

NATIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTION AUTHORITY



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1. INTRODUCTION

The National Public Prosecution Authority is one of the JRLOS institutions, contributing to the achievement of the National Strategy for Transformation (NST₁) and Sector strategic plan known as Justice, Reconciliation, Law and Order. The specific contribution of NPPA in achieving those priorities is “Improving quality of Prosecution services”.

i. Vision.

The NPPA current vision is stated as «Rwandan citizens and foreigners living on the territory of Rwanda live in safety and in fully-fledged liberty in a Country where Justice is enthroned».

ii. Mission

The mission of an entity defines the day to day operations of an organization in very broad terms and translates the vision into action and quantifiable results areas.

The mission of the National Public Prosecution Authority is to “Ensuring safety and security of people and their property by prosecuting criminal offenders and bringing them to justice with equal treatment according to the Constitution of Rwanda and international legal standards”.

iii. Responsibilities of the National Public Prosecution Authority

As provided for by the Law N° 014/2018 of 04/04/2018 determining the organization, functioning and competence of the National Public Prosecution Authority and the Military Prosecution Department in its article 3, the National Public Prosecution Authority has the overall responsibility for investigating and prosecuting offences throughout the country.

More specifically, the National Public Prosecution Authority has the following responsibilities:

01. To investigate international crimes perpetrated in Rwanda and track down suspected perpetrators thereof;
02. To investigate and prosecute international and cross-border crimes;
03. To investigate and prosecute economic and financial crimes;
04. To investigate and prosecute crimes related to gender-based violence, child abuse and family crimes;
05. To investigate and prosecute crimes related to the illegal use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
06. To investigate and prosecute the crime of genocide ideology, negation and minimization of genocide and other related crimes and crimes related to discrimination and sectarianism practices;
07. To investigate and prosecute cybercrimes;
08. To conduct research into ordinary crimes and international crimes perpetrated in Rwanda;
09. To issue and keep criminal records;
10. To provide protection and assistance for victims and witnesses.

iv. Strategic objectives of the Institution

The overall objective of NPPA is “To improved quality of prosecution services in order to help the government of Rwanda to achieve National Strategy for Transformation (NST₁) and Sector strategic plan known as Justice, Reconciliation, Law and Order”.

In order to realize this objective, the following specific objectives will be pursued between 2018 and 2024:

01. To improve quality of prosecution services to increase public trust and confidence;
02. To improve ability of the NPPA and RIB as partner to deal with and litigate criminal cases successfully;
03. To improve prosecution of genocide fugitives domestically & abroad;
04. To improve ability of the NPPA to investigate and prosecute emerging crimes;
05. To Speed up prosecution of persons suspected to be involved in embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds.
06. To increase satisfaction rate of victims and witness with protection and support services;
07. To improve management of seized, frozen and confiscated assets.

v. The operational plan

In order to achieve the overall objective of the NPPA, the Action (operational) Plan 2021-2022 makes a clear commitment to delivering a series of operational results or targets as follows:

01. Handling at least 99% of received cases and reducing cases filed with courts up to 58%;
02. Increase the conviction rate up to at least 94%;
03. Carry out the assessment of all cases judged in absentia which were transferred from National Jurisdiction of Gacaca courts and handling at least 300 genocides fugitives' cases;
04. Speed up prosecution of cases from AG¹ Report: by handling 100% of 2019-20 AG Report and other economic and financial crimes in general at 99%;
05. Improve the prosecution of emerging² crimes by increasing conviction rate up to 85%;

¹ AG: Auditor General

² **Emerging crimes:** Human trafficking, terrorism, cybercrimes, money laundering, drug abuse & trafficking

06. Improve the quality of services delivered to victims and witnesses of crimes.

As provided for by the Law N°014/2018 of 04/04/2018 determining the organization, functioning and competence of the National Public Prosecution Authority and the Military Prosecution Department in its article 25, the Prosecutor General submits to the Minister in charge of justice a quarterly report related to the performance of the National Public Prosecution Authority with copies to the President of the Republic and Prime Minister.

Based on the above mentioned strategic and operational orientation of NPPA, this report highlights the main achievements since July up to September 2021, specifically on the following key performance indicators:

- 01.** The number of case files that the RIB transmitted to NPPA for analysis and the percentage of handled cases;
- 02.** The number of pronounced cases and the conviction rate at all levels;
- 03.** Investigations completed, genocide fugitives' cases handled and indictments drafted and sent;
- 04.** Persons suspected to be involved in embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds prosecuted;
- 05.** Emerging and special crimes handled and their conviction rate;
- 06.** Victims and witnesses of crimes assisted and protected;
- 07.** Number of criminal record certificates issued and data for convicted persons recorded in Criminal Record Software.

In cooperation with other countries in fighting against impunity, this report shows different delegates received by Prosecutor General and Rogatory commissions received and assisted.

2. NPPA STAFF

Nº	Post	Male		Female		Total
		Number	%	Number	%	
1.	Senior Managers (PG ³ , DPG ⁴ , SG ⁵ & IG ⁶)	3	75	1	25	4
2.	Inspectors	4	80	1	20	5
3.	National Prosecutors	17	71	8	32	25
4.	Chief Prosecutors and Head of Unit	10	67	5	33	15
5.	Prosecutors at Intermediate level	48	60	32	40	80
6.	Prosecutors at Primary Levels	28	49	29	51	57
7.	Assistants	31	35	57	65	88
8.	Support staff	45	54	38	46	83
Total		186	52	171	48	357

3. BUDGET EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITY (July - September 2021)

ACTIVITY	BUDGET USED
To prosecute criminal offenders and represent the prosecution before courts	1,018,431,157
To track genocide fugitives, handling their cases and follow up cases tried abroad	135,785,065
To prosecute persons involved in Economic and Financial crimes	90,372,301
To inspect cases processed by all prosecutors	87,642,672
To protect victims and witnesses of crimes	40,228,812
To issue Criminal Record Certificates	28,078,920
To cooperate with other countries in fighting against criminality	23,677,415
To implement Smart NPPA Project	55,539,696
Other activities carried out	269,013,166
Total budget spent since July -September 2021	1,748,769,205

