IN THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT IN RESPECT OF THE MINISTRY OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 2019

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The **Budget Performance Report** in respect of the **Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation** for the period **January to December, 2019** was *presented* to the House on Tuesday 19th May, 2020 by the Minister responsible for Roads and Highways, Mr. Kwasi Amoako-Atta on behalf of the Minister responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation.

In accordance with Article 103 of the Constitution and Order 169 of the Standing Orders of the House, the Report was *referred* to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

The Committee subsequently met and considered the Report with the Deputy Minister for Monitoring and Evaluation (MoME), Hon. William Kwasi Sabi and a team of officials from the Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation (MoME) and hereby presents this report to the House.

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2.0 BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation (MoME) exists to facilitate, coordinate, monitor and evaluate programmes and projects aimed at addressing development needs of Ghana through the deployment of skilled human resources and modern technology to enhance data management, information dissemination and feedback on government programmes and projects for national development.

2.1 VISION

The vision of the Ministry is to undertake monitoring and evaluation for transformational results

2.3 GOAL

The goal of the Ministry is to institutionalise results-based management and evaluative practice across the public sector leading to improved results delivery, evidence-based policy decision making, and transformational impact of government priority programmes.

3.0 CORE FUNCTIONS

The core functions of the Ministry include, among others, to

- Initiate and formulate policies, taking into account the needs and aspirations of the people
- Undertake development planning in consultation with the National Development Planning Commission, and

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- Coordinate, monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of policies and programmes across the Sectors
- Enhance capacity for policy formulation and coordination
- Deepen transparency and public accountability

4.0 SUMMARY OF 2019 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

ITEM	2019 APPROVED BUDGET (GH¢)	RELEASED (GH¢)	EXPENDITURE (GH¢)	ACTUAL (GH¢)
Compensation of Employees	390,250	466,732.86	466,732.86	466,732.86
Goods and Services	1,809,100	1,652,238.76	1,290,113.13	822,244.79
CAPEX	962,000	0	0	0
TOTAL	3,161,350	2,118,971.62	1,756,845.99	1,288,977.65

In addition to the above outturn from GoG funds, the Ministry also received funds from UNICEF (GH(394,664.00)), AGRA (US(355,134.00)) and World Bank (Released GH(394,664.00)) of which GH(394,664.00)) in the 2019 financial year.

5.0 OBSERVATIONS

5.1 Capacity Building for M&E Focal Persons

In the year 2019, the Ministry organised tailor-made M&E training in data collection, analysis and reporting for 34 focal persons from 34 Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

The training sought to improve the knowledge and skills of the M&E focal persons in fundamental concepts and tools for monitoring and evaluating policies and programs.

5.2 Government Results Framework for High Priorities

The Ministry reviewed the Results Framework for Government High Priorities (2017-2020) to align with the priorities of the MDAs. The framework facilitates results-based monitoring and reporting on the progress of implementation and achievements of the priority programmes.

5.3 Draft National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy

The Ministry in 2019 developed a draft National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy (NMEP) in collaboration with the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC), Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), Ghana Monitoring and Evaluation Forum (GMEF) and other stakeholders with funding from UNICEF. The NMEP provides a broad framework for M&E across the public sector.

5.4 Monitoring of Government Flagship Programmes and Statutory Funds

The MoME in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance monitored the implementation of the 2019 budget of sixteen (16) Government Flagship programmes and four (4) statutory funds. This activity is aimed at ensuring timely release of funds, implementation of activities and achievement of 2019

performance targets of the flagship programmes. Moreover, the monitoring process is intended to facilitate identification and resolution of funding challenges in a timely manner.

5.5 Initiated Rapid Evaluation of One District One Factory(1D1F) Programme

The Ministry in collaboration with IDinsight and Ministry of Trade and Industry, initiated the process of carrying out evaluation of the One District One Factory (1D1F) programme. The aim of the rapid evaluation is to assess the progress of implementation, emerging outcomes and potential impacts of the 1D1F intervention.

5.6 Conducted Rapid Evaluation of the One Village One Dam (1V1D) Programme

The Ministry in collaboration with IDinsight, Twende Mbele and the Ministry of Special Development Initiatives conducted a rapid evaluation of the One Village One Dam (1V1D) in Northern, Upper West, Upper East, North East and Savannah Regions. The aim of the evaluation was to assess the progress of implementation, emerging outcomes and potential impacts of the 1V1D interventions. It also sought to document emerging issues and challenges that required immediate attention of Cabinet, Ministry for Special Development Initiatives (MSDI) and other key stakeholders.

5.7 Challenges

The Committee observed that notwithstanding the 2019 achievements, the Ministry is faced with various challenges.

Key among the challenges include inadequate office accommodation to house the full complement of the required staff. Also, monitoring and evaluation systems across the MDAs are confronted with inadequate skilled manpower, weak demand for M&E information, poor data collection, collation and management systems and inadequate funding for M&E activities. These challenges affect the relevance and timelines of M&E information generated by the Policy Planning and Monitoring and Evaluation Directorates.

The Committee recommends to the Ministry to enhance its capacity building programmes to equip PPMEDs to effectively and efficiently do their work.

The Ministry is further urged to liaise with the Office of the Head of Civil Service to provide adequate accommodation for the Ministry.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee, upon a thorough consideration of the Report, respectfully recommends to the House to adopt this report and approve the **Budget Performance Report** in respect of the **Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation** for the period

January to December, 2019 in accordance with the Section 27 of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921). Respectfully submitted.

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