

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE 2011
ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMISSION (NDPC)**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 2011 Annual Estimates of the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) was laid in the House on Thursday 18th November 2010 and *referred* to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Orders of the House. This followed the presentation of the Budget and Economic Policy of the Government for the year ending 31st December 2011 by the Minister for Finance & Economic Planning, Hon. Dr. Kwabena Duffuor.

The Committee subsequently met with the Director-General of the Commission, Mrs. Regina O. Adutwum and a technical team from the Commission and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and presents this report.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) exists to advise the President of the Republic of Ghana on national development planning policy and strategy by providing a national development policy framework and ensuring that strategies and programs are effectively carried out for the accelerated development of the country to provide continuous improvement in the living standards of all Ghanaians.

3.0 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Commission are as follows:

- to deepen on-going institutionalization and internalization of policy formulation, planning and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) systems at all levels
- institutionalize the mainstreaming of sustainable development principles in national development planning process
- to ensure the reduction of HIV/AIDS/STI/TB transmission, ensure their proper management and promote healthy lifestyle
- to develop and retain human resource capacity at national, regional and district levels
- to harmonise on-going and emerging poverty reduction initiatives
- to promote co-ordination, harmonization and ownership of the development process
- to minimize the negative impact and optimize the potential impact of migration for Ghana's development; and
- to promote a sustainable, spatially integrated and orderly development of human settlements to support socio-economic development.

4.0 2011 BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMISSION

For the implementation of the above stated objectives, the sum of **GH¢5,476,064** has been allocated to the Commission for the 2011 financial year. The breakdown is presented below:

Government of Ghana (GoG)	
Personnel Emoluments	- GH¢338,133
Administration	- GH¢524,583
Service	- GH¢1,463,322
Investment	- GH¢149,620
IGF	- 0
Donor (Service)	- 3,000,406
TOTAL	- GH¢5,476,064

5.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee observed that the National Development Planning Commission has the responsibility for the formulation of national development planning policies and strategies. The Commission also ensures the effective coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of approved national development plans and coordinates the decentralized national development planning system.

In the year 2010, the Commission approved the final draft of the Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda 2010-2013 (GSGDA) and submitted it to H.E. the President. The costing of the Development Plan was carried out using inputs from Sector Medium-Term Development Plans derived from the GSGDA.

The Commission also provided guidelines to enable Sectors and Districts to prepare their medium term development plans and provided technical support to 17 newly created districts to enable them finalise their medium term development plans.

Again in 2010, the Commission completed and distributed the 2008 Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report and the 2009 Annual Progress Report (APR) on the implementation of the GPRS II.

It was noted that out of the Commission's total budgetary provision of GH¢1,981,176 for the 2010 financial year, only GH¢1,109,593 (representing about 56%) had been released to the Commission as at the end of August 2010.

Again in the year 2010, a 37 Member *Commission* (Board) of the NDPC was inaugurated under the Chairmanship of Mr. Paul Victor Obeng.

In the year 2011, the Commission will within the framework of its planning, coordination, monitoring and evaluation roles, continue to prepare and disseminate 2010 Annual Progress Report (APR) on the implementation of the GSGDA and the 2010 Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report.

The Commission will also coordinate the preparation of the National Human Settlement Policy, the National Infrastructure Plan and the Sector and District Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.

The Committee was further informed that the NDPC is working feverishly to ensure that cross-cutting issues are mainstreamed into sector development plans whilst local economic development principles are incorporated in the development plans of Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies.

The Commission intends to develop a National Spatial Plan/Human Settlement Plan that would help to organize the cities of the country to curb the rising congestion and other negative effects of unplanned development.

The Director General of the Commission informed the Committee that due to poor conditions of service and the inability of the Commission to pay competitive remuneration for the high caliber of personnel required for its work, the Commission has had to suffer high staff attrition rates over the years. Indeed, none of the four divisions of the Commission currently has a director as those who were previously at post have resigned.

Some Members of the Committee were of the opinion that the NDPC needs a Minister in Cabinet to perform advocacy role on behalf of the Commission.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee, having examined the 2011 Annual Estimates of the **National Development Planning Commission**, recommends that the House approves the amount of ***five million, four hundred and seventy-six thousand, and sixty-four Ghana Cedis (GH¢5,476,064)*** for the implementation of the programmes and activities of the Commission for the 2011 financial year.

Respectfully submitted.



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14TH DECEMBER, 2010