✓ *Note: Since July up to September 2021, 30.7% of the total budget (5,693,713,148 Frw) was used in different activities as highlighted above.*

³ PG: Prosecutor General

⁴ DPG: Deputy Prosecutor General

⁵ SG: Secretary General

⁶ IG: Inspector General

4. NPPA ACHIEVEMENTS «July - September 2021»

Based on its competence provided for by the Law, specific objectives contained in its fourth Strategic Plan, series of operational targets as indicated in 2021-2022 NPPA's performance contract and operational plan and based on the performance indicators, in both quality and quantity, the NPPA achieved the following activities:

4.1. CASES RECEIVED AND HANDLED

- ❖ *Target one: To increase the percentage of cases handled by the NPPA to at least 99% and reduce cases filed with courts up to 58%*

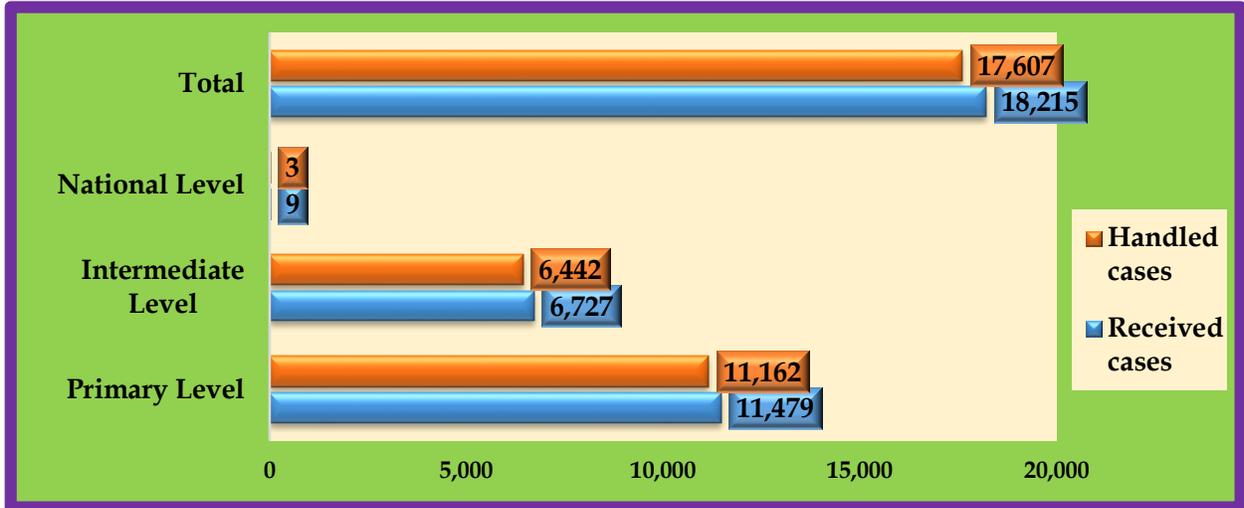
The table one indicates the number of case files that the RIB⁷ transmitted to the NPPA for decision and the percentage of handled cases at each prosecutorial level.

Table 1: Cases received and handled (July - September 2021):

Prosecution Level	Received cases	Suspects involved			Cases filed with courts	Closed cases	Total cases handled	Pending cases	%
		Female	Male	Total					
Primary Level	11,479	2,110	12,380	14,490	5,883	5,279	11,162	317	97.2
Intermediate Level	6,727	1,370	7,618	8,988	3,913	2,529	6,442	285	95.8
National Level	9	4	11	15	2	1	3	6	33.3
Total	18,215	3,484	20,009	23,493	9,798	7,809	17,607	608	96.7

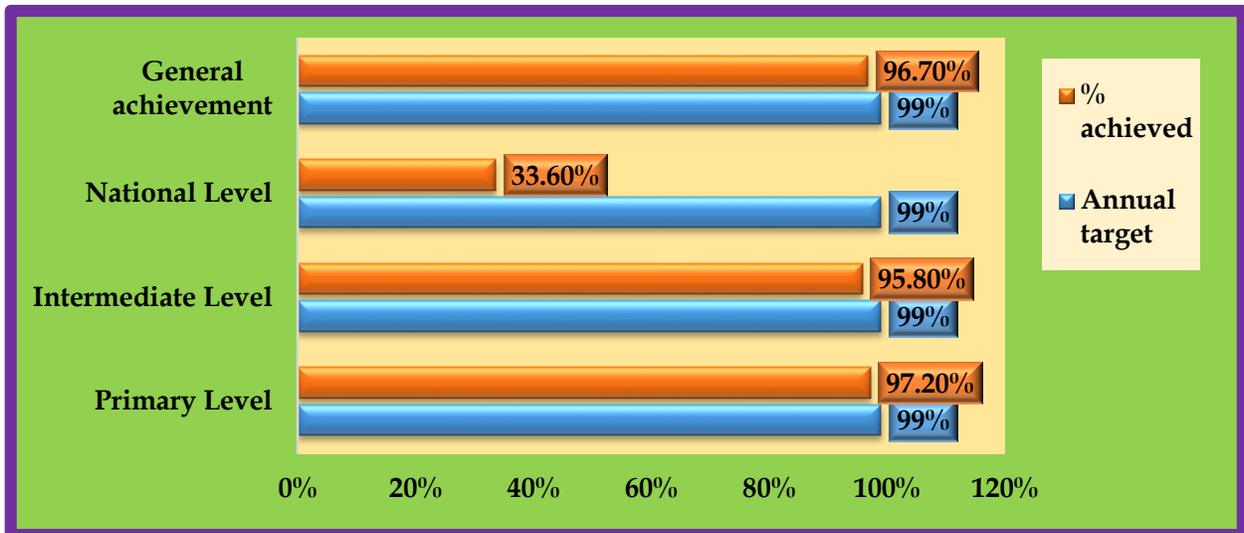
⁷ RIB: Rwanda Investigation Bureau

Figure 1: Cases received and handled by each prosecution level:



