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1.0 INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday, the 12th of November, 2023, the Hon. Minister for Finance, Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta, in accordance with Article 179(1) of the 1992 Constitution and the Public Financial Management Act, 2016, (Act 921) presented the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the financial year ending 31st December, 2023 to Parliament.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Orders 140(4) of the Standing Orders, referred the Annual Estimates for the Fiscal year 2024 of the Ministry of Youth and Sports to the Select Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture for consideration and report.

2.0 DELIBERATIONS

The Committee met on 12th of December, 2023 with the Hon. Minister for Youth and Sports, Hon Mustapha Ussif, Technical Staff of the Ministry, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Youth Authority (NYA), the Chief Executive Officer of National Sports Authority (NSA), the Chief Executive Chairman of the Local Organising Committee (LoC), the Management Team of the National Sports College-Winneba and the official from Ministry of Finance (MoF). They assisted the Committee to assess the estimates allocated for the Ministry of Youth and Sports programmed activities for the 2024 financial year. The Committee is grateful to the Hon. Minister and all the officials for their cooperation in this regard.

3.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENT

The following documents were used as reference guide during the Committee's deliberations:

- i. The 1992 Constitution
- ii. The Standing Orders
- iii. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2023 Financial Year.
- iv. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2024 Financial Year.
- v. The Programme Based Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the 2023 Financial Year.
- vi. The Programme Based Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the 2024 Financial Year.

4.0 VISION, MISSION, MANDATE AND STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry of Youth and Sports is mandated to develop the capacity of the Youth and integrate them into national development, while ensuring that the nation's values and aspirations are inculcated in them. Additionally, the Ministry is to ensure that Sports is used as a tool for national cohesion, the expression of national pride, and also serve as a platform for healthy living. The Ministry operates under the Civil Service Law, PNDC 327 of 1993 and E. 11 of January 2013.

The vision of the Ministry is to harness the potential of the Youth and the values of the sports for National Development and its Mission is to provide effective leadership in the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Youth and Sports development policies and foster greater public-private sector participation.

5.0 NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

5.1 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

5.1.1 African Para Games

Ghana hosted the first ever African Para Games from 3rd to 12th September, 2023. The Games brought together over six hundred and twenty-one (621) para-athletes from sixteen (16) African countries and over two hundred and seventy- six (276) young volunteers. The Para Games featured three (3) main Sporting Events: Amputee Football; Wheelchair Tennis; and Wheelchair Basketball. The Ghana National Amputee Football team won the first-ever African Para Games, 2023 Amputee Football Tournament after triumphing over Morocco by 2 goals to 1.

5.1.2.0 National Sports Policy (NSP)

The draft National Sports Policy has been submitted to National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) for review and subsequent submission to Cabinet for approval. The policy, when finalised would serve as the bedrock for all sporting and physical activities with the necessary collaborations for the achievement of the policy goals and outcomes.

5.1.2.1 Legislative Instrument (L.I) - Sports Act 2016, ACT 934

The final draft of the Legislative Instrument (LI) for the Sports Act has been laid before Parliament and awaiting the statutory twenty-one (21) sitting days.

5.1.2.2 Legislative Instrument (L.I) - National Youth Authority Act 2016 (ACT 939)

The Ministry of Youth & Sports and National Youth Authority, including members of the Governing Board of the Authority met and provided inputs as instructions to guide the Consultants in the development of Draft Legislative Instrument for the National Youth Authority Act 2016 (ACT 939).

5.1.2.3 13th African Games

The long-standing impasse between the African Union, the Association of National Olympic Committee (ANOCA), and the Association of African Sports Confederation (AASC) has been resolved amicably. The resolution was reached after a series of meetings made by the Government of Ghana.

Subsequently, a press conference was organised to announce the new dates for the Games which will be held on 8th to 23rd March, 2024.

5.1.2.4 Draft Anti-Doping Bill

The Ministry as part of the preparations for the hosting and organisation of the 13th African Games is working on a Draft Anti-Doping Bill which is currently with the Attorney General (AG) for finalisation.

The Anti-Doping Secretariat embarked on a sensitisation programme for five (5) selected schools for students involved in competitive sports, Physical Education (PE) tutors, and other stakeholders.

5.2 YOUTH SERVICES

5.2.1 Skills Towards Employability & Productivity (STEP) Programme

Eight Hundred and Twenty (820) youth (including Persons with Disabilities) have benefitted under the STEP programme through apprenticeship training and provision of start-up tools in cosmetology, hairdressing, dressmaking and satellite dish installation in twenty-five (25) selected districts across the sixteen (16) regions of the country.

5.2.2 Monitoring of STEP Beneficiaries and Agric Projects

The National Youth Authority undertook some monitoring activities in Oforikrom, Techiman, Hohoe, Pusiga and Binduri Municipalities of the Ashanti, Bono East, Volta and Upper East Regions respectively on some STEP beneficiaries to ascertain progress of training and learning, as well as to address challenges.

5.2.3 National Youth Volunteer Programme (NYVP)

The National Youth Authority under its NYVP flagship programme which aims to develop active citizens, foster national cohesion and promote the spirit of selflessness and volunteerism among young people, currently has three modules running, namely: Youth Development Work, Gender Mainstreaming and Infrastructure (Youth Build It).

