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**REPORT OF THE
SPECIAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
ON THE
2020 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES
OF THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CIVIC
EDUCATION**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2020 Financial Year was presented to the House on Wednesday 13th November, 2019 by the Minister for Finance Mr. Ken Affori Atta. The Estimates of the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) were referred to the Special Budget Committee for consideration and report in accordance with Article 179 of the Constitution and Order 140(4) of the Standing Orders of the House.

2.0 DELIBERATIONS

Pursuant to the referral, the Committee met with the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission, Ms. Kathy Addy, officials from the NCCE and Technical officers from the Ministry of Finance and discussed the Estimates of the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) and therefore presents its report.

The Committee acknowledges the invaluable contributions of the Deputy Commissioner, Ms. Kathy Addy, the officials of the Commission and the technical team from the Ministry of Finance for their assistance during the deliberations.

3.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Committee referred to the following documents in the cause of its deliberations:

- i. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana;
- ii. The Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana;
- iii. National Commission for Civic Education Act, 1993 (Act 452)

- iv. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2020 Financial Year;
- v. The 2020 MTEF Estimates for National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE).
- vi. The Coordinated Program of Economic and Social Policies
- vii. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- viii. The African Union (AU) Agenda 2063.

4.0 MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

The functions of the NCCE as provided by the NCCE Act, 1993 (Act 452) are to:

- Create and sustain within the society, the awareness of the principles and objectives of the constitution as the fundamental law of the people of Ghana;
- Educate and encourage the public to defend the constitution at all times against all forms of abuse and violation;
- Formulate, implement and oversee programmes intended to inculcate in the citizens of Ghana awareness of their civic responsibilities and an appreciation of their rights and obligations as free people.
- Promote and sustain democracy and inculcate into the Ghanaian citizenry the awareness of their rights and obligations through civic education.
- Formulate for the consideration of Government, from time to time, programs at national, regional and district levels aimed at realizing the objectives of the constitution and
- Assess for the information of Government, the limitations to the achievement of true democracy arising from the existing inequalities between different strata of the population and make recommendations for redressing these inequalities.
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5.0 ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 2019

The Commission made some key achievements during the year under review in some key areas of its mandate;

- ❖ The NCCE successfully organized pilot training in primary data collection exercises on community satisfaction for selected staff from eight districts of the Northern, Upper East, Upper West and Volta Regions to assess beneficiary usage and satisfaction with the Maternal, New born and Child Health care providers at the CHPS Zones.
- ❖ The Commission again undertook a number of civic education across the country with major stakeholders such as Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), Faith Based Organization (FBOs) and Women Groups. This was mainly on areas of good Environmental and Sanitation practice, Anti-Corruption, Rule of Law, Fundamental Human Rights and Responsibilities, Principles and Objectives of Constitutional, Tax Compliance and Good Citizenship among others.
- ❖ The NCCE successfully launched the referendum on Amendment of Article 55(3) and the District Level Election (DLE), Education on Ghana Card (NIA), Limited Voter Registration Exercise and Social Auditing among others at National and Regional levels.
- ❖ The Commission engaged 8,439 basic schools across the country during the 2019 Citizenship Week Celebration, a Flagship Programme of the NCCE.
- ❖ Furthermore, the Commission used its Annual Constitution Week Celebration to engage 497 members of the Security Services on vigilantism.

5.1 2019 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

In the year under review, the National Commission on Civic Education was allocated an amount of **Forty-Six Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Three Thousand, One Hundred And Forty-Eight Ghana Cedis (GH¢46,693,148)** for its activities in the 2019 financial year. This sum was made up of **Forty-Five Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety Cedis (GH¢ 45,578,190)** from GoG source and **One Million, one Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty Eight Ghana Cedis. (GH¢1,114,958)** from Development Partners Fund to execute its mandate.

The allocation was disbursed among the three main expenditure items as follows:

Compensation of employee	-	42,429,919
Goods and Service	-	2,173,271
Capital Expenditure	-	975,000
Donor Fund	-	1,114,958
TOTAL	-	46,693,148

5.2 Table 1: BUDGET ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW OF BUDGET

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2019

Item	2019 PROVISION (GH¢) A	REVISED BUDGET AS AT 30 TH /9/2019	AMOUNT RELEASED 30/9/2019 (GHC B	AMOUNT RECEIVED (GH¢) C	%Variance A-C
Compensation of Employees	42,429,919	30,506,400	29,208,998.15	29,050,273.15	44.3%
Goods and Services	2,173,271	2,173,271	1,612,782.79	1,148,019.90	3.4%

Capital Expenditure	975,000	825,000	-	-	Nil
Donor Funds	1,114,958	-	-	-	Nil
Total	46,693,148	41,504,671	30,821,780.94	30,198,293.05	47.7%

6.0 OUTLOOK FOR 2020

In furtherance of its mandate and stated objectives, the NCCE will undertake the following activities among others in the 2020 financial year:

1. NCCE will engage in programmes such as Constitution Day Celebration; Constitution Game/E-Quiz Competitions among students and pupils;
2. Educate the citizenry on Fundamental Human Rights and Freedoms as well as intensify the engagements on Civic Education Club activities in schools (CECs);
3. Undertake Social Auditing Engagements to empower citizens to demand accountability from duty bearers and also to participate in the development of their communities and educate the public on the Principles and Objectives of the 1992 Constitution.
4. Provide capacity building and information sharing for staff to enhance civic education delivery.
5. Will intensify its engagement with citizens to empower them to participate in the electioneering processes.
6. To continue sensitisation and educational programmes on good environmental sanitation.
7. To intensify the campaign on tax compliance by the public in accordance with Article 41 (j) of the 1992 constitution.

8. Will implement anti-corruption, rule of law and accountability programmes with the view to creating awareness to curtail the practices.

6.1 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR 2020

For the implementation of its planned programs and activities, the National Commission on Civic Education has been allocated an amount of **Sixty Million, Seven Hundred and Three Thousand, Six Hundred And Seventy Ghana Cedis (GH¢60,703,670)** for its activities for the financial year 2020. This sum is made up of **Sixty Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, and Four Hundred and Sixty Three Cedis (GH¢ 60,657,463)** from GoG source and **Forty- Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Seven Ghana Cedis. (GH¢46,207.00)** from Development Partners Fund.

This budgetary provision is to be disbursed among the three main expenditure items as follows:

Table 2: Disbursement of 2020 Budget Allocation

ITEM	BUDGET ALLOCATED (GH¢)
Compensation of employee	52,641,043
Goods and Service	7,016,420
Capital Expenditure	1,000,000
Develop Partners Fund	46,207
Total	60,703,670

For the Financial Year 2020, the budgetary allocation for the NCCE will be expended on two programs and seven sub programs as follows;

Table 3: 2020 Allocation by Program and sub-program

S/N	Program	Sub Programmes	2020 allocation (GH¢)
1	Management and Administration	General Administration and Human Resource	20,193,038
		Finance	741,286
		Research, Gender and Equality	520,578
		Communication and Corporate Affairs	540,856
2	Civic Education	Constitutional Awareness Creation	12,194,651
		Deepening and Sustaining Civil Awareness	14,886,239
		Patriotism and Good Governance	11,627,022
Total			60,703,670

7.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee after a careful examination of the Estimates of the National Commission on Civic Education, made the following observations:

7.1 Inadequate Budgetary Allocation of Goods and Service.

The Committee observed that despite an increased budgetary allocation of GH¢7,016,420 over and above the 2019 allocation of GH¢2,173,271 for Goods

and Services, the 2020 budget did not allocate enough resources to meet the proposed budgetary requirements for goods and Services for the National Commission on Civic Education (NCCE).

The Deputy Chairperson of the NCCE informed the Committee that the Commission requires the sum of GH¢13,877,000 to meet some urgent administrative and other related programs such as sensitization on 2020 general elections and for continuous and effective civic education to whip up citizens interest towards the General Elections in 2020.

Notwithstanding the above, the 2020 budget allocated GH¢7,016,420 out of a budget proposal of GH¢13,877,000, representing only 50.6% of the total requirement for Goods and Services for the 2020 financial year.

The Committee is of the view that considering the critical role of the NCCE in embarking on vigorous civic education and awareness creation amongst citizenry in the upcoming general election in 2020, there is an urgent need for the Ministry of Finance to consider providing adequate resourcing resources on Goods and Services during Mid-year budget review to meet the operational needs of the Commission for the sustenance of our democracy.

7.2 INADEQUATE LOGISTICS

The Committee was informed that the Commission lacks adequate logistics for effective discharge of its functions. For instance, the Commission currently has 139 vehicles and 78 motorbikes for its operations nationwide, meanwhile about 80% of the existing vehicles are over 10 years old resulting in frequent breakdowns and its attendant high maintenance cost. The Commission lacks adequate public address systems for effective dissemination information.

The Committee was further informed that the NCCE is constrained by many challenges including insufficient furnishing of its offices, inadequate office space and inadequate staff as a result of deaths, resignation and retirements as well as non-replacement of vacant positions amongst others.

The Committee is of the view that the activities of the NCCE is very essential to the sustenance of our democracy and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as contained in the Medium Term Development Policy Framework (MTDPF). It is therefore in the interest of any government that the citizens are well informed about the essence of its programmes before and during implementation so as to engender public interest, acceptability and participation.

There is therefore the need for adequate funding to be extended to the NCCE to implement their activities in order to sensitize a significant number of Ghanaians for effective civic education to change mind set towards national development, disciplined citizenry, instilling positive values and reigniting patriotism among others.

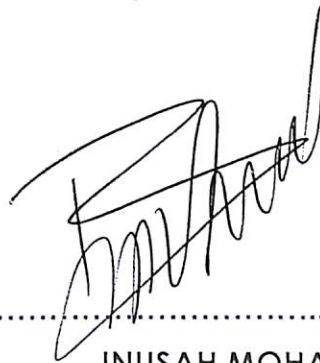
8.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee after carefully examining the 2019 Estimates of the NCCE, recommends that the House approves the sum of **Sixty Million, Seven Hundred and Three Thousand, Six Hundred And Seventy Ghana Cedis (GH¢60,703,670)** to enable the Commission implement its programs and activities for the financial year ending 31st December 2020.

Respectfully submitted.



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