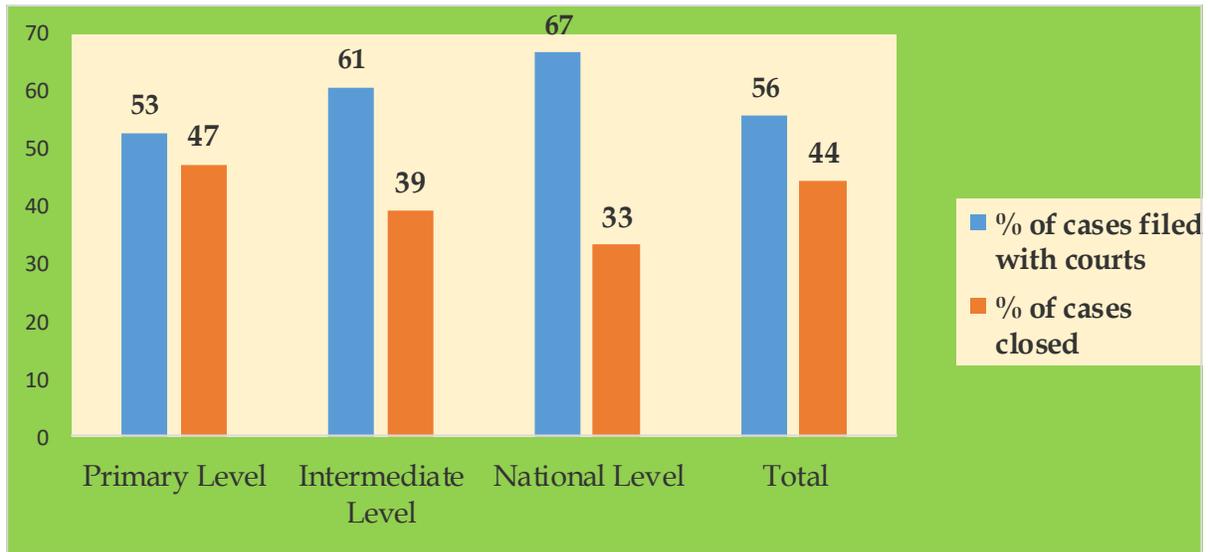
- ✓ *Note: Since July p to September 2021, among 18,215 cases received, 17,607 cases were handled while 608 cases were still pending at the end of September 2021.*

Figure 2: Percentage of cases handled by each prosecution level:



- ✓ *Note: Among 18,215 cases received, 17,607 cases equivalent to 96.70% cases were handled while the target for this activity is 99%, meaning that the achievement is still low.*

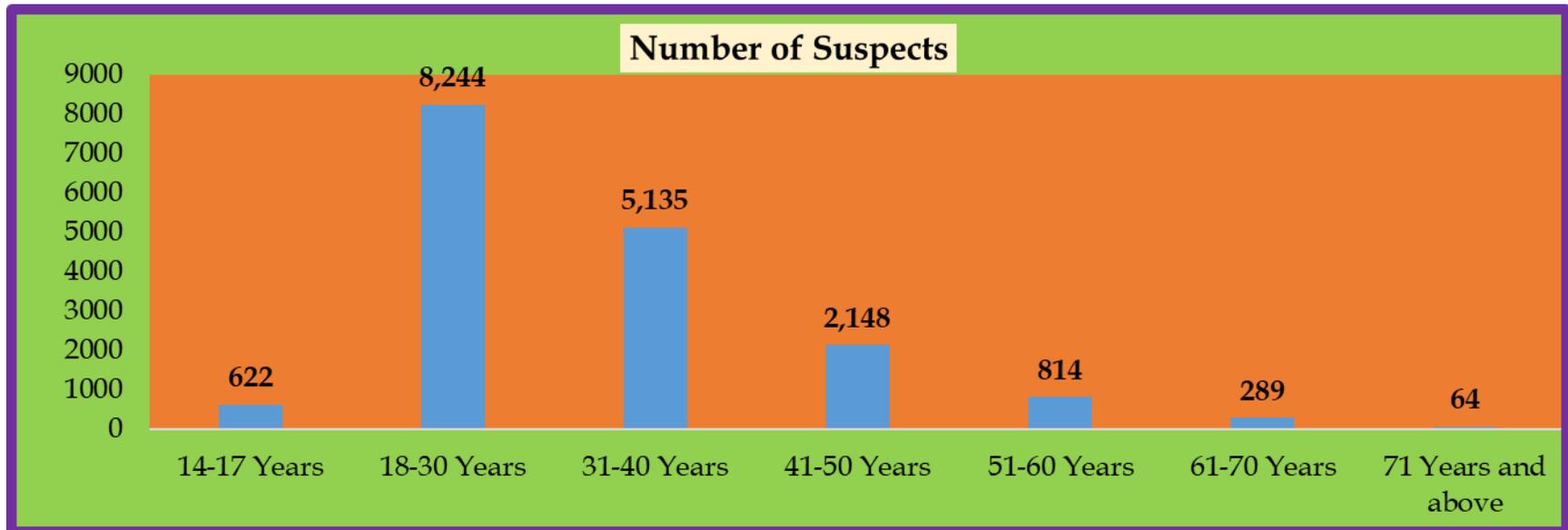
Figure 3: Percentage of cases filed with courts by each prosecution level:



- ✓ *Note: The NPPA targeting to reduce the percentage of cases filed with courts by reinforcing the implementation of other alternative dispute resolutions. As observed above, the target of reducing cases filed with courts from 59.7% (annual report 2019-2020) up to 58%, was highly achieved because during this quarter, only 55.6% of all cases handled were filed.*

