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

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Hon. Minister for Finance, Mr Seth Terkper, presented the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2016 Financial Year to the House on Friday, 13th November 2015. This was in accordance with Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution. 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 The Committee thereafter met with the Hon. Minister for Youth and Sports, Major. Dr. Alhaji Mustapha Ahmed and his technical team on Thursday, 10th December 2016 and considered the referral.

The Committee is grateful to the Hon. Minister and his technical team for their co-operation.

2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Committee was guided by 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 2016 Financial Year
- iv. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2015 Financial Year
- v. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2014 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

The underlisted Agencies and Institutions are responsible for the implementation of the policies and programmes of the Ministry:

- i. The National Sport College – Winneba (NSC –W)
- ii. The National Sports Authority (NSA)
- iii. The National Youth Authority (NYA)

5.0 POLICY OBJECTIVES

The broad policy objectives of the Ministry are to:

- i. Provide adequate and disability friendly infrastructure for sports in communities and schools
- ii. Strengthen national capacity for sports management
- iii. Support the development of lesser known sports
- iv. Ensure integration of youth concerns into national development planning processes and programmes
- v. Ensure provision of adequate training and skills development in line with global trends
- vi. Ensure adequate capacity and skills development of youth with disability.

6.0 PERFORMANCE FOR YEAR 2015

6.1 The Ministry of Youth and Sports was allocated a total amount of **Thirty-six million, One Hundred and Eighty-six Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventeen Ghana Cedis (GH¢36,186,217.00)** to implement its programmes and activities for the 2015 financial year. This allocation was made up of a

Government of Ghana (GoG) component of GH¢35,906,402.00 and Internally Generated Fund (IGF) of GH¢279,816.00. The budget performance of the Ministry for year 2015 is shown in table 1.

Table 1
Budget performance as at October 2015

Item	Allocation (GH¢)	Actuals(GH¢)	Variance	% variance
Compensation	10,190,701.00	8,744,077.64	1,446,623.36	14.2
Goods and services	20,995,516.00	16,861,583.00	4,133,933.00	16.7
Assets	5,000,000.00	-	-	-
TOTAL	36,186,217.00	25,605,660.64	10,580,556.36	29.2

According to the Ministry, as at October 2015, an amount of GH¢25,605,660.64 out of the total allocation of GH¢36,186,217.00 to the Ministry had been released. However, as at the same period, there had been no release for Asset. The Ministry indicated that the non-release of funds earmarked for Assets affected its ability to execute some important projects.

6.2 Despite the non-release of the entire allocation for year 2015, the Ministry implemented and facilitated various programmes and activities, some of which are listed below:

- i. Continued with the construction of the Cape Coast Sport Stadium
- ii. Facilitated the participation of the Black Stars in the 2015 African Cup of Nations (AFCON) in which the team won silver.
- iii. Facilitated the participation of Ghana in 16 out of the 22 events at the 2015 All African Games held in Brazaville, Republic of Congo, and won 17 medals comprising 2 gold, 9 silver and 8 bronze.
- iv. Facilitated the participation of the National Teams in the following:
 - Badminton and the International Federation (FIBA) Africa Zone III Championships in Nigeria;
 - the Cycling Tournament in Togo and Benin;

- Cricket Championship in Benoni, South Africa;
 - Judo Championship in Cote d'Ivoire, among others, and won a total of 8 trophies, 2 gold medals and 1 bronze.
- v. Completed the preparation of the Draft National Sports Bill and submitted same to Cabinet.
 - vi. Completed the preparation of a Draft National Youth Authority Bill and submitted same to Cabinet
 - vii. Trained a total of 1,646 youth under its Vocational/Skills Training Programme in the eleven (11) Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutions. 200 of the trainees will sit for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) examination.
 - viii. Initiated processes to upgrade the infrastructure stock of the National Sports College (Winneba) into a Centre of Excellence through Public-Private Partnership (PPP).

7.0 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2016

An amount of GH¢22,560,058.00 comprising GoG of GH¢22,318,088.00 and IGF of GH¢241,970.00 has been allocated for the implementation of the Ministry's planned programmes and activities for year 2016. This allocation represents a reduction of GH¢13,626,159.00 (39.6%) of year 2015 allocation. The breakdown per the various cost centres is captured in table 2.