Under Youth Development, fifty (50) young volunteers renovated a dilapidated six (6) unit classroom block for the Abume Community in the Eastern Region.

5.2.4 National Youth Conference

The National Youth Authority in partnership with International Youth Fellowship (IYF) held the 2nd edition of the National Youth Conference at the University of Ghana, Legon from 31st August to 3rd September, 2023 on the theme *“Reformed Youth, Reformed Ghana”*.

Participants numbering over four thousand (4,000) came from the sixteen (16) Regions of the country to participate in series of sessions on: Banking & Financial Literacy, Mindset Change, Safeguarding Positive Social Values & Norms, Volunteerism, Talent Show & Development, etc.

5.2.5 Commission of Youth Resource Centres and Astro Turf

The Ministry commissioned three (3) Youth Resource Centers (Koforidua, Axim and Wa) and the completed Astro Turf at Tuba in the Ga South District.

The Youth Resource Centers in Dunkwa-on-Offin, Dormaa-Ahenkro and Ho will also be commissioned subsequently.

5.3 SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

5.3.1 PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL TEAMS

The Black Stars of Ghana have qualified to the 2023 AFCON to be hosted by Ivory Coast. The team emerged winners of Group E.

The Ghana Black Princesses competed and won the WAFU Zone B Championship beating Nigeria 3:1 on penalties in the final match.



The Black Starlets participated in a Four-Nation UEFA U-16 Youth Development Tournament (12th -18th April, 2023) in Serbia and won the trophy.

The Ghana Cycling youth team won a bronze medal during the 19th CAC Africa Road and 1st CAC Para cycling Championships organised at Ablekuman Ollebu in Accra from the 8th to 17th February, 2023.

5.3.2 Ghana Bodybuilding and Fitness Association

The 2023 IFBB West Africa Bodybuilding Championship was organised by the Ghana Bodybuilding and Fitness Association at the Ga-Mashie Hall of the Trust Sports Emporium on 18th March, 2023; at the end of the event, the Ghanaian team won 2 gold, 2 silver and a bronze medal.

5.3.3 3rd African Aquatic Zone 2 Junior Swimming

The 3rd African Aquatic Zone 2 Junior Swimming and Open Water championship was hosted by the Ghana Swimming Association at the University of Ghana, Legon from 18th to 20th August, 2023. Fourteen (14) countries participated including Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Benin, Togo, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, and Cameroon for world championship qualification.

Ghana's swimming team won a total of twenty-two (22) medals comprising seven (7) gold, eleven (11) silver and four (4) bronze to place second overall.

5.4 Sports Human Resource Development

5.4.1 The National Sports College (NSC) hosted the International Handball Federation (IHF), Confederation of Africa Handball (AHB) and the Handball Association of Ghana in a License "D" Course from 30th August to 6th September 2023. The Course was organised in preparation towards the 13th African Games in March, 2024.

5.4.2 TALENT DEVELOPMENT

The NSC, as part of efforts to unearth talents for the country, collaborated with Hope Tennis Foundation headed by Mr. Enoch Godi, a former Tennis academy player now based in the United States to organise a five (5) day tennis clinic for Two hundred and Fifty (250) school pupils and twenty (20) coaches in Winneba and its environs from 10th to 15th July 2023.

6.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

6.1 Overview of 2023

Table 1: 2023 Budget Allocation in terms of Economic Classification of the Ministry

Item	Amt (GH¢)	%
Compensation	28,104,840	7.10
Goods & Services	18,338,674	4.63
Capex	349,279,747	88.26
Total	395,723,261	100

Table 2: 2023 Budget Allocation in terms of Source of Fund of the Ministry

Item	Amt (GH¢)	%
GoG	44,489,162	11.24
ABFA		
IGF	3,634,099	0.92
Donor	347,600,000	87.84
Total	395,723,261	100.00

Table 3. 2023 Budget Financial Performance of the Ministry as at Sept 2023.

	Approved Budget (GH¢)	Releases (GH¢)	Actual (GH¢)	Exp. % release	% of Actual Exp
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES					
GoG	28,104,840.00	28,423,221.93	28,423,221.93	101.13	101.13
GOODS & SERVICES:					
GoG	14,704,575.00	7,806,331.85	5,664,546.40	53.09	38.52
IGF	3,634,099.00	2,441,477.50	1,907,236.00		52.54
CAPEX:					
GoG	1,679,747.00	703,211.00	552,211.00	41.86	32.87
DONOR FUNDS	347,600,000.00	230,621,043.53	230,621,043.53	66.35	66.35
Total	395,723,261.00	269,995,285.81	267,168,258.86	68.23	67.51

In 2023, the Ministry was allocated a total amount of *Three hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty-One Cedis (GH¢395,723,261.00)* for its programmes. As at September 2023, a total amount of *Two hundred and sixty-nine million, nine hundred and ninety-five thousand, two hundred and eighty-five Cedis, eighty-one pesewas (GH¢269,995,285.81)* was released to the Ministry and the

actual expenditure of the Ministry as at September 2023 amounting to *Two hundred and sixty-seven million, one hundred and sixty-eight thousand, two hundred and fifty-eight Cedis, eighty-six pesewas (GH¢267,168,258.86)*. This indicates that the Ministry of Finance is yet to release an amount of *One Hundred and Twenty-Five million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five Cedis and Nineteen Pesewas (GH¢125,727,975.19)*.

