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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Draft Budget Estimates for the Ministry of Youth and Sports for 2020 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 2019, 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, Hon. Perry Okudzeto, the Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports, the Chief Director and a 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 2020 Financial Year;
- IV.** The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2019 Financial Year;
- V.** Report of the Ministry of Youth and Sports on the actual releases and expenditure of the Ministry for the 2019 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 2019 IN RETROSPECT**

### **I. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

For 2019, the Ministry was allocated the amount of **forty-three million, seven hundred and ninety-five thousand, and forty-six Cedis (GH¢43,795,046.00)** for its operations. The funds were allocated according to the details in Table 1 below.

**TABLE 1: 2019 BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS PER COST CENTER**

<b>COST CENTRE</b>	<b>COMPENSATION</b>	<b>GOODS &amp; SERVICES</b>	<b>ASSET</b>	<b>DP FUNDS</b>	<b>IGF</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	2,057,185.35	10,431,524.64	1,875,699.00	4,810,000.00		<b>19,174,408.99</b>
<b>NATIONAL SPORTS AUTHORITY</b>	7,584,787.34	4,273,365.12	475,000.00		950.78	<b>12,334,103.24</b>
<b>NATIONAL SPORTS COLLEGE</b>	977,127.84	1,602,511.92	285,000.00			<b>2,864,639.76</b>
<b>NATIONAL YOUTH AUTHORITY</b>	8,178,331.47	267,085.32			26.64	<b>8,445,443.43</b>
<b>TOTALS</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>

As at October 2019, the Ministry's expenditure is as follows:

**TABLE 2: 2019 BUDGET PERFORMANCE (JANUARY – OCTOBER 2019)**

Budget Items	Budget	Released	Actual Received	Variance
Compensation of Employees	18,797,432.00	13,392,441.00 (As at Oct, 2019)	12,963,291.87	5,834,140.13 (31.04%)
Goods and Services	16,574,487.00	12,981,629.00 (As at October, 2019)	12,073,968.35	4,500,518.65 (27.15%)
Capex	2,635,699.00	2,435,699.00 (As at October, 2019)	456,792.59	2,178,906.41 (82.67%)
IGF	977,428.00		752,141.10	225,286.90 (23%)
DP Funds	4,810,000.00	0	0	4,810,000.00 (100%)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,795,046.00</b>	<b>28,809,769.00 (66.0%)</b>	<b>26,246,193.91 (60%)</b>	<b>17,548,852.09 (40.0%)</b>

As at the end of October 2019, the Ministry has received 68.96% of its Compensation of Employees budget leaving a variance of 31.04% for the remaining two (2) months of the year. 72.85% of the Goods and Services vote was actually received by the sector as at the end of October this year. 17.33% of Capital Expenditure has so far been received by the Ministry and IGF collected as at October, 2019 stand at GH¢752,141.10 (77%). Cumulatively, 40% of the total budget of **GH¢43,795,046.00** has been received by the Ministry leaving a variance of 60% for the rest of the year.

The Ministry has so far requested for payment of additional CapEx items in the amount of one million, one hundred and eleven thousand, three hundred and forty-four Cedis and ninety-nine Pesewas (**GH¢1,111,344.99**) from the Ministry of Finance since August 2019. This is to cover payment for the construction of a football pitch at Okere in the Eastern Region, a generator set and two vehicles. The Ministry is currently waiting for the warrant from the Ministry of Finance to effect payment on these CapEx items.

## **II. OTHER BUDGET RELEASES UP TO NOVEMBER 2019**

A total of **GH¢33,897,256.98** was released as other budgetary requirements of the Ministry. Out of the total amount, **GH¢16,321,986.00** was released for the Black Stars participation in the CAF African Cup of Nations (AFCON) Tournament in Egypt and **GH¢3,140,547.70** to the Local

Organizing Committee of the AWCON Championship. An amount of GH¢14,434,723.28 was released as Capex votes for the second phase rehabilitation of the Accra Sports Stadium

**TABLE 3: OTHER BUDGETARY RELEASES**

Items	Released	Actual Received	Variance
Goods and Services	19,462,533.70	19,462,533.70	-
Capex	14,434,723.28	14,434,723.28	-
Totals	33,897,256.98	33,897,256.98	-

### **III. NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

#### **A. POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES**

The Ministry in the course of the year set up four (4) Ministerial Committees namely the Ghana 2023 Project Team, National Sports Policy Review Committee, International Games and Competitions Committee and the Local Organizing Committee for the 2019 International Tennis Federation and the Africa Table Tennis Federation Junior Circuit and Cadet Open Competitions which were hosted by Ghana. These Committees were set up to ensure value for money and to streamline the organization, participation and development of sports in Ghana.