Table 2

Item	Compensation	Goods & Services	Asset	IFG	Total	% Allocation
General Administration	1,093,011.00	4,481,027.00	Nil		5,574,038.00	24.7
National Youth Authority	5,372,130.00	2,100,000.00	Nil		7,472,130.00	33.1
National Sports Authority	4,950,000.00	2,238,973.00	Nil	241,970.00	7,430,943.00	32.9
National Sports College	545,097.00	1,537,850.00	Nil		2,082,947.00	9.3
TOTAL	11,960,238.00	10,357,950.00	Nil	241,970.00	22,560,058.00	100

8.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Main Ministry/Headquarters

The Main Ministry has been allocated an amount of GHC5,574,038.00 made of GHC1,093,011.00 for Compensation; GHC4,481,027.00 for Goods and Services.

The main Ministry plans to apply its 2016 allocation to undertake, among others, the following activities:

- i. Facilitate the passage of the National Sports College Bill
- ii. Rehabilitate the Ministry's Headquarters and other existing facilities
- iii. Settle arrears in respect of the construction of the Cape Coast Sports Stadium, as well as accumulated arrears by the National Football Teams

- iv. Facilitate the preparation and participation of the various National Football Teams in the following tournaments:
- Black Stars – AFCON 2017 and 2018 World Cup qualifiers
 - Black Satellites – African Youth Championship, 2017
 - Black Starlets - African Youth Championship, 2017
 - Black Queens – African Women’s Championship, 2016
 - Black Princess – FIFA Under 20 Women’s World Cup, 2016
 - Black Maidens – FIFA Under 17 Women’s World Cup, 2016
- v. Support 40 National Sports Associations to attend and participate in international events and competitions.
- vi. Organise the 2017 Unity Games
- vii. Organise training workshops/seminars for sports officials.

8.1.1 It came to the attention of the Committee that the Ministry is indebted to service providers to the tune of GH¢12,839, 665.50 and US\$985,447.00. Some of the affected companies have resorted to legal action to recover their moneys. However the inadequate budgetary allocation for year 2016 may make it difficult for the Ministry to meet the debt obligation. It is therefore critical that the Ministry of Finance institute urgent measures to enable the Ministry settle its debts to forestall the unpleasant possibility of losing some of its assets to debtors.

8.1.2 Effective monitoring of programmes and activities of the various agencies under the Ministry ensures proper co-ordination and implementation of policies. Unfortunately, the Ministry lacks vehicles and requisite logistics to effectively perform this important function. It is imperative that the Ministry is adequately resourced to enable it perform its monitoring role to expectation.

8.2 National Sports College (NSC)

The National Sports College has been provided with an amount of GH¢2,082,947.00 for its programmes and activities for year 2016.

8.2.1 The Committee was happy to note that in year 2014, the College launched the National Community Coaching, Education and Development Framework Programme with UK Sports. The Curriculum for rolling out the programme is almost complete. In collaboration with local and international experts, the College will continue to organise Technical and Administrative courses and seminars for prospective coaches, administrators, and paramedics.

It was interesting to note that in an effort to unearth talents and promote soccer in every constituency, the College plans to launch a project, under which 5 people, preferably retired and interested footballers from each constituency will be trained in basic soccer coaching. The College proposes that the project be financed by Members of Parliament.

8.2.2 The Committee was informed that under the Government's Public-Private Partnership (PPP) initiative the College successfully negotiated with the World Bank Local Office to upgrade the infrastructure of the college to an international level. The initiative, the Committee noted, will create an opportunity for the construction of a 50 self-contained hostel; a 2,000 seating capacity sports hall, 4 football fields (one synthetic with modern tartan tracks), outdoor courts each for volley ball, basketball, hand ball and hockey; and an Olympic-size swimming pool, among others. It is expected that when completed, the project will go a long way to attract the hosting of international sporting events in the country and generate revenue for the College.

8.3 National Sports Authority (NSA)

An amount of GH¢7,430,943.00 has been allocated to the National Sports Authority (NSA) for year 2016.