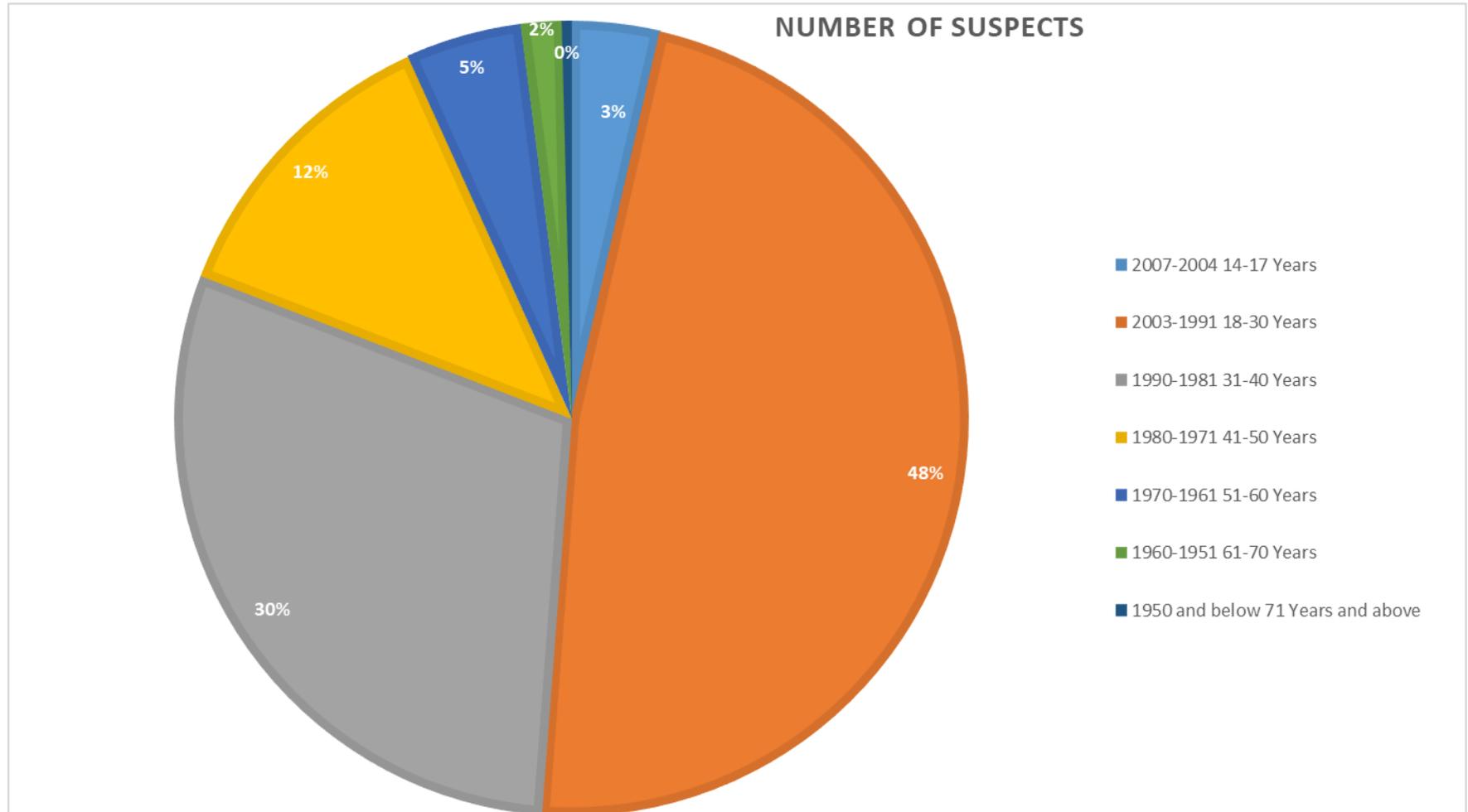
CRIMINALITY RATE PER AGE GROUP (JULY-SEPTEMBER 2021)

Year of birth	Group age	Number of Suspects	%
2007-2004	14-17 Years	622	3.6
2003-1991	18-30 Years	8,244	47.6
1990-1981	31-40 Years	5,135	29.7
1980-1971	41-50 Years	2,148	12.4
1970-1961	51-60 Years	814	4.7
1960-1951	61-70 Years	289	1.7
1950 and below	71 Years and above	64	0.4
Total		17,316	100.0



Note:

- Among **23,493** suspects involved in **18,215** cases, **17,316** have complete information about birth year. As highlighted above, at least **50%** of them are young persons between **18 and 30** years old.



TEN (10) CRIMES MOSTLY COMMITTED FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2021

The table below highlights 10 crimes mostly committed since July-September 2021.

10 Crimes mostly committed:

Nº	Crimes	Number of cases received	% of those cases /all received cases
1	Intentional assault or battery	5,622	30.9
2	Theft	4,304	23.6
3	Drugs	1,314	7.2
4	Use of threats	1,158	6.4
5	Child defilement	1,087	6.0
6	Harassment of a spouse	821	4.5
7	Breach of trust	753	4.1
8	Unintentional bodily harm	735	4.0
9	Fraud	582	3.2
10	Damaging or plundering of trees, crops and agricultural tools	427	2.3
Total for 10 crimes		16,803	92.2
Total for all crimes		18,215	100

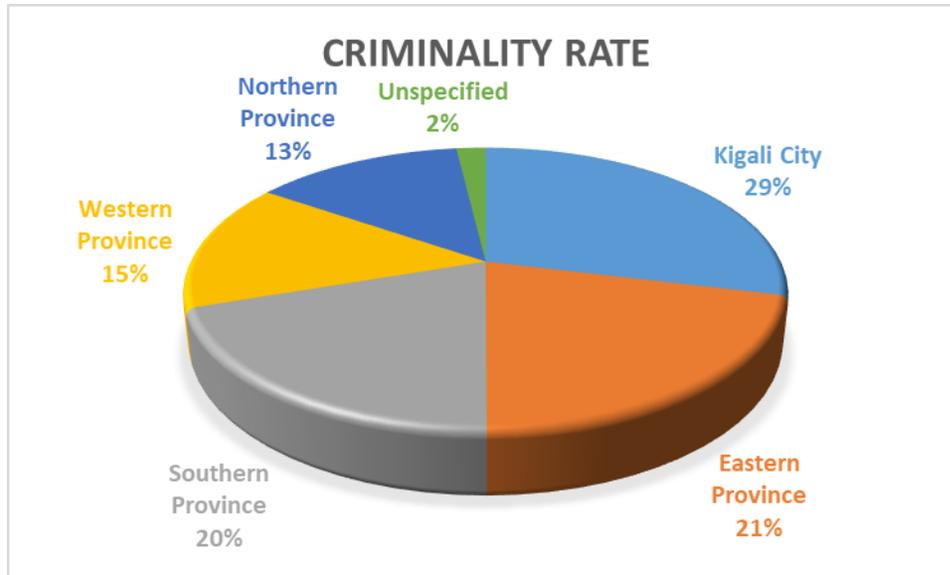
Note:

- Only 10 crimes represent 92.2% of all cases received, other remaining crimes represent 7.3%. Among 18,215 cases received, 30.9% constitutes intentional assault or battery, 23.6% theft, Use of threats 6.4% while 6% is Child defilement. 10.5 % of all cases is SGBV⁸ specifically child defilement and harassment of a spouse.

