



Museveni (centre) with spouses of soldiers of the Special Forces Command at State House, Entebbe on Monday

Museveni tips soldiers wives on ICT

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President Yoweri Museveni has emphasised the need of computer literacy and adult education for women groups with modest educational levels.

The President encouraged such groups to embrace computer and adult literacy training programmes, saying such arrangements will enable them manage their businesses properly.

Museveni was on Monday addressing spouses of soldiers of the Special Forces Command (SFC)

at State House, Entebbe. The President commended the spouses for being self-supportive through the setting up of individual income-generating activities as helping hand to their husbands who are ever engaged in state duties.

"I hatched the idea of encouraging the spouses of soldiers to be economically self-supportive by practising agriculture through growing seasonal crops on government land as the bush war ended," he said.

"However, the idea was not quickly picked up for lack of

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follow-up and sensitisation, until recently when the spouses of SFC soldiers formed a SACCOS that has seen this idea implemented," he added.

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trained in different skills, with a view to empowering them to be self-sustaining at household level.

According to a release from State House, the President encouraged the members to establish a departmental resource centre under one umbrella within Entebbe municipality to enable house projects such as baking, tailoring, knitting and weaving, poultry and beauty salons.

Museveni pledged to furnish the centre with the equipment that suits their various projects.

"The arrangement will enable you as a group to set standards and uniformity of your products for an easy marketing," he said.

The President noted that when spouses of military personnel are busy, there will be no more cases of domestic brawls among families.

"To assault a spouse is equivalent to hurting the life of Ugandan and by law the penalty is five to seven-year imprisonment," Museveni said.

He commended the commanders of the Uganda People's Defence Forces in

the SFC brigade for instilling discipline among soldiers.

The SFC spouses' chairperson, Faith Kente, assured the President that they are dedicated to promoting discipline.

Kente added that whatever success they have registered is largely due to the President's full support as a caring parent of the nation.

Introducing the executive to the President, the director of Civic Military Co-operation, Captain Frank Murema, said the group has focused leadership that envisages bigger achievements.