

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

## REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE ON THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Draft Budget Estimates for the Ministry of Youth and Sports for 2019 were referred to the Select Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture for consideration and report pursuant to Orders 140 (4) and 187 of the Standing Orders of the House. This followed the presentation to Parliament of the 2019 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government by the Minister of Finance (MoF), Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta, in November 2018, in accordance with Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution and Order 140 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee met with Hon. Isaac Asiamah, the Minister for Youth and Sports, and his technical team as well as officers from the Ministry of Finance, to consider the estimates, and reports as follows:

### 2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- I. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana;
- II. The Standing Orders of the House;
- III. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2019 Financial Year;
- IV. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2018 Financial Year;
- V. Report of the Ministry of Youth and Sports on the actual releases and expenditure of the Ministry for the 2018 financial year

### **3.0 MANDATE, VISION AND MISSION OF THE MINISTRY**

The Ministry of Youth and Sports is mandated to develop the capacity of the youth and integrate them in national development, whilst 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 serves as a platform for healthy living. The Ministry operates under the Civil Service Law, PNDCL 327 of 1993 and E.I 1 of January 2013.

The vision of the Ministry is to harness the potential of the Youth and the values of 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 .

### **4.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE MINISTRY**

The broad objectives of the Ministry that will apply over the Medium-Term include, to

- I. Promote effective participation of the youth in socioeconomic development;
- II. Promote the participation of the youth in politics, electoral democracy, and governance;
- III. Enhance sports and recreational infrastructure;
- IV. Build capacity for sports and recreational development; and
- V. Ensure sustainable funding sources for the growth and development of sports.

### **5.0 FUNCTIONS**

The sector derives its broad functions from Section 13 of the Civil Service Law, PNDCL 327 of 1993 and E.I 1 of January 2013 . These functions are:

- I. Initiate and formulate policies, taking into account the needs and aspirations of the people;
- II. Undertake development planning in consultation with the National Development Planning Commission;
- III. Co-ordinate, monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the performance of the Sector and specifically the implementation of programmes;
- IV. To develop a comprehensive policy framework to guide international collaboration and cooperation in the youth and sports sector;
- V. To review and rationalize all legal and policy instruments in the youth and sports sector;

- VI. To pursue and promote inter-ministerial collaboration to enhance achievement of national development agenda and SDGs;
- VII. To pursue, promote and facilitate public-private partnership approach to youth and sports;
- VIII. To create an enabling environment for inclusion of disadvantaged groups in youth and sports development;
- IX. To facilitate the construction of state of the art infrastructural facilities for youth and sports development;
- X. To facilitate financial resource mobilization for youth and sports development; and
- XI. To forge a close working relationship with the media for effective communication with stakeholders

## **6.0 POLICY OBJECTIVES**

The New Medium Term Development Policy Framework has five Policy Objective that are relevant to the Ministry and are as follows:

- I. Promote effective participation of the youth in socioeconomic development;
- II. Promote the participation of the youth in politics, electoral democracy, and governance;
- III. Enhance sports and recreational infrastructure;
- IV. Build capacity for sports and recreational development; and
- V. Ensure sustainable funding sources for the growth and development of sports.

## **7.0 IMPLEMENTING DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES**

The Ministry implements its policies, programmes and projects through:

- I. The National Youth Authority (NYA)
- II. The National Sports Authority (NSA), and
- III. The National Sports College – Winneba (NSC – W )

## 8.0 THE YEAR 2018 IN RETROSPECT

### I. ALLOCATIONS

For 2018, the Ministry was allocated the amount of **thirty-two million, seven hundred and ninety-nine thousand and five hundred Cedis (GH¢32,799,500.00)** for its operations. The funds were allocated according to the details in Tables 1 and 2 below.

**TABLE 1: 2018 ALLOCATIONS**

PROGRAMMES	Compensation of Employees (GH¢)	Goods and Services (GH¢)	Assets	IGF	Total (GH¢)
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	1,845,009.32	7,811,380.00	2,274,420.00	0.00	11,930,809.32
YOUTH SERVICES	7,333,928.82	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,533,928.82
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT	7,678,847.86	4,400,000.00	500,000.00	755,914.00	13,334,761.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,857,786.00</b>	<b>12,411,380.00</b>	<b>2,774,420.00</b>	<b>755,914.00</b>	<b>32,799,500.00</b>

The funds allocated according to Cost Centres as follows:

**TABLE 2 – ALLOCATIONS PER COST CENTER**

BUDGET ITEMS	Budget	Released	Actual Received	Variance
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	16,857,786.00	14,137,789.20	14,137,789.20 (84%)	2,719,996.80 (16%)
GOODS AND SERVICES	12,411,380.00	7,080,545.00	7,080,545.00 (57.05%)	5,330,835.00 (42.95%)
CAPEX	2,774,420.00	1,248,489.00	997,780.50 (35.96%)	1,525,931.00 (55%)
IGF	755,914.00	907,096.80	907,096.80	-151,182.80
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32,799,500.00</b>	<b>23,373,920.00 (71.3%)</b>	<b>23,123,211.50 (70.5%)</b>	<b>9,425,580.00 (28.7)%</b>

## II. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

### A. Budget Releases

As at the end of October 2018 the Ministry has received 84% of its Compensation of Employees budget leaving a variance of 16% for the remaining two months of the year. 57.05% of the Goods and Services as well as 35.96% of Capex votes had been released to the sector as at the end of October. IGF collected as at November was GH¢907,096.80 and this is 20% above the target of GH¢755,914.00. Cumulatively, 71.3% of the total budget of GH¢32,799,500.00 has been released to the Ministry leaving a variance of 28.7% for the rest of the year.

**TABLE 3: JANUARY – OCTOBER 2018 BUDGET PERFORMANCE**

BUDGET ITEMS	BUDGET	RELEASED	ACTUAL RECEIVED	VARIANCE
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	16,857,786.00	14,137,789.20	14,137,789.20 (84%)	2,719,996.80 (16%)
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TOTALS	32,799,500.00	23,373,920.00 (71.3%)	23,123,211.50 (70.5%)	9,727,945.60 (29.7)%

### B. OTHER BUDGET RELEASES (UP TO NOVEMBER)

A total of GH¢38,612,771.50 was approved as other budgetary requirements for the Ministry. Out of the total amount GH¢36,000,000.00 was approved for the hosting of the 11<sup>th</sup> Total Women's Africa Cup of Nations Championship in Ghana this year. GH¢17,464,037.00 of the approved GH¢36,000,000.00 has been released to the Local Organizing Committee of the Championship. Also, GH¢11,704,651.99 have been released for the first phase of the rehabilitation of the Accra Sports Stadium while a total amount of GH¢2,612,771.50 was released to Macdan and Wonder Security for services provided during the construction of the Cape Coast Sports Stadium in 2016.

**TABLE 4: OTHER BUDGET RELEASES IN 2018**

Items	Budget	Released	Actual Received	Variance
Goods and Services	24,271,731.50	20,076,808.50	20,076,808.50 (2,612,771.50 MACDAN & WONDER SEC)	4,194,923.00
Capex	14,341,040.00	11,704,651.99	11,704,651.99	2,636,388.01
Totals	38,612,771.50	31,781,460.49	31,781,460.49	6,831,311.00

### III. NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### A. Management and Administration

- A nine (9) member technical committee has been set up at the Ministry to review the draft Sports College Bill which will then be submitted for stakeholders input before presentation to Cabinet;
- Work on the drafting of the two Regulations on the National Youth and Sports Act has also begun. The Ministry is currently undergoing the process to select a Consultant to spearhead the process;
- In January the Senior National Female Football Team, the Black Queens beat the Ivorian team to win the West Africa Football Union (WAFU) Zone B Tournament in Cote D' Ivoire. The Tournament served as a rehearsal for the upcoming Confederation of African Football (CAF) Women's Nations Cup slated for Ghana from November 17<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018;
- The Ministry, together with the Local Organizing Committee for the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Total Women's Nations Cup, launched the Tournament on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018 with the slogan "**We Can Do It**". The Accra Sports Stadium has been rehabilitated for the Tournament but unfortunately Ghana exited the Tournament at the Group Stage;
- The National U-17 Women's Football Team, the Black Maidens participated in the just ended FIFA U17 Women's Tournament that was held in Uruguay. The Black Maidens unluckily exited the tournament at the Quarterfinal Stage. The National U-20 Women's Football Team also crushed out at the group stage of the FIFA U-20 Women's Tournament that was held in France;
- Preparatory activities for the bid to secure the rights to host and organize the 2023 African Games in Ghana started earnestly this year with the formation of a four-member team that

produce Ghana's Bid File. An evaluation and inspection teams from the African Union Commission visited Ghana to ascertain its preparedness to host the Games and Government's assurance and support. Ghana's final bid was presented by the Ghana Bid Team to the Specialized Technical Committee for Youth, Culture and Sports (STC-YCS) at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Algiers, Algeria where Ghana was awarded the rights to host Games in 2023;

- Monitoring visits were also carried out by the Ministry in the following areas:
  - ✦ National Sports College, Winneba to update the Ministry on the operations and problems of the College.
  - ✦ Western and Central Regions to monitor the progress of the Online Digital Marketing Entrepreneurship Training Programme of the National Youth Authority.
  - ✦ Takrowasi YLSTI, to monitor the construction of a 2-Unit Dormitory Block.
- The Ministry supported National Athletes to participate in the XXI Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast, Australia from April 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It was Ghana's 16th appearance at the Commonwealth Games. Ghana won one (1) bronze and was represented by 72 Athletes, 32 Technical Staff (coaches, team managers, and medical staff) and 5 Officials. The Athletes competed in 11 disciplines;
- The year also witnessed the sod-cutting for the construction of 10 multi-purpose Youth Resource Centres in every Region of the country. The centers will provide space for youth engagement, recreation, centre of learning and sports. Progress of work has been monitored at the Azumah Nelson Sports Complex in the Greater Accra Region, Koforidua in the Eastern Region, Ho in the Volta Region, Nyinahin in the Ashanti Region, Dormaa Ahenkro in the Brong-Ahafo Region and Wa in the Upper West Region. The team is yet to visit Axim, Yendi and Navrongo in the Western, Northern and Upper East Regions respectively to monitor the construction of the Youth Resource Centres;
- Work on the Sports Fund which is intended to generate sustainable source of funding to support sports development in Ghana is also progressing. A draft Cabinet Memo on the Fund has been developed and after the necessary consultations will be submitted to Cabinet;
- The rehabilitation of the Ministry's Office Building also begun this year. The Contractor is currently on-site and work is currently at 38% completion.

## **B. Youth Services**

- **Skills Training**
  - ✦ 3,000 young people were trained to acquire skills in Online/Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship across the country. Each trainee was given a tablet as a start-up tool. As a result of the training some young people have set up their own businesses particularly in food processing, and are in the process of registering with the FDA and other Agencies;
  - ✦ Fifty young persons have undergone a training program in dressmaking under the Steps Towards Employment and Productivity (STEP) Project. The total number of young persons

expected to be trained this year is three-hundred and thirty (330). This programme is being undertaken in collaboration with a Private Company which is into clothes production for both local and export market. The agreement is for the Company to engage all the trainees after the Program;

- ✚ Towards the implementation of the STEP, processes are underway to further train about 10,000 young people in the areas of metal/welding, aluminium fabrication, bakery, cosmetology, mobile phone repairs, tailoring/dress making, beads making and ICT (Apps Development and Online/Digital Marketing Programme).

#### ➤ Youth in Agriculture

The National Youth Authority has mobilized the youth to establish “Youth Livelihood Farms” to complement Government Planting for Food and Jobs Programme. Towards this end, a 120-acre maize farm is under cultivation on a pilot basis in the Upper West Region. The project is intended to be up scaled in other regions. A pilot poultry project has also been started in the Afienya YLSTI with about 2,000 layers.

#### ➤ Infrastructural Projects

##### ✚ Youth Centers

Under the support for STMA, the World Bank has funded the construction of a Multi-Purpose Youth Center to replace the old Youth Center in the Western Region. This project is fully completed but yet to be handed over by STMA to the NYA;

##### ✚ Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes (YLSTI)

Nine (9) construction projects are ongoing in six (6) of the Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes. These include a 300-seating capacity Multi-Purpose Hall with kitchen attached to each of the Institutes at Sandema and Nalerigu; a dormitory block each at Ajumako Afranse, Abura, Takrowase, Afienya and Sandema Institutes. In addition to these, three boreholes have been provided for the Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes at Abura, Fawohoyeden and Nalerigu as well as the Kumasi Youth Center.

#### ➤ Expanded NYA Presence

Towards making the NYA operational in all the 254 Districts, arrangements are ongoing to establish secretariats in all districts and also receive personnel from NABCO to augment the inadequate staffing situation.

#### ➤ Youth Empowerment Programmes

- ✚ 400 Young Entrepreneurs drawn from all the 10 regions of Ghana participated in a forum that created a platform to engage with the Vice President of Ghana on government initiatives towards strengthening youth entrepreneurship. This was attended by Heads of GRA, Venture Capital, Ghana Export Promotion Authority, The Registrar-General and FDA.



- ✦ The Authority supported the IYF during the 2018 World Youth Summit by facilitating the participation of the First Lady of Ghana, H.E. Rebecca Akufo-Addo as the Special Guest.
- ✦ Nine (9) youth activists were also supported to join the Minister of Youth and Sports to participate in the 7th UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 30th to 31st January, 2018. The forum under the theme “The Role of Youth in Building Sustainable and Resilient Urban and Rural Communities” provided the opportunity for Ghana to present her achievements in relation to youth development within the framework of Agenda 2030.
- ✦ The National Youth Authority (NYA) also participated in the Youth Forum ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) from 16th – 18th April, 2018 in London, United Kingdom. Five (5) young people were supported by the Authority to participate in the Forum. The Authority nominated two young females to be elected as Executive Members of the Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC). Ms. Abena Nuamah Dugan was elected as the Vice Chairperson (Partnership and Resources) and Ms. Eunice Eleanor Dziedzorm Klinogo as the African Regional Representative of the CYC.
- ✦ Six (6) Young People from Ghana are currently deployed in Ethiopia, Nigeria, Lesotho and South Africa after participating in the African Union Youth Volunteer Corps Training Programme in Ghana for a one-year volunteer programme.

#### ➤ **Review of National Youth Policy**

The process of reviewing the National Youth Policy is ongoing. Work that has been carried out includes:

- ✦ Initial stakeholder consultation;
- ✦ Policy Review Technical Committee has been established;
- ✦ Terms of reference drawn;
- ✦ Evaluation of the current youth policy to identify policy gaps has been carried out and report disseminated;
- ✦ Concept paper developed;
- ✦ Technical Committee have held meetings;
- ✦ Retreat organized to evaluate the existing Youth Policy to identify gaps and put together a gap analysis report;
- ✦ Gap analyses report completed and widely disseminated for inputs; and
- ✦ Stakeholders consultations has begun with the Women and Disability Groups.

Partners that are supporting the review of the policy document includes Star Ghana, Commonwealth Secretariat in London, Action Aid, UNFPA, UNICEF etc.

➤ **Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes (YLSTI)**

The Authority has paid in full the 5 term arrears of the students feeding grants of the YLSTIs, totaling GH¢1,958,202.00.

The Authority continues to pay the termly student feeding grants of all the Institutes which are earmarked to be absorbed by the Ministry of Education under the new Technical and Vocational harmonization programme.

### **C. Sports Development**

In the area of Sports Development, the following were achieved in the course of the year:

Between January and July 2018, the National Sports Authority undertook the following developmental activities at the District, Regional, National and International levels in fulfillment of its mandate.

➤ **Talent Development in the Regions**

- ✦ **Central Region:** An Intermediate coaching course was organized for Physical Education teachers and coordinators. The Authority also hosted the Ghana Athletics Association Circuit Competition. Basketball league for schools and clubs was also organized in the communities as well as Rugby Clinic and Competition;
- ✦ **Ashanti Region:** A skill enhancement training programme in tennis was organized for some basic schools, SHS and some students of the KNUST to improve knowledge and skill development in tennis. Inter Club Tennis competition among Cape Coast, Takoradi and Kumasi was also organized;
- ✦ **Brong-Ahafo Region:** Taekwondo black belt upgrading course was held to upgrade knowledge of Athletes in Taekwondo. Two volleyball zonal tournaments were organized in Techiman and Sunyani;
- ✦ **Eastern Region:** The Authority organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Volleyball Gala with support from the clubs, Itel Mobile and individuals. The Regional Sports Committee was formed and inaugurated as well as five Zonal District Sports Units. 10 athletes from the Region participated in the National Athletics Circuit Championships in Takoradi and Cape Coast.
- ✦ **Greater Accra Region:** An Inter-District Sports Festival was organized by the Authority in preparation towards 2018 Ghana National Games. 15 out of 16 MMDA's participated in the sporting disciplines. Accra Metro emerged the overall winner.
- ✦ **Northern Region:** A club basketball tournament between Northern and Upper East regions was organized to promote the sport in the two Regions. Some SHS students were also trained in basketball and Judo. A triangular volleyball competition involving BA,

Upper East and Northern Regions was also organized to promote and develop talents in volleyball. A boxing training camp was organized at Savelugu to promote boxing;

- ✦ **Volta Region:** The Authority organized training and selection exercises in 13 disciplines to prepare Athletes towards the 2018 Ghana National Games. Keep fit activities were also conducted in the regions to promote healthy living.

## ➤ Sports Development and Promotion

- ✦ **In Athletics,** the Ghana Athletics Association organized two (2) National Circuit Championships at Essipong and Cape Coast Stadia. Participants for the championships were drawn from the ten regions, Security Services sports Associations (SESSA), GES, tertiary institutions and foreign based athletes. The Championship was organized to justify Athletes inclusion in the National team and also qualify for 2018 Commonwealth Games. An Open championship was also organized at the Baba Yara Stadium to enable athletes qualify for ECOWAS U-20 Games;
- ✦ **In badminton,** a Shuttle Time Teachers Training Course was organized for the Northern and Southern sectors. 114 Physical Education Teachers were trained in Accra and Sunyani on the 14th and 22nd June, 2018 respectively. Another training workshop was organized for 30 Para badminton players in Kumasi, on 24th February, **2018**. The training workshops was aimed at boosting the capacity of Athletes in the sport of badminton;
- ✦ **The Body Building & Fitness Association** participated in the Arnold Classic Africa competition in Johannesburg, South Africa. Six (6) athletes represented Ghana at the tournament. Cyril Adjah-Coffie emerged overall best athlete and was awarded an elite professional card making him the first recognized professional bodybuilder in Ghana. Also, Adom Mobio and Derrick Marley won bronze medals in the lightweight and bantamweight divisions of body building and fitness respectively;
- ✦ **In Boxing,** some coaches and boxers participated in a coaching course and training tour in Nigeria. A juvenile boxing tournament and Salafest Boxing Tournament were staged at Bukom and Nima respectively to promote the sport;
- ✦ **Fencing:** Ghana participated in the Junior/Cadet African Fencing Championship in Lagos Nigeria from the 1st -5th March, 2018. One (1) bronze medal was won by a female athlete. The Association also organized a fund-raising event towards the Commonwealth Junior and Cadet Fencing Championships in England in July, 2018 and created media awareness of Ghana's participation;
- ✦ **Karate-Do:** The Association organized a National Referees' Black Belt Grading and officiating course to upgrade knowledge of Athletes. Also, a National Karate Championship and National Delegates Elective Congress was held to promote and improve the sport. Under the China-Africa Cooperation Johannesburg Action Plan (2016-2018), three (3) athletes were supported to participate in a Martial Arts Training Programme at the Tian Jin Huo YuanJia Martial Arts School from 9<sup>th</sup> June to 6th September 2018 in China;

- ✚ **Para Sports:** The Amputee Football League was launched this year with the participation of six (6) teams to increase patronage and awareness of the Association. Patrick Obeng participated in the Athletics Championship in Marrakesh, Morocco and won two (2) gold medals in T54 800m and 1,500m events. Wheelchair Basketball, Power lifting, Soft and Baseball, blind and Deaf sports also engaged in various activities in their respective disciplines;
- ✚ **Rowing and Canoeing:** The Volta and Eastern Regional Rowing and Canoeing Associations were formed and inaugurated. The Association held an extra-ordinary congress in the course of the year to streamline its activities. A Regatta and Canoe championship was organized at Atimpoku in January this year. Also, a Rowing, Regatta and Kayak challenge was held in Akosombo in March;
- ✚ **Shooting:** The Ghana Shooting Association held training sessions at the Ghana Air Force training Range for all shooters;
- ✚ **Swimming:** A FINA level 1 coaching clinic was organized by the Ghana Swimming Association for 72 participants. Also, a FINA Level 2 training school was held for 28 referees to improve officiating;
- ✚ **Table Tennis:** - The Top 12 competition held for male and female table tennis players to justify their inclusion in the National Team for Commonwealth Games was organized;
- ✚ **Taekwondo:** 3 Para athletes (1 female and 2 male) participated in the African Senior Para-Taekwondo Championship in Agadir City, Morocco. The Association facilitated the placement of a Korean expert in the country for one year to help introduce Taekwondo and self-defense martial arts to students in selected schools in Greater Accra Region;
- ✚ **Tennis:** First and second tours of the National Ranking Tournament were held at the Accra Sports Stadium. Players played to improve ranking points for future tennis tournaments. Also, a Junior League for Under 18 girls and boys was organized by the Association as well as Kids Clinic to introduce Tennis to 150 children under the age of 16.

#### ➤ **International Tournaments**

- ✚ Twenty-Two (22) Athletes participated in four (4) disciplines and represented Ghana at the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) African Youth Olympic Games in Algiers, Algeria from 17<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. The team won three (3) silver medals and three (3) bronze in athletics (1 bronze), beach volley (1 bronze) and swimming (three (3) silver and one (1) bronze).
- ✚ Ghana was among over 71 participating countries in the Commonwealth Games held in Gold Coast, Australia from 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. 109 athletes and officials featured in 11 Sports – Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Hockey, 2 Para Sports (Athletics and Cycling), Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis and Weightlifting. As at July, the National Sports Associations had won ninety-four (94) medals in eight (8) disciplines.
- ✚ The National Sports College provided Formal Education and Skill Training for Soccer and Tennis Academy Students during the year. The College hosted a Volleyball Coaching Course to impart critical knowledge to Volleyball Coaches. Existing Staff were trained

through In-service Training, Workshops and External Training Courses. The College also organized tennis and soccer tournament as part of the celebration activities at the Aboakyir festival in May this year. Renovation at the College's old block toilet facilities was completed in the course of the year as well as the renovation of the Dining hall which was 60% complete.

## **D. CHALLENGES IN THE SECTOR**

The key challenges facing the sector are as follows:

### **I. INADEQUATE ALLOCATIONS BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

One major challenge facing the sector is inadequate budgetary allocation of funds by the Ministry of Finance to implement the sector's programmes and activities. In the course of 2018, there were so many activities that the National Teams participated in and this resulted in the bulk of the allocation for Goods and Services releases being spent on them. The Black Stars for example have participated in three AFCON 2019 qualifying matches in the course of the year which required huge funding.

### **II. INADEQUATE PERSONNEL**

Another challenge facing the sector is inadequate staff. For instance, the National Youth Authority staff strength has reduced from 376 in 2015 to 318 staff in 2018. Also, the National Sports Authority has seen a reduction in staff strength from 379 in 2015 to 323 staff in 2018. This situation has resulted in the inability of the Agencies to fully implement Government policies and programmes throughout the country.

### **III. INADEQUATE YOUTH AND SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE / FACILITIES**

The sector also lacks modern infrastructure. The absence of standardized youth and sports infrastructure such as youth training and recreational centers, multi-purpose sports halls, boxing gymnasiums, standard athletics ovals in the regions and districts are affecting the development of youth and sports activities in the country. This has invariably affected the nation's ability to perform competitively at international and regional competitions.

## **9.0 2019 BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS AND MOYS FOCUS**

### **I. ALLOCATIONS**

For the 2019 financial year, the Ministry has been allocated an amount of forty-three million, seven hundred and ninety-nine thousand, and forty-six Cedis (GH¢43,795,046.00) for its activities.

Out of the total amount, eighteen million, seven hundred and ninety-seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-two Cedis (GH¢ 18,797,432.00) has been allocated to employee compensation, sixteen million, five hundred and seventy-four thousand, four hundred and eighty-seven Cedis (GH¢ 16,574,487.00) has been allocated to Goods and Services and two million, six hundred and thirty-five thousand, six hundred and ninety-nine Cedis (GH¢ 2,635,699.00), allocated to Capex. Internally Generated Funds for the 2019 budget year has been pegged at nine hundred and seventy-seven thousand, four hundred and twenty-eight Cedis (GH¢ 977,428.00), with four million, eight hundred and ten thousand Cedis (GH¢4,810,000.00) expected from Development Partners.

**TABLE 8: 2019 ALLOCATIONS**

Programmes	Compensation of Employees (GH¢)	Goods and Services(GH¢)	Assets(GH¢)	DP FUNDS(GH¢)	IGF(GH¢)	TOTAL(GH¢)
Management and Administration	2,057,185.00	10,431,525.00	1,875,699.00	4,810,000.00		19,174,409.00
Youth Services	8,177,331.00	267,085.00				8,445,417.00
Sports Development	8,562,915.18	5,875,877.00	760,000.00		977,428.00	16,176,220.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,797,432.00</b>	<b>16,574,487.00</b>	<b>2,635,699.00</b>	<b>4,810,000.00</b>	<b>977,428.00</b>	<b>43,795,046.00</b>

The funds have been allocated according to Cost Centres as follows:

**TABLE 9: ALLOCATIONS PER COST CENTER**

COST CENTRE	Compensation	Goods & Services	Asset	DP Funds	IGF	Total
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	2,057,185.35	10,431,524.64	1,875,699.00	4,810,000.00		19,174,408.99
NATIONAL SPORTS AUTHORITY	7,584,787.34	4,273,365.12	475,000.00		977,428.00	13,310,580.46
NATIONAL SPORTS COLLEGE	977,127.84	1,602,511.92	285,000.00			2,864,639.76

NATIONAL YOUTH AUTHORITY	8,178,331.47	267,085.32				8,445,416.79
TOTALS	18,797,432.00	16,574,487.00	2,635,699.00	4,810,000.00	977,428.00	43,795,046.00

## II. PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2019

The Ministry's priorities for the 2019 financial year are reflected in the spending areas under the three programme lines:

### A. Management and Administration

- Organize two (2) sensitization workshops each on the Sports Act Regulations and the Youth Act Regulations;
- Organize final consultation workshop on the National Sports Colleges Bill;
- Continue with the Revision of the National Sports Policy;
- Organize stakeholder consultation on the Sports Fund;
- Facilitate the qualification and participation of all the National Football Teams in international tournaments;
- Promotion of School Sports and Security Services;
- Build one multipurpose sports hall;
- Continue with the Refurbishment of the Ministry's Office Building

### B. Youth Services

- Continue with review of the National Youth Policy and its Implementation Plan

## **C. Sports Development**

- Organize Biannual Congress to review Sports development and map out strategies for the future
- Organize Inter-District Competition, and resource the Regional and District Offices
- Organize 2019 Ghana National Games
- Participate in 2019 African Games in Morocco
- Provide Formal Education and Skill Training for Soccer and Tennis Academy Students
- Train Sports Technical Resources

## **10.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee made the following observations and recommendations during the deliberations on the 2018 budget estimates for the Ministry of Youth and Sports:

**I.** The Committee noted with pleasure, that for the first time, the Ministry of Youth and Sports had managed its resources so well that there was no query from the Auditor-General. The Committee congratulates the Minister and his officers for their diligence and efficiency.

**II.** The Committee was informed that the various training programs for the youth, including dressmaking, are to be streamlined and training administered by trainers who have been certified by the National Vocational Training Institute (NVTI) and Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (COTVET).

Members are of the opinion that this is a step in the right direction and advised the NYA to collaborate with Members of Parliament who are already running such programs within their constituencies.

**III.** The Committee also observed that a major challenge facing the sector is inadequate staff. For instance, the National Youth Authority staff strength has reduced from 376 in 2015 to 318 staff in 2018. Also, the National Sports Authority staff has reduced from 379 in 2015 to 323 in 2018. This situation has resulted in the inability of the Agencies to fully implement Government policies and programmes throughout the country.

The Committee recommends that the Ministry of Finance give clearance for these vacancies to be filled to enable the Agencies operate at optimal levels.

**IV.** The Committee was informed that due to the urgent need to prepare the grounds for the just-ended AFCON Womens' football tournament in Ghana, the Ministry had to apply to the



MOFEP for contingency funding and this is reflected in the additional budgetary expenditure. Members have therefore requested that the Ministry furnish the Committee and the House with a full account of the expenditure by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) as soon as they are ready.

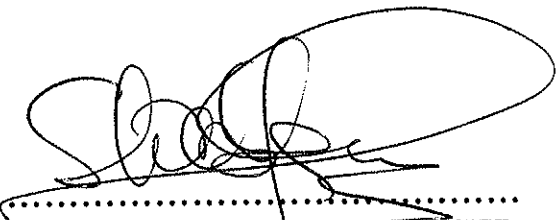
V. Finally, the Committee has advised that the Minister, as a matter of urgency, appear before Parliament to brief and apprise Members of all issues arising within his sector during the 2018 financial year.

## **11.0 CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Committee deems it very important that the Ministry of Youth and Sports be well-resourced because its activities are vital in improving the lot of the youth, which contributes to overall national development. The Committee therefore recommends that this August House approve the allocation of **forty-three million, seven hundred and ninety-nine thousand, forty-six Cedis (GH¢43,795,046.00)** for its activities.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

  
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**CHAIRMAN**

  
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