CRIMINALITY RATE PER PROVINCE/KIGALI CITY

Nº	Province/ Kigali city	Number of received cases	Criminality rate
1	Kigali City	5,254	28.8
2	Eastern Province	3,835	21.1
3	Southern Province	3,615	19.8
4	Western Province	2,697	14.8
5	Northern Province	2,461	13.5
6	Unspecified	353	1.9
Total		18,215	100.0

⁸ SGBV: Sexual and Gender Based Violence



✓ *Note: Since 2016 the criminality rate is highly increasing, especially in Eastern, Kigali City, and Southern Province.*

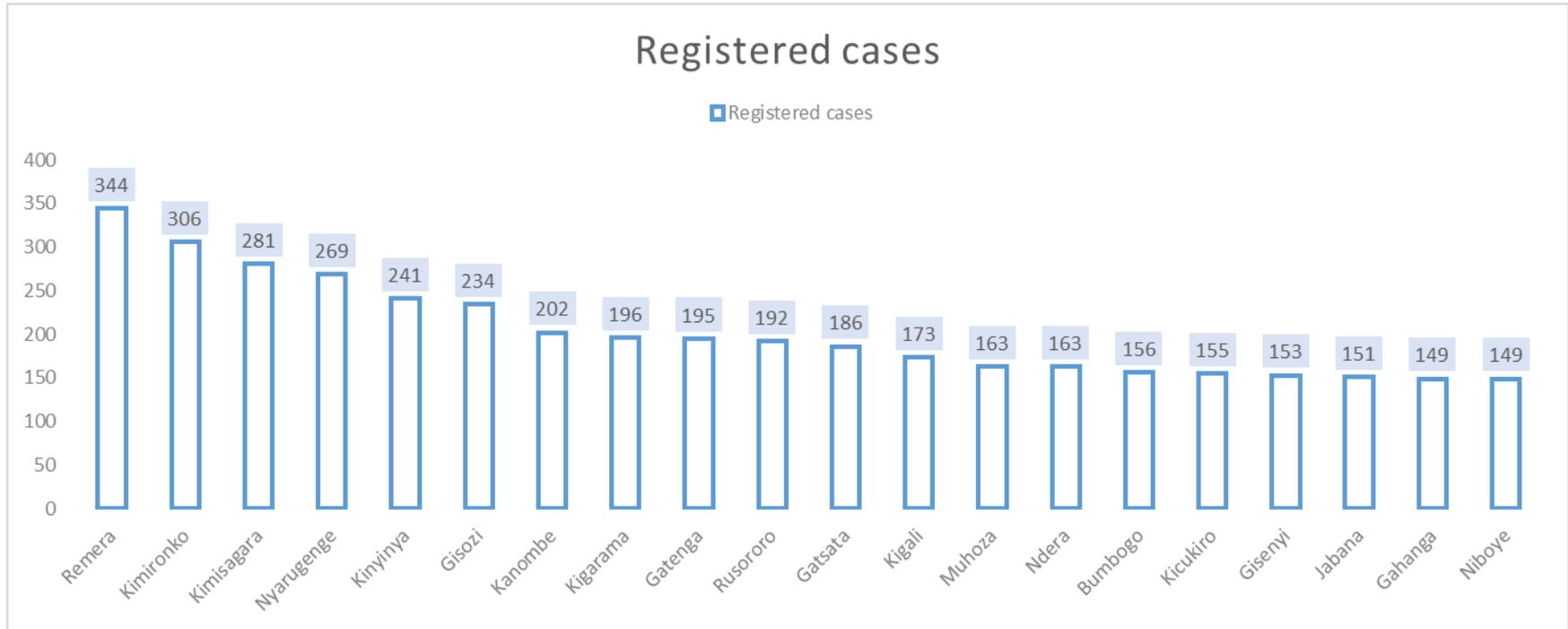
✓ *For this quarter (July – September 2021) Kigali City is ranked number one in registering many cases in General.*

CRIMINALITY RATE PER DISTRICT:

Nº	District	Number of received cases	Criminality rate
1	Gasabo	2,312	12.7
2	Nyarugenge	1,483	8.1
3	Kicukiro	1,470	8.1
4	Nyagatare	941	5.2
5	Musanze	703	3.9
6	Rubavu	672	3.7
7	Rwamagana	570	3.1
8	Kayonza	565	3.1
9	Huye	539	3.0
10	Nyanza	526	2.9
11	Kamonyi	523	2.9
12	Bugesera	518	2.8
13	Muhanga	514	2.8
14	Burera	504	2.8
15	Gatsibo	502	2.8
16	Karongi	485	2.7
17	Kirehe	479	2.6
18	Gakenke	430	2.4
19	Gicumbi	425	2.3
20	Rusizi	402	2.2
21	Gisagara	400	2.2
22	Rulindo	400	2.2
23	Nyaruguru	390	2.1
24	Ruhango	370	2.0
25	Nyamagabe	354	1.9
26	Nyabihu	347	1.9
27	Nyamasheke	306	1.7
28	Rutsiro	266	1.5
29	Ngoma	261	1.4
30	Ngororero	222	1.2
31	Unspecified	336	1.8
Total		18,215	100.0

TOP TWENTY SECTORS WITH HIGH CRIMINALITY RATE:

No	Sector	Registered cases
1	Remera	344
2	Kimironko	306
3	Kimisagara	281
4	Nyarugenge	269
5	Kinyinya	241
6	Gisozi	234
7	Kanombe	202
8	Kigarama	196
9	Gatenga	195
10	Rusororo	192
11	Gatsata	186
12	Kigali	173
13	Muhoza	163
14	Ndera	163
15	Bumbogo	156
16	Kicukiro	155
17	Gisenyi	153
18	Jabana	151
19	Gahanga	149
20	Niboye	149



4.2. CASES PRONOUNCED AND CONVICTION RATE

❖ *Target two: To increase the conviction rate to at least 94%;*

The Table two indicates the number of case files pronounced and the conviction rate in general.

