

## Luganville Correctional Centre Upgrade

The Department of Correctional Services is planning to upgrade the Luganville Correctional Centre, with construction due to start in late 2015. This project will provide important benefits to the Luganville community and to the northern provinces.



### What's Being Built?

The project will see three new units built below the current Correctional Centre site (two cell wings plus a central operational centre). These units will replace two of the existing units. These existing units are old and need to be replaced to improve security at the Correctional Centre. The new units will also increase capacity at the Correctional Centre.

### Employment & Economic Benefits

This is a significant local project and Luganville construction companies will be invited to tender for this project.

There will also be further employment opportunities once the new units are operational and new opportunities to provide goods and services to the Correctional Centre. In 2014, the Department spent 43.5 MVT on operation of the Luganville Correctional Centre and a further 11.1 MVT on operation of probation services based out of Luganville. This expenditure will increase significantly once the new units are operational in 2016.

### Community Benefits

Since the establishment of the Department in 2006, prison escapes have reduced significantly. The new units will further improve security at the Centre.

Reducing reoffending is a key focus of the Department. The ability to place more detainees from the northern provinces in Luganville improves the chances of rehabilitating offenders so they do not commit further crime. Rehabilitation of offenders is best undertaken when they are close to their local communities and families.



## Location of Correctional Centres

It is important that Correctional Centres are located close to towns and not in remote locations:

- The centre needs to have reliable electricity supply for security reasons
- The centre needs to be close to Police services
- The centre needs to be close to Courts
- Detainees need to have access to medical services and water supply
- Detainees should be close to community and family. Rehabilitation of offenders is best undertaken when they have access to their local communities and families
- Detainees also need to be close to organisations such as churches and NGOs who provide rehabilitation and education to offenders to stop them committing further crime (for example, Wan Smol Bag runs programs for sexual offenders and Anglican Mothers Union runs literacy programs). DBKS also runs programs while detainees are in the centres such as woodwork, agriculture, cooking and undertaking community work such as fencing at Coolidge Memorial School.

## More Information

Information sessions for Luganville contractors who want to tender for construction will be held in August or September 2015. Recruitment of new Department staff is due to commence in 2016.

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