7.0 2024 ALLOCATIONS

For 2024 financial year, the Ministry has been allocated an amount of *One Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three Cedis (GH¢195,795,973.00)*. Out of this amount, *Thirty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Six Cedis (GH¢37,833,906.00)* is for compensation of employees, Goods and Services comprise *One Hundred and Seven Million, Nine and Sixty-Two Thousand and Sixty-Seven Cedis (GH¢107,962,067.00)*.

Table 4: 2024 Budget Allocation in terms of Economic Classification of the Ministry for 2024

Item	Amount	%
Compensation	37,833,906	19.32
Goods and services	107,962,067	55.14
Capex	50,000,000	25.54
Total	195,795,973	100

7.0 OUTLOOK FOR 2024

7.1 Management and Administration

- Host and organise the 13th African Games, Accra 2023
- Facilitate all foreign travels and bilateral meetings / engagements
- Facilitate the participation and organisation of all national team competitions both local and international (AFCON, AWCON, Olympics & World Cup Qualifiers)

- Operationalise the Ministry's e-records system
- Facilitate the finalisation of the National Sports Policy and Anti-doping Bill
- Plan and undertake sensitisation workshop on Right to Information Act for Agencies
- Undertake Sensitisation Workshop on NACAP for Agencies

7.2 Youth Services

- Finalise the Legislative Instrument for the Youth Act, Act 934
- Completion of the remaining four (4) Youth Centres
- Commissioning of three (3) Youth Resource Centres – Axim, Koforidua & Wa

7.3 Sports Development

- Rehabilitate Baba Yara, Essipong and New Edubiase sports stadia
- Prepare the National Sports College Bill
- Commission research and studies to develop a National Database on Sports and a module for determining the contribution of sports to GDP.
- Organize National Inter-Districts Turf Football League

8.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Release of Unappropriated Funds

The Committee observed that the Ministry received additional funding amounting to **Seventy-Seven Million, Sixteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eight Cedis (GH¢77,016,808.00)** from the Ministry of Finance outside of its approved budget for the 2023 fiscal year. The Committee was worried about this trend of continuous release of funds which have not been appropriated to the Ministry to cater for major sporting activities. The Ministry informed the Committee that these additional funds released to the Ministry is drawn from the contingency vote with approval from the Ministry of Finance. They further explained that it is difficult to adequately budget for international tournaments due to the possibility of not qualifying. The Committee however, urged the Ministry to streamline its activities for the ensuing year and report to the Committee on additional requests for funds for international sporting competition.

8.2 13th African Games

The Committee was informed that the country is adequately prepared to host the 13th All African Games in March 2024. The Local Organising Committee

(LOC) assured the Committee that all major will be completed and handed over to government for commissioning, a month to the start of the tournament. The Committee admonished the LOC to ensure the facilities are available and ready for the games.

8.3 National Sports College, Winneba

The Committee noted that the National Sports College located at Winneba is bedevilled with some challenges which are hampering the efficient running of the College. The Committee was informed by the Ministry that plans were far advanced with feasibility studies to get a Private Partner to refurbish the College. The Committee observed that though the College is resource challenged, the facility has the potential to generate revenue to assist in the running of the facility. The Committee urged the Management of the Sports College to declare funds raised through their programmes and also liaise with the Ministry of Finance to make projections for IGF in subsequent budgeting years.

8.4 National Sports Authority (NSA)

The Committee observed that some sporting facilities being supervised by the National Sports Authority were reported to be dilapidated though the Authority gives the facilities out for rent. The Committee also observed a breach in management practice at the Authority, which has led to a negative report by CAF on the state of one facility. The NSA informed the Committee that all necessary steps have been taken to deal with the misrepresentation in the CAF report. The Committee therefore urged the NSA and the GFA to collaborate together subsequently in order to avert such occurrence.

8.5 National Youth Authority (NYA)


The Committee noted with concern the inability of the NYA to fully upload their expenditure on the GIFMIS platform. The Committee also noted the limited release of funds from the DACF for the Authority which is hampering the discharge of its mandates. The Committee observed the non-reporting and alignment of donations received from donor partners in the Authority's financial records. The Committee therefore urged the NYA to properly disclose and liaise with the Ministry of Finance to approve donor allocations to the Authority in subsequent years.

9.0 CONCLUSION


The Committee noting the vital role of the Ministry of Youth and Sports in the development of the Youth and the country as a whole, calls for adequate resource allocation to the Ministry in order to achieve its policy objectives. The Committee therefore recommends that this August House approves a budget

allocation of *One Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three Cedis (GH¢195,795,973.00)* for the Ministry of Youth and Sports for its activities in the 2024 financial year.

Respectfully Submitted.



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