Table 2: Cases pronounced and conviction rate at 1st instance (July-September 2021):

Prosecution Office Level	Pronounced cases	Accused			Won cases	Lost cases	Conviction rate
		Female	Male	Total			
Primary	4,367	689	5,332	6,021	4,133	234	94.6
Intermediate	2,705	539	3,278	3,817	2,384	321	88.1
National	6	4	30	34	5	1	83.3
Total	7,078	1,232	8,640	9,872	6,522	556	92.1

✓ *Note: The target of increasing the conviction rate was not achieved, we achieved 92.1 % while we targeted 94%.*

4.3. PROSECUTION OF FUGITIVES SUSPECTED OF HAVING COMMITTED GENOCIDE AGAINST TUTSI IN 1994

❖ *Target Three: Speed up the prosecution of fugitives suspected of having committed genocide against the Tutsi by carrying out the assessment of all cases judged in absentia which were transferred from National Jurisdiction of Gacaca courts and handling at least 300 genocides fugitive's cases*

In assessing Gacaca cases judged in absentia, the NPPA organized a fugitive mapping analysis of **70,888 cases**, whereby **47,623 cases** were completed and **23,265** still remaining.

4.4. TRIAL OF GENOCIDE FUGITIVES' CASES TRANSFERRED TO RWANDA

a. Case trial before the International Crimes Chamber of Rwanda's High Court and Court of Appeal:

N ^o	Case	Status
1.	Dr. MUGESERA Léon	On 25 September 2020: the CoA ⁹ sentenced him to life imprisonment.
2.	Pasteur UWINKINDI Jean	On 24 December 2020: the CoA sentenced him to life imprisonment.
3.	MUNYAGISHARI Bernard	The case was closed before the CoA sentenced him to life imprisonment.
4.	MBARUSHIMANA Emmanuel	The case is still ongoing before the CoA
5.	NTAGANZWA Ladislav	On 28 May 2020, the HCCI ¹⁰ sentenced him to life imprisonment and he has appealed in CoA
6.	MUGIMBA Jean Baptiste	The case hearing has been closed in HCCI, the Court has decided a reopening of the hearing. The hearing is ongoing
7.	IYAMUREMYE Jean Claude	He was sentenced to imprisonment of 25 years
8.	TWAGIRAMUNGU Jean	The case is ongoing before the HCCI
9.	TWAGIRAYEZU Wenceslass	The case is ongoing before the HCCI
10.	NKAKA Ignace & NSEKANABO Jean Pierre	The case is ongoing before HCCI
11.	NSABIMANA Callixte alias Sankara <i>et al.</i> ,	He was sentenced to imprisonment of 20 years
12.	RUTUNGA Venant	The NPPA has submitted the indictment before the HCCI

⁹ CoA: Court of Appeal

¹⁰ HCCI: High Court Chamber of International Crimes.

4.5. ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROSECUTING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES

❖ *Target Four: Speed up the prosecution of cases from AG Reports [100% of 2018-19 & 2019-20 AG Report] and other economic and financial crimes.*

a. Economic and financial crimes handled (July-September 2021):

Crime	Received cases	Suspects involved			Filed cases	Closed cases	Total cases handled	Pending cases	%
		Female	Male	Total					
Embezzlement of funds	61	25	100	125	29	20	49	12	80.3
Bribery	75	10	104	114	45	28	73	2	97.3
Misuse of property of public interest	11	10	25	35	3	2	5	6	45.5
Public tenders related offences	10	5	30	35		1	1	9	10.0
Illicit enrichment	3	0	3	3	2	0	2	1	66.7
Illegal exemption	4	3	7	10	0	1	1	3	25.0
Abuse of functions	3	1	6	7	2	0	2	1	66.7
Issuing a bouncing cheque	295	53	242	295	76	215	291	4	98.6
Total	462	107	517	624	157	267	424	38	91.8

✓ *Note: The target of speeding up the prosecution of economic and financial crimes was not achieved during this quarter.*

b. Cases pronounced and Conviction rate (July-September 2021):

Crime	Pronounced cases	Number of accused			Cases won by Prosecution	Cases lost by Prosecution	Conviction Rate
		Female	Male	Total			
Embezzlement or destruction of property	30	7	45	52	25	5	83
Corruption and Related cases	30	7	36	43	28	2	93
Issuing a bouncing cheque	22	3	19	22	22	0	100
Use of public property for unintended purposes	2	4	7	11		2	0
Total	84	21	107	128	75	9	89

c. Summary of NPPA actions regarding 2018-2019 AG Report

i. Cases from the 2018-2019 AG report:

Total cases to handle	Cases filed with courts	Closed cases	Total cases handled	Pending cases	Achievement (%)
126	06	105	111	15	88%

ii. Public funds returned without trial:

Cases	Number of suspects who returned the public funds	Amount returned
09	118	155,776,553 FRW

4.6. ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROSECUTING EMERGING AND OTHER CRIMES WITH SPECIAL IMPACT ON RWANDAN SOCIETY

❖ *Target five: Improve the prosecution of emerging and special crimes¹¹ by increasing the conviction rate up to 84%.*

i. PROSECUTING EMERGING CRIMES

✓ Cases received and handled (July - September 2021):

