills have been improved.	<b>Activities are ongoing.</b>
2.	Diocese Catholic/ <b>BYUMBA</b> <a href="mailto:jmdush@yahoo.fr">jmdush@yahoo.fr</a> 0788481931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To manage and use the funds exclusively for the intended project activities</li> <li>➤ To provide advanced training to the qualified and innovative trainers in vocational and entrepreneurship skills (TOTs) chosen</li> </ul>	28/6/2022		Musanze, gicumbi and Nyagatare facilities	<p>- Promoting rehabilitation and reintegration of youth and women focusing to nyagatare juvenile facilities, gicumbi and musanze facilities for women.</p> <p>-Coordination of the endeavours with those of government and</p>	<b>Activities are ongoing</b>

		by RCS and conduct refresher courses to identified RCS trainers.				other development agencies operating in the project area and/or the same thematic sector where appropriate and possible.	
3.	<b>NETHERLAND EMBASSY IN RWANDA</b> <a href="mailto:kig@minbuza.nl">kig@minbuza.nl</a> .	Helping Inmates to develop their vocational skills and construction of TVET workshops in 5 Correctional Facilities.	01/07/2019		Nyanza, Rwamagana, Huye, Rubavu and Nyarugenge Correctional facilities	Developing skills for inmates in the field of vocational training, construction & equipping of 5 TVET Workshops-Nyanza, Huye, Rwamagana, Rubavu & Nyarugenge.	<b>Activities are ongoing</b>
4.	<b>Rwanda Bridges to Justice</b> (RBJ) <a href="http://www.ibi.org">www.ibi.org</a>	To collaborate in delivering of Early access to justice through a team of well-trained volunteer lawyers and to provide to the indigent and vulnerable suspects who cannot afford lawyers with competent legal representation in criminal matters from the moment of arrest/interrogation;	12/05/2020		All facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides legal assistance to most vulnerable inmates.</li> <li>• Working on E-HUZA project that will assist in having E-visits for the Inmates through calls or Video as well as management of Inmates' money which has been a challenge to</li> </ul>	<b>Activities are ongoing, and a draft of MoU amendment was done in order to include the E-Huza project. It is waiting for approval from Both Parties.</b>

						RCS for a longtime.	
5.	<b>Prison Fellowship Rwanda (PFR)</b> <a href="mailto:ntwalijeapaul@yahoo.fr">ntwalijeapaul@yahoo.fr</a> 0788530984	Support psycho- social, healing, peace building and reconciliation, restore justice, crime prevention, human rights promotion and legal aid	10/08/2020		All facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Promoted peace building and reconciliation dialogues among inmates</li> <li>. Created environment that prepares inmates for their reintegration.</li> <li>. Provided legal assistance to most vulnerable inmates</li> <li>. Built relationships &amp; communication between children and incarcerated persons.</li> </ul>	<b>Activities are ongoing</b>

6.	<b>Rwanda Men's Resource Center "hereinafter RWAMREC",</b> <a href="mailto:info@rwamrec.org">info@rwamrec.org</a> +250 788315140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Improve respect of gender equality principles at all levels and the prevention of Gender-Based Violence through staff &amp; inmates training SGBV Awareness Programs in correctional Facilities.</li> </ul>	08/07/2020		Training of RCS' staffs	Carry trainings for RCS Staff and Inmates on gender equality & equity including prevention of Gender based Violence (SGBV).	<b>Activities are ongoing</b>
7.	<b>Association Rwandaise pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (ARDHO)</b> <a href="mailto:Arkho1990@gmail.com">Arkho1990@gmail.com</a> 0788351377	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Organizing Human Rights and Legal Aid education in Correctional Facilities</li> </ul>	June /2022		Musanze, Rubavu, Rwamagan a ,Ngoma , Nyarugenge and Nyamagabe facilities	Organize Trainings on access to justice and legal aid to Inmates and detainees.	<b>Activities are ongoing</b>
8.	<b>Sunlight Initiative Rwanda (SIRWA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Training of inmates with disability on human rights</li> <li>➤ Providing of wheelchairs for inmates with disability</li> <li>➤ Identify and provide comprehensive scholastic materials to inmates with disability</li> </ul>	26/01/2022		Nyarugenge	. Providing wheelchairs to inmates with disability detained at different Correctional facilities. . Training of RCS Staff on handling of inmates with Disabilities.	<b>Activities are ongoing.</b>