8.3.1 For year 2016, the Authority intends to direct much of its attention to inaugurating and consolidating Mass Sports countrywide in view of its potential to positively impact on national productivity. The Committee was informed that Mass Sports could serve as an avenue for job creation and also generate income for the Authority. Under the programme, the Authority will train thousands of keep fit instructors and deploy them all over the country to serve corporate bodies and communities. The Committee urges the Ministry of Finance to release funds for this laudable programme.

8.3.2 The Authority cited shortage of critical staff, especially in the technical department as a key challenge affecting the output of the Authority. It emerged that this year alone, the Authority lost 16 staff mostly sports coaches, for various reasons, including poor conditions of service. Members were informed that although the Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved the critical manpower requirements of the Authority, it has (the Authority) has still not received clearance from the Ministry of Finance to recruit.

8.3.3 The Committee was informed that although the various stadia, building courts, playing pitches and courts require urgent renovation, the irregular and non-release of funds allocated for Assets over a period of time has affected the Authority's ability to carry out renovation works on the facilities. For example, in year 2015, out of a budget of GH¢25,000,000.00 presented for Assets, only GH¢1,500,000.00 was allocated, and as at August 2015, there had been no release for Asset. Unfortunately, for year 2016, no allocation was made for Asset. According to the Authority, although it has, over the past years, increased its IGF, the amount generated is so insignificant as compared to what is required to rehabilitate its infrastructure nationwide.

It is the view of the Committee that if the National Sports Authority is to perform its role as expected, then the Authority ought to be provided with the needed resources to perform.

8.4 National Youth Authority (NYA)

8.4.1 The National Youth Authority has been provided with an amount of GH¢7,472,130.00 comprising GH¢5,372,130.00 as Compensation and GH¢2,100,000.00 for Goods and Services.

In year 2016, the Authority plans to facilitate discussion at the National Youth Round-Table on Climate Change, train 2,250 youth in leadership, vocational and technical skills, and undertake renovation works in all eleven (11) of its Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes.

8.4.2 The Authority, under the Ghana/Columbia Exchange Programme will build the capacity of some youth in maize, yam and pepper production. The Committee was happy to note that in year 2015, the Authority, under the same programme, organised two workshops to teach some 100 farmers in the Ashanti and Brong-Ahafo Regions, value addition to plantain production.

8.4.3 In spite of the importance of the Authority, the NYA lacks basic tools and equipment in its Youth Training Institutes. Its offices also lack equipment and furniture for effective youth service delivery. Besides, it lacks adequate personnel to provide the needed services. The Authority is currently available in only eighty-one (81) Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies, posing a challenge for the Authority to implement government policies and programmes nationwide.

8.4.4 Due to non-release and late release of funds, the statutory programmes of the Authority which are usually time-bound are often poorly organised or held late. Out of an allocation of GH¢10,053,734.00 made for year 2015, only GH¢4,852,176.84 had been released as at August 2015. It is interesting to note that GH¢4,012,235.00 out of the amount released went into the payment of compensation, leaving just GH¢839,941.84 to operate

with. Currently, feeding grants to the 11 Youth Training Institutes are in arrears to the tune of GH¢1,353,345.00

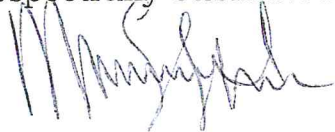
9.0 Conclusion

It is no gainsaying that the future of every nation largely depends on the quality of its youth. A well trained, skilful and disciplined youth population has the potential to significantly contribute to the socio-economic development of a nation. It is in the light of this that the Ministry of Youth and Sports has embraced Youth Development/Empowerment and Sports as vehicles for promoting development.

These noble objectives cannot be realised unless adequate investments are made into building our sports infrastructure and equipping our youth with the needed skills to unearth and nurture the vast economic potential of the Youth and Sports sub-sector. To this end, the effort to revamp our sports facilities through Private-Public Partnership (PPP) should be seen as a welcome initiative.

The Committee, accordingly, recommends for the approval of the House an amount of **Twenty-two Million, Five Hundred and Sixty Thousand, and Fifty-Eight Ghana Cedis (GH¢22,560,058.00)** for the implementation of programmes and activities of the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the 2016 financial year.

Respectfully submitted



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