

**IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTH
PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH
REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE**

ON THE

**2013 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES
OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND
SPORTS**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In accordance with Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution, the Hon. Minister for Finance, Mr. Seth Terkper presented the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2013 Financial Year to the House on Tuesday, 5th March 2013. Pursuant to Order 140(4) of the Standing Orders of the House, the Rt. Hon. Speaker referred the Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Youth and Sports to the Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture for consideration and report.

1.2 Subsequently, the Committee met with the Hon. Minister for Youth and Sports, Mr. Elvis Afiriye Ankrah and his technical team on Wednesday, 20th March 2013 and considered the referral.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Hon. Minister and his technical team for their co-operation.

2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Committee availed itself of the following reference documents during its deliberations:

- I. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- II. The Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana
- III. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2012 Financial Year
- IV. The 2012 Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Youth and Sports
- V. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2013 Financial Year.

3.0 MISSION STATEMENT

The Ministry of Youth and Sports is responsible for the formulation, implementation, co-ordination as well as monitoring and evaluation of Youth and Sports policies in the country.

4.0 IMPLEMENTING DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Four main Agencies and Institutions are responsible for the implementation of the policies and programmes of the Ministry.

These are:

- I. The National Sports Authority (NSA)
- II. The National Sport College – Winneba (NSC –W)
- III. The National Youth Authority (NYA)
- IV. Ghana Youth Employment and Entrepreneurial Development Agency (GYEEDA)

5.0 POLICY OBJECTIVES

The broad policy objectives of the Ministry are to:

- I. Develop a comprehensive sports policy.
- II. Ensure a co-ordinated implementation of a new Youth Policy.
- III. Develop and retain human resource capacity at the national, regional and district levels.
- IV. Deepen on-going institutionalisation and internalisation of policy formulation, planning, monitoring and evaluation systems at all levels.
- V. Ensure the reduction of new HIV and AIDS/STIs/TB transmissions.

6.0 PERFORMANCE FOR YEAR 2012

A total amount of **Fifty-four Million, Two Hundred and Forty-four Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-eight Cedis** (GH¢54,244,178.00) was approved for the programmes and activities of the Ministry of Youth and Sports for year 2012. The breakdown is as follows:

GOG	-GH¢ 31,165,965.00
IGF	-GH¢ 187,210.00
Donor	-GH¢ 891,003.00
ABFA	- GH¢ 22,000,000.00

6.1 However, at the end December 2012, actual expenditure was GH¢ 240,993,010.76. The over expenditure is attributed to an amount of GH¢ 199,311,753.00 released through the Ministry of Youth and Sports to Ghana Youth Employment and Entrepreneurial Development Agency (GYEEDA) for the payment of arrears due beneficiaries of the programme.

6.2 During the year under review, the Ministry developed and promoted a number of activities and achieved the following:

- I. The Black Stars qualified and participated in the 2012 African Cup of Nations Tournament.
- II. The Black Princesses participated in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Japan whilst the Black Maidens won the Bronze Medal in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup tournament in Azerbaijan.
- III. Training courses were organised on coaching, refereeing, sports medicine and administration to improve the technical knowledge-base of various stakeholders.

- IV. Ghana hosted and participated in the 2nd Edition of the ECOWAS Games in Accra and emerged the overall winners.
- V. 825 unskilled youth were enrolled in all the Youth Leadership and Skills Training institutions to undergo skills training.
- VI. The process of migrating GYEEDA staff into the Public Service commenced with interviews by the Public Service Commission (PSC). Conditions of service and scheme of service were also developed by the PSC.
- VII. A head count was undertaken to ascertain the number of beneficiaries on GYEEDA's payroll and a biometric payment system is being piloted in the Eastern Region to sanitise the payroll.

7.0 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2013

The Ministry of Youth and Sports has been allocated a total amount of GH¢ 53,872,871.00 made up of GH¢53,639,101.00 as GOG and GH¢233,770.00 as IGF. The table below indicates the breakdown:

	Agencies	Compensation GH¢	Goods & Services GH¢	Assets GH¢	IGF GH¢	Total GH¢
1	Headquarters	566,926.00	22,426,838.00	969,000.00		23,962,764.00
2	National Sports Authority	2,343,557.00	9,926,762.00	962,000.00	233,770.00	13,466,089.00
3	National Sports College	317,298.00	1,939,583.00	410,387.00		2,667,268.00
4	National Youth Authority	2,835,396.00	9,970,354.00	971,000.00		13,776,750.00
	Totals	6,063,177.00	44,263,537.00	3,312,387.00	233,770.00	53,872,871.00

further deterioration of facilities. Facilities to be replaced include seats, floodlights and score boards.

The Committee urges the NSA to undertake routine maintenance of facilities to prevent massive deterioration that would require huge sums of monies to refurbish.

8.3 National Sports College (NSC)

The National Sports College (NSC) has been allocated a total sum of GH¢2,667,268.00 for its activities and programmes for year 2013.

The Committee was informed that facilities at the College have deteriorated over the years. The College plans to rehabilitate and maintain the soccer pitch and tennis courts to internationally acceptable standards. However, the inadequate budgetary allocation for Assets may affect the execution of these projects.

The Committee therefore recommends that the Ministry of Finance provides adequate resources to enable the College improve facilities and offer the needed technical knowledge and skills training for stakeholders. It also urges the College to explore alternative sources of funding through public/private partnership to further improve and develop the facilities at the College.

8.4 National Youth Authority (NYA)

The National Youth Authority (NYA) has been allocated an amount of GH¢13,776,750.00.

This year, the Authority intends applying resources to offer skills training for youth in various trades and vocations at the Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes (YLSTI). However, the Authority is confronted with the problem of limited infrastructural

facilities at the various youth institutes and is therefore unable to provide training for the increasing number of targeted beneficiaries of the programme (e.g. teenage mothers, female potters, school drop outs and street youth). The Committee calls on the Ministry of Finance to make available the needed resources to enable the Authority improve facilities and also provide additional infrastructure.

8.5 Ghana Youth Employment and Entrepreneurial Development Agency

The Committee noted that even though GYEEDA is an agency under the Ministry of Youth and Sports, no budgetary allocation was made to the Authority in the 2013 Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry.

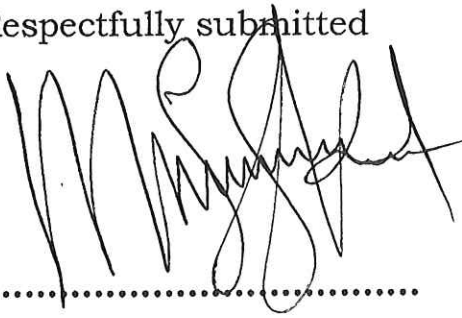
9.0 Conclusion

The Ministry of Youth and Sports plays a strategic role in the socio-economic development of the country. The youth constitutes the bulk of the labour force and represents the wealth and future of the country.

Sports contribute greatly in promoting good health, national unity and also foster international co-operation, friendship and solidarity. Indeed, the sustainable development of these two sub-sectors is vital for the future of this country.

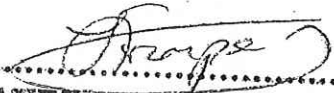
The Committee hereby recommends that an amount of **Fifty-three Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-one Cedis (GHC 53,872,871.00)** be approved for the Ministry of Youth and Sports to implement its programmes and activities for year 2013.

Respectfully submitted



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25TH MARCH 2013