9.	<b>Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Preparing and sharing with RCS the list of qualified trainers in ADR</li> <li>➤ Providing the RCS staff or inmates with professional training in ADR</li> <li>➤ Providing training certificates to the RCS successful trainees</li> </ul>	04/11/2021			Conducting training for RCS legal officers (Three staff have been trained in Arbitration)	<b>Activities are ongoing</b>
10.	<b>Lawyers of Hope (LoH)</b>	Provision of legal aid services to detainees and prisoners	18/11/2022		Musanze, Muhanga, Gicumbi, Nyagatare, Rwamagana and Nyarugenge	They advocated for the inmates and provided them with tools to help them prepare their cases.	<b>Activities are ongoing</b>
11.	<b>DIDE (Dignity in Detention)</b>	Promoting the rights and welfare of inmates under sentence in Rwandan Prisons and accompany their reintegration into community	24/08/2021		Ngoma, Rwamagana, Nyamagabe, Nyarugenge, Nyagatare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Improving the Correctional systems capacity to rehabilitate inmates</li> <li>. Expanded inmates/community reconciliation by working before and after inmates' release to facilitate their reintegration into the community.</li> </ul>	<b>Activities are ongoing</b>
12.	<b>ICPO (Integration of children Post-Prison Organization)</b>	Improving the rights and welfare of children whose mothers are under sentence in Musanze and	12/08/2021		Nyamagabe, Musanze	Visit and identify all children living with their mothers in Musanze and Nyamagabe	<b>Activities are ongoing.</b>

		Nyamagabe Correctional Facilities.				Correctional Facilities and support in their successful return to their families and relatives.	
13.	<b>Good News for Peace and Development for Rwanda (GNPDR)</b>	Improving sexual reproductive health and rights education among inmates and assessing the given contexts and existing knowledge around sexual and gender -based violence.	20/08/2021		Musanze, Rwamagana and Nyamagabe Correctional facilities.	Providing needed materials for the project's activity to be done.	<b>Activities are ongoing.</b>
14.	<b>The Pentecostal church of Rwanda (ADEPR CHURCH)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Organizing, conducting evangelism fellowships, acquisition of chairs for fellowship services,</li> <li>➤ Purchasing different music instrument.</li> <li>➤ Construction of conference rooms, libraries and classrooms and providing tailoring materials to the graduates of tailoring program.</li> <li>➤ Promote social welfare, good relationships and economic development of</li> </ul>	January 2023		All facilities	In addition to ongoing partnership activities, the construction of a modern library at Nyarugenge Correctional Facility has started (Excavation is done plus site preparations).	<b>Activities are ongoing.</b>

		beneficiaries focusing on health services, education and other activities that bring holistic development.					
15.	<b>INTERPEACE</b>	Promoting the Rights and welfare of inmates under sentence in Rwandan Correctional facilities and accompany their reintegration into the community.	2022		All CFs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Promote peace and reconciliation dialogues among inmates.</li> <li>. Created environment that prepares inmates for their reintegration as well as connecting</li> <li>. Provided legal assistance to most vulnerable inmates.</li> <li>. Built relationships &amp; communication between children and incarcerated persons.</li> </ul>	<b>Activities are ongoing.</b>

16.	<b>UNDP</b> <a href="mailto:www.rw@undp.org">www.rw@undp.org</a> 0788122427	Strengthening the partnership between UNDP and the Government of Rwanda through RCS in supporting Covid19 response and the promotions of E-Courts in Correctional facilities and technical vocation and training.	Letter of Agreement (LOA)		Nyarugenge and Nyamagabe facilities	Promotions of E- courts in Correctional Facilities and technical vocation and training.	<b>Activities are ongoing.</b>
17.	<b>ASSOCIATION MODESTE ET INNOCENT (AMI)</b>	For the provision of common services/ activities which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health /mental services</li> <li>- Counselling</li> <li>- Social rehabilitation and reintegration</li> <li>- And reconciliation.</li> </ul>	09/11/2022.		NYAMAGABE, HUYE, AND MUHANGA CORRECTIO NAL FACILITIES	Contributing to maintenance of wellbeing of vulnerable inmates, in particular very old ones, those suffering from incurable diseases. provided medicines not provided by " MUTUELLE DE SANTE' ".	<b>All activities are on going</b>



18.	<b>MINECOFIN AND STIRLING FOUNDATION AND THE CHURCH OF JUSUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINT IN RWANDA</b>	To provide a general framework for collaboration between the parties for implementation and funding of the pilot project to ensure proper and successful reintegration of the offenders into society.	1/11/2022.		Rwamagana district.	Construction and equipping of halfway social reintegration center pilot project in Rwamagana district.	<b>Activities are ongoing and the construction already started</b>
19.	<b>GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL SAFETY NJEMA LTD</b>	To consult on the priority areas and modalities of cooperation to work together and contribute to the overall environment protection at Nyarugenge facility and using low impact development technology – LID tech with in facility premises.	14/10/2022.		Nyarugenge Correctional facility.	To provide technical assistance in protecting the environment using nature-based technologies, and conduct further research on environment and climate change resilience;	<b>Activities are ongoing.</b>

20.	<b>UNITAR (THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.</b>	To provide a cooperative frame work within which the parties can develop and implement activities and the parties intend to utilize and leverage their existing resources and facilities for mutual benefit and for the benefits of activities' beneficiaries.	12/12/2022.		-	- Training under capacities that produced results in line with the parties' agreed objectives and development programs. - Support to institutions responsible for the training of security forces for deployments to UN/AU/regional organizations in peace operation or to any other peace operations.	<b>Activities are ongoing</b>
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## **2. MoUs WITH REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

### **ACTIVE MoUS WITH ACHIEVEMENTS AND ONGOING/PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>PARTNER /ADDRESS</b>	<b>FIELD ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>DATE OF SIGNATURE</b>		<b>AREA FOR IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENTS</b>	<b>ONGOING AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES</b>
01.	<b>ZIMBABWE</b> <a href="http://www.zpcs.gov.zw">www.zpcs.gov.zw</a>	Technical cooperation in the field of correctional Services.	MoU signed on 19/03/2021		Cooperation in correctional/prisons Services.	-The Commissioner General of ZPCS and his delegation carried out a benchmarking visit to Rwanda from 05 -11 March 2023.	-Activities are ongoing and the CG-RCS is scheduled to carry out

						<p>-Both CG's (RCS and ZPCS) agreed and signed the implementation for the signed MoU on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</p> <p>-Both sides have established the Joint task team (JTT) to Monitor, evaluate and follow up on the implementation of the MoU.</p>	<p>a counter benchmarking visit to Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Service by June 2023.</p> <p>-This will fully open up on the implementation of the planned activities as both sides will have seen physically what they can partner in depending on their priorities and needs.</p>
02.	<p><b>MALAWI</b>  <a href="http://www.malawiyp.com">www.malawiyp.com</a>          Fax : 524722</p>	<p>Technical cooperation in the field of correctional Services.</p> <p>Exchange of Convicted Persons.</p>	<p>MoU Signed on 23/02/2017</p>		<p>Cooperation in correctional/prisons Services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In March 2018, there was extradition of Genocide Convict (Vincent Murekezi) from</li> </ul>	<p>Both Sides have exchanged inputs on the draft Implementation</p>

						<p>Malawi to Rwanda and he is now detained at Nyarugenge Prison.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .....</li> </ul>	<p>plan/matrix that is now awaiting finalization and approval by both Commissioner Generals at a meeting to be decided in either country in the near future.</p>
03.	<p><b>ZAMBIA</b>  <a href="http://www.zambiacorrectional.gov.zm">www.zambiacorrectional.gov.zm</a>  +260 96 45 34 211</p>	<p>Cooperation in the field of correctional services</p>	<p>MoU signed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020</p>		<p>Cooperation in correctional area</p>	<p>-The CG - ZCS together with his delegation made a benchmarking visit to Rwanda from 23 – 30 April 2021 which led to the signing of the Implementation guidelines by both Commissioner Generals.</p> <p>- RCS also sent 7 Correctional officers to Zambia through offered slots which included: 5 cadet officers and 2 instructors</p>	<p><b>Following the recent</b> benchmarking visit of the CG-ZCS and his delegation, which was from the 28<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, the following projects are now under initial</p>

						<p>respectively. All graduated and are now already in service.</p> <p>- RCS team made a benchmarking visit to Zambia in May 2022. The relevancy of this visit included:</p> <p>a. The mission helped the RCS delegation to touch base with our counterparts from the ZCS.</p> <p>b. The mission offered an opportunity to exchange best practices and experience in management of inmates and other correctional practices.</p> <p>c. The visit was also an opportunity to strengthen the existing cooperation between RCS and ZCS and to chart together the way forward.</p>	<p>establishments:</p> <p><b>a.</b> There is a project on biogas establishment in Zambia correctional facilities with technical assistance from Rwanda.</p> <p><b>b.</b> both parties are now in discussions to form a Joint venture farm project and the concept note has been shared to RCS leadership for further management.</p>
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04.	<b>BOTSWANA</b>	Cooperation in the field of correctional services.	MoU signed 28 April 2022		Cooperation in correctional/prisons Services	During the 1 <sup>st</sup> JPCC between Rwanda – Botswana in April 2022, the Deputy Commissioner General of Botswana Prisons Service and her delegation visited RCS Training School in Rwamagana district and appreciated the existing learning environment and the particular programs offered at the school.	Both Sides have exchanged inputs on the draft Implementation plan/matrix that is now awaiting finalization and approval by both Commissioner Generals at a meeting to be decided in either country in the near future.
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05.	<b>UGANDA</b>	Cooperation in the field of correctional services	MoU signed 29 September 2010		Cooperation in correctional/prisons Services	Both parties agreed to revise the existing implementation plan during the recent Permanent commission (JPC) between Rwanda – Uganda that took place in Kigali from 22-24 March 2023.	The CG-RCS is planned to make a benchmarking visit to Uganda by either June or July 2023 as one of the outcomes of the 11 <sup>th</sup> JPC that was signed by both Ministers of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
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06.	<b>KENYA</b>	Cooperation in the field of correctional services, training, ICT, planning and research development. Etc.	MoU signed on 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.		Cooperation in correctional/prisons Services	-A revised MoU has been signed during the 9 <sup>th</sup> JPCC between Rwanda – Kenya that took place in Kigali from the 1 <sup>st</sup> – 04 <sup>th</sup> April 2023. - The CG-KPS and his delegation carried out a benchmarking visit to Rwanda/RCS from 19 – 20 December 2022 and both CGs were able to agree on the draft revised MoU with a focus on sharing expertise in the respect of incarcerated persons' rights', rehabilitation and reintegration programs.	Both Parties have agreed to establish a Joint Technical Committee to follow up on the implementation of the signed MoU and advise the Commissioner General accordingly.
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### **3. INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS/STAKEHOLDERS ORGANIZATIONS**

S/N	NAME OF PARTNER/STAKEHOLDER	MAIN ROLES/AREAS OF COOPERATION
1.	<b>Friends of Corrections</b>	<i>Group of Friends of Corrections</i> formed in 2009, initiative of UN member states to create association of countries with good governance, only Rwanda, Sweden, Canada, Burkina Faso and Benin are members. Rwanda become Chair in 2012-2014.



2.	<b>ICPA</b> (International Corrections and Prisons Association)	<p>Founded in 1998 with a mission to promote and share ethical and effective correctional practices to enhance public safety and healthier communities worldwide. Members meet once annually; Rwanda Correctional Service received a Global award for outstanding performance in using Biogas in favor of Environment.</p> <p>This happened in Australia on 30 November 2015. Rwanda was also chosen to host the <b>27<sup>th</sup> International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA) annual general meeting and conference in 2025.</b></p>
3.	<b>ACSA</b> (African Correctional Services Association)	<p>All African countries with corrections/Prisons/Penitentiary Services are members of ACSA. Rwanda/RCS became a member since 2012 and We are currently the <b>vice regional chair for Eastern Africa.</b></p>
4.	European Union ( <b>EU</b> )	<p>a. The partnership focuses on “<b>SUSTAINABILITY OF RCS TVET SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT</b>”</p> <p>b. It also looks at rehabilitating and reintegrating the inmates in the society after being released through training him/her in different trades with a view to preventing recidivism and giving him/her the hands skilled oriented on the market.</p>