Crime	Received cases	Suspects Involved			Filed cases	Closed cases	Total cases handled	Pending cases	%
		Female	Male	Total					
Drug related offences	1,313	245	1,317	1,562	1,132	165	1,297	16	98.8
Cyber crimes	94	17	93	110	37	47	84	10	89.4
Human trafficking	3	2	2	4	0	1	1	2	33.3
Terrorism	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	0.0
Total	1,411	264	1,416	1,680	1,169	213	1,382	29	97.9

✓ Cases pronounced and conviction rate (July - September 2021):

Crime	Pronounced cases	Accused			Won cases	Lost cases	Conviction Rate
		Female	Male	Total			
Drugs related cases	278	55	342	397	256	22	92.1
Cyber crimes	24	7	23	30	22	2	91.7
Human trafficking	1	1		1	1	0	100.0
Total	303	63	365	428	279	24	92.1

¹¹ Emerging and special crimes: Human trafficking, Cyber-crimes, Money laundering, Terrorism and drug trafficking.

ii. PROSECUTING OTHER CRIMES WITH SPECIAL IMPACT ON RWANDAN SOCIETY

▪ GBV CASES HANDLED AND PRONOUNCED

✓ Table showing GBV cases prosecuted (July - September 2021):

Crime	Received cases	Suspects involved			Cases filed with court	Closed cases	Total cases handled	Pending cases	%
		Female	Male	Total					
Child defilement	1,070	37	1,045	1,082	492	519	1,011	59	94.5
Rape	250	7	267	274	85	147	232	18	92.8
Harassment of a spouse	811	57	754	811	501	273	774	37	95.4
Total	2,131	101	2,066	2,167	1,078	939	2,017	114	94.7

✓ Conviction rate for GBV Crimes ((July- September 2021):

Crime	Pronounced cases	Accused			Won cases	Lost cases	Conviction rate
		Female	Male	Total			
Child defilement	442	16	451	467	295	147	67
Harassment of a spouse	348	31	322	353	335	13	96
Rape	74	1	88	89	54	20	73
Total	864	48	861	909	684	180	79

▪ **ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROSECUTING MURDER AND RELATED CRIMES**

✓ **Murder related cases received and handled (July- September 2021):**

Crime	Received cases	Suspects involved			Filed cases	Closed cases	Total cases handled	Pending cases	%
		Female	Male	Total					
Murder	193	39	288	327	150	33	183	10	94.8
Involuntary manslaughter	161	12	149	161	50	107	157	4	97.5
Infanticide	11	9	2	11	11	0	11	0	100.0
TOTAL	365	60	439	499	211	140	351	14	96.2

✓ **Murder related cases pronounced and conviction rate (July -September 2021):**

Crime	Pronounced cases	Accused			Won cases	Lost cases	Conviction rate
		Female	Male	Total			
Murder	126	30	170	200	111	15	88
Infanticide	13	11	2	13	13	0	100
Involuntary manslaughter	6		6	6	6	0	100
Total	145	41	178	219	130	15	90

▪ **ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROSECUTING GENOCIDE IDEOLOGY AND RELATED CRIMES:**

✓ **Cases received and handled (July –September 2021):**

Crime	Received cases	Involved suspects			Filed cases	Closed cases	Total cases handled	Pending cases	%
		Female	Male	Total					
Genocide ideology	15	4	16	20	9	6	15	0	100.0
Violence against a survivor of genocide	34	11	23	34	18	13	31	3	91.2
Minimization of genocide	2		2	2	1		1	1	50.0
Justification of genocide	1		1	1	1		1	0	100.0
Crime of discrimination	20	6	18	24	7	12	19	1	95.0
Crime of instigating divisions	13	4	9	13	6	6	12	1	92.3
Total	85	25	69	94	42	37	79	6	92.9

✓ **Pronounced cases and conviction rate (July September 2021):**

Crime	Pronounced cases	Accused			Won cases	Lost cases	Conviction Rate
		Female	Male	Total			
Genocide ideology	7	3	7	10	7	0	100
Discrimination and Sectarian practices	9	0	11	11	7	2	78
Crime of instigating divisions	6	1	7	8	4	2	67
Denial of genocide	1	0	1	1	1	0	100
Minimization of genocide	2	0	2	2	2	0	100
Disposing of or degrading evidence or information relating to genocide	3	2	11	13	2	1	67
Violence against a survivor of genocide	20	3	17	20	17	3	85
Total	48	9	56	65	40	8	83

4.7. ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROTECTING AND ASSISTING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

❖ *Target seven: Improve the services delivered to victims and witnesses by handling their cases up to 99%.*

From July-September 2021, the VWSU¹² received **345** complaints of which **219** were resolved while **126** were still pending at the end of September 2021. It shows that **(63.5%)** of all complaints received were handled.

a. ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS AND WITNESSES (July - September 2021):

#Interventions related to Victims	Amount given to Victims	#Interventions related to Witnesses	Amount given to Witnesses	#Interventions related to Suspects	Amount given to Suspects	#Interventions related to Accompanists	Amount given to accompanists	Total number of interventions	Total amount
162	56,316,400	130	48,000	128	0	7	59,500	427	56,423,900

4.8. ACHIEVEMENT IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CRIMINAL RECORD SERVICES

❖ *Target six: Recording information all persons convicted by courts into Revamped Criminal Record Software.*

From July to September 2021, the National Public Prosecution Authority issued **30,087** criminal record certificates and **36,104,400** Frw were deposited into public treasury. In order to keep data and deliver better services, **362** records of persons convicted by ordinary courts were recorded into Criminal Record Software which is in final phase of revamping through the Smart NPPA Project. The revamped system will help to improve the service delivered.

¹² VWSU: Victims and Witnesses Support Unit

4.9. OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS REALIZED BY NPPA

4.9.1. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:

In the area of mutual legal assistance in the investigation and prosecution of crimes, between July and September 2021, the Prosecutor General received delegates from different countries and participated in National, Regional and International meetings as follows:

- ✓ On 26th July 2021, the Prosecutor General, Secretary General of RIB, and Ombudsman attended the synergy of Radio and TV program to discuss the Economic and financial crimes especially the status of fighting Corruption and related crimes.
- ✓ On 11th August 2021, The Prosecutor General attended Itorero Indahangarwa and presented with theme of Indahangarwa in fighting social media and Cybercrimes, in Gicumbi Intare Arena Rusororo in Gasabo District.
- ✓ On 11th August 2021, The Prosecutor General received in his office, the Inspector General of state administration of the Republic of Angola and his delegation. The purpose of the visit was to learn from Rwanda's experience in fighting economic and financial crimes and to share experiences.
- ✓ From 29th August to 1st September, 2021, Prosecutor General attended the 9th general meeting of the EAAP & EASTERN African prosecutors conference held in Arusha/Tanzania with the theme "COMBATING WILDLIFE CRIME AS AN ECONOMIC/ ORGANISED CRIME IN EASTERN AFRICA"
- ✓ On 06th September 2021, the Prosecutor General received in his Office, the rogatory commission from England to investigate on genocide fugitive cases.
- ✓ On 06th September 2021, the Prosecutor General attended annual judicial opening.
- ✓ On 20th September, 2021, the Prosecutor General held a meeting with Rogatory commission from Belgium, the aim of the meeting was to discuss on ongoing investigation of genocide fugitives hosted by their country.

- ✓ On 24th September, 2021, the Prosecutor General attended the 9th graduation where 254 graduates from 10 African countries were conferred post graduate diplomas in legal practice.
- ✓ On 28th & 30 September, 2021, the Prosecutor General received in his office a Rogatory commission delegates from France and Netherlands, for the purposes of investigating the genocide fugitive cases.
- ✓ On 29th & 30th September 2021, the National Prosecutor Dr. Tite NIYIBIZI attended the expert group meeting on the development of East Africa Regional guidelines for standardized human rights based terrorism preventive responses held at United State of Tanzania.

4.9.2. OUTREACH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAMME

The NPPA public relations and outreach programme seeks to build and maintain relationships with public and create a positive image and reputation.

NPPA needs to engage population in its daily activities in order to prevent and render the effective prosecution services. The feedback from the service beneficiaries is crucial for institution.

Since July to September 2021, different Radio and TV shows were organized, mainly on: International Justice and Genocide denial, contribution of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in the Rwandan Justice Sector, progress in prosecuting persons suspected to be involved in economic and financial crimes specifically corruption and related offences, strategies to recover public assets from the cases won by government and achievements in handling cases arising from Auditor General's reports.

4.9.3. RECEIVING AND RESOLVING COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Since July September 2021, the Inspectorate received sixteen (16) complaints from the public and resolved them. During the same period it also received and responded to forty eight (48) letters.

4.9.4. INSPECTING FILES HANDLED BY PROSECUTORS

In July & August 2021, the Inspectorate inspected the quantity and quality of **38,153** cases handled by all Prosecutors during the 2nd Semester of 2020-2021 (January – June 2021) as follows:

- ✓ **23,704** cases handled by Prosecutors at Primary Level;
- ✓ **14,420** cases handled by Prosecutors at Intermediate Level;
- ✓ **29** cases handled by Prosecutors at National Level.

4.9.5. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF NPPA STAFF

Since July to September 2021, three Staff, One National Prosecutor, Head of Anti GBV & Drug unit and one Prosecutor from Economic and Financial Crimes Unit trained by Crisis Leadership and Violent Crime - Executive Policy and Development Symposium on Transnational Organized Crime. Again Head of Anti GBV & Drug unit attended another training in Tanzania on “Strengthening investigations and prosecutions of SGBV cases”.

From 30th August to 01st September 2021, **19 Prosecutors** (6 males and 13 females) attended Training of Trainers for prosecutors on Gender Based Violence and Narcotic Drugs Offences

4.9.6. FUNDS DEPOSITED INTO PUBLIC TREASURY

From July – September 2021, the National Public Prosecution Authority deposited into public treasury **306,627,637 Frw** from transactional fine, criminal records, files purchased, embezzled funds returned without trial and fine charged without trial.

4.10. CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND WAY FORWARD

➤ **Challenges:**

- i. Increase of received cases, where only in three months **18,215** cases were received and we expect to receive more than **75,453** this year 2021-2022. Only **10** crimes represent **92.2 %** of all cases received, other remaining crimes take only **7.8%** of all cases;
- ii. Court decisions not implemented (for not detained persons convicted);
- iii. Limited skills for Prosecutors and Assistant in handling some emerging crimes;
- iv. Limited output in tracking genocide fugitives due to lack of political willing of some countries;
- v. Delay in issuing e-criminal record certificates due to huge number of requests and some issues related to IREMBO services

➤ **Way Forward:**

- i. Elaborated electronic indictment will help to speed up the process of filling cases to courts and save time of other tasks;
- ii. Reinforce the implementation of ADRs¹³ to reduce cases filed with courts in order to save time spent in court hearing;
- iii. Involve all NPPA stakeholders in crime preventions based on key criminality drivers in country especially in Eastern, Kigali city and Southern Provinces where criminality rate is highly increasing;
- iv. Invest in capacity development of Prosecutors and Assistants especially in handling emerging crimes;
- v. Improve digital skills of Staff (Prosecutors, Assistants to Prosecutors and other support staff);
- vi. The NPPA will continue to make the follow up on indictments sent abroad and involve other institutions as well as regional and international associations in the domain.
- vii. Continue working with RISA, IREMBO and other stakeholders to device strategies to improve the quality criminal records services.

¹³ **ADRs:** Alternative Dispute Resolutions

5. CONCLUSION

From July to September 2021, due to increase of cases received with constraints of limited human resources, more efforts were to be put on handling those cases in order to fight against backlogs as shown by the percentage of case files handled (**96.7%**) during this period.

In the reporting period, emphasis was also placed on investigation and prosecution of economic and financial crimes especially cases related to Auditor General's Report 2018-2019.

Currently the strategies are in place to expedite the prosecution of emerging and other certain crimes with special consequences on citizen's life.

In the next quarters, the NPPA will continue to emphasize on expediting the work and to improve the services provided for by the NPPA to the public with a view to reach its goals and to work closely with other public and private institutions to achieve NST₁ and Vision 2050 targets.

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