Two (2) Consultants have been selected through the procurement process to draft the two (2) Regulations on the National Youth and Sports Acts. It is expected that by the close of the year the two regulations will be referred to Parliament.

The Ministry has submitted a Cabinet Memo on the organization of the Africa Games to Cabinet for consideration. An approval by Cabinet will pave the way for the Ministry to begin preparations towards the hosting of the Africa Games in 2023.

A Cabinet Memo has been prepared by the Ministry on the establishment of the National sports Fund. The memo would be referred to Cabinet for consideration and approval.

#### **B. YOUTH SERVICES**

##### **i. Review of the National Youth Policy**

The review of the 2010 National Youth Policy is ongoing. This year the Technical Committee for the review of the Policy and the Consultant have carried out issues survey to seek the opinion of various stakeholders on the critical issues bothering on youth development in Ghana. In all 7,730 respondents were involved in the survey which was done through questionnaire administration and online approaches.

The Committee in the course of the year formed Thematic Working Groups (TWG) as an extension of the Committee to commence the crafting of the policy statements for the various thematic areas for the policy. The Thematic Working Groups are made up of representatives of MDAs, MMDAs, Academia, CSOs, and Experts on youth issues among others were taken through an orientation and this subsequently led to the development of the policy statements.

Crafting of the policy statements for the various thematic areas of the policy have been completed and a Consultative Workshop on the Situational Report on Youth Development has been organized to determine the current state of the youth in Ghana. A final validation meeting was held in Accra to solicit inputs from stakeholders on the draft policy on November, 19<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The Committee also held a briefing session with key officials of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and Members of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture. The session gave the opportunity for the Technical Committee to brief the Minister and the Select Committee on the review process and the way forward.

**ii. YouthConnekt - Ghana**

The National Youth Authority in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 launched Ghana's version of the YouthConnekt programme at the Bank of Ghana Auditorium, University of Ghana, Legon.

Over 500 young people from across the country participated in the launch. The event was also characterized by a panel discussion which featured successful young entrepreneurs in various sectors.

**iii. Skills towards Employment and Productivity (Step) Project**

This project is to provide young people with Artisanal Skills Training to enable them gain employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority, Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (COTVET) and National Board for Small Scale Industry (NBSSI), led to the establishment of a three-member Committee to guide the implementation of the Project. However, the concept has been reviewed to focus on the following trade areas: Bakery, Metal Fabrication, Make-up, Mobile Phone Repairs, Street Light Repairs and Aluminum Glazing.

**iv. NYA/MTN Skills Training Programme**

The National Youth Authority in partnership with MTN Ghana foundation provided Skills Training for 330 youth including persons with disabilities within the age brackets of 16 - 24 in 10 regions in Ghana from 1<sup>st</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

This programme was launched on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 at the various training centres. The national launch took place at the MTN Head Office. Modules rolled out in this training programmes were Beads-Making, Make-ups and Hair Weave-On Making, Introduction to Online Marketing and Entrepreneurship.

All trainees also went through training in Social Media Marketing, Financial Management, Customer Relations and Mentorship which was handled by Officials from MTN. Start-up kits were also presented to the trainees.



**v. Formation of Youth Parliament**

NYA established the Youth Parliament Project in 10 out of the 16 regions to create a platform for youth participation in decision and policymaking. It is also aimed at promoting accountability and transparency amongst duty bearers as well as providing the youth with an opportunity to contribute to nation building.

Orientation for training of trainers' workshop has been organized for the formation of the Youth Parliaments for ten (10) regions. In addition, the regions have started the formation of the District Youth Parliaments notably Upper West (11); Upper East (12); Northern (10); Brong Ahafo (8); Ashanti (9); Eastern (8); and Western (4) and Central (7).

**vi. Registration of Youth Groups/Associations**

This exercise was meant to register every youth organization in the districts, regions and at the national level, either operating as youth-led or youth-focused organizations/associations. Newspaper publications were made in the Daily Graphic and Ghanaian Times for the registration of the youth groups and organizations. Registration of youth groups have started at the National, Regional and District level to capture them into a database and also coordinate their activities. So far 351 youth groups and organizations have been registered nationwide.

**vii. Female Empowerment Programme (Go-Lead)**

GO-LEAD Programme seeks to empower young females in Leadership and Governance in all Secondary and Tertiary institutions across the country in the form of Training of Trainers programme.

Regional officials were tasked to move to various senior high schools to carry out an intensive capacity-building programme in governance and leadership spheres. About 15,567 young females were reached.

**viii. Youth Livelihood Farms**

This is an agriculture initiative designed for the youth, with a purpose of motivating and encouraging them to accept and appreciate farming/food production as a commercial venture. The Authority had held series of meeting with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA) specifically the Youth in Agriculture Coordinator on possible collaboration in the implementation of the Authority's flagship Programme "Youth Livelihood Farms".

Ashanti Region has cultivated 50-acre onion farm whiles 60 acre maize farm was cultivated in the Upper West Region.

**ix. Mobile Apps Development Training**

The National Youth Authority has completed a Mobile Apps Development Training Programme aimed at promoting digital occupations for young people. In all, three hundred (300) young people have been trained and adequately resourced at the Afienu Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institute (YLSTI).

The Training Programme aimed at building a body of qualified human resource to produce quality technology driven products to respond to the needs of the market. This will also enable these young trainees to start their own businesses as App Developers in that industry.

**x. Operations of Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes**

The Authority currently operates ten (10) Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes nationwide with at least, one in each of the previous ten (10) regions of Ghana. These institutes provide practical knowledge and skills in Technical and Vocational Education to interested young people desirous of acquiring skills in the various fields of Technical and Vocational disciplines.

Importantly, the youth leadership and skills training institutes offer opportunities to vulnerable young people in the rural areas at a very highly subsidized fees by the government in response to addressing the phenomenon of rising unskilled youth unemployment and job creation in the country.

As at 31st August 2019, a total of One Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven (1,597) students comprising of One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-Two (1,132) males and Four Hundred and Sixty-Five (465) females were undergoing various skills training in Welding, Dress making, Masonry, Electrical Installation, ICT, Carpentry and Joinery, General Agriculture, Cooking for the Catering Industry (Cookery), Plumbing, and Secretaryship.

**xi. Voluntary Youth Camps (Local Exchange And Community Service)**

The National Youth Authority has introduced “Youth Local Exchange and Community Service Programme” or “Youth Integrate Project” to help address the challenge of social stigmatization and profiling.

To boost the spirit of Volunteerism and National Conscientization in the youth, the NYA embarked on a two weeks voluntary work camp activity this year to encourage the youth to volunteer as they contribute to Nation building.

This youth exchange programme assigned 710 Youth Voluntary Campers to work outside their localities in Construction, Afforestation and Teaching of J.H.S Students across the country. This idea was to instill in the youth the spirit of volunteerism, facilitate interactions, build networks, understand cultures and traditions and promote local tourism and hospitality across the country.

**xii. Hosting of the Validation Meeting of The African Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment**

The Authority in Conjunction with the African Union (Youth Division) organized a 3-Day Validation Meeting of the African Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment (APAYE) in July 2019 in Accra.

APAYE is a five year continental framework and plan of action for implementing the African Youth Charter. It serves as a programmatic document to guide and influence the development of Countries Acceleration Strategy to engage youth empowerment on the continent.

**xiii. International Youth Day Celebration**

International Youth Day is celebrated annually on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2019. The global theme for this year's celebration was: "*Transforming Education*". The theme aimed at providing good and quality education at all levels.

Ghana celebrated 2019 International Youth Day with a local theme "*The Role of the Youth in Contributing to Quality Education in Ghana*". This was to contribute to the *Free SHS* Policy and also towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 4 of providing Quality Education for all. This event was observed with a pre-international youth day Youth Parliamentary sitting for two hundred young people on the local theme. Regional Directors of Ghana Education Service (GES) appeared before the Youth Parliamentarians to make a presentation on the theme. The youth and GES collectively charted a road map to achieving quality education in their respective Regions. A communique was issued after the youth parliamentary sittings to key stakeholders for the needed attention and action.

In the newly created regions of Ghana, a youth forum was organized for 100 young people to mark the celebration.

At the National event, the Deputy Minister for Education appeared before the Youth Parliamentarians in Eastern Region where over two thousand youth participated.

**xiv. Third Annual Forum Of National Volunteer Agencies In West Africa**

Ghana successfully hosted the third Annual Forum of Volunteer Agencies of the ECOWAS Region from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. Participants came from twelve ECOWAS countries in addition to representatives from ECOWAS national Offices, Technical and financial partners (UNV, UNOSSC, France Volontaires, AU), Civil Society Organizations and other stakeholders. The programme was to promote and harness volunteerism amongst participating West African Countries.

**xv. The Commonwealth Youth Senior Official Meeting**

The Commonwealth Youth Senior Official meeting, Africa Region, was held in Accra, Ghana from the 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 under the theme "Resourcing and Financing Youth Development: Empowering Our Youth". The meeting brought together senior officials responsible for youth, national youth leaders, youth workers, academics and key regional stakeholders from seventeen Commonwealth member countries. The meeting provided an opportunity to track the progress made since the 9<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Ministers meeting in Kampala, Uganda in 2017, focus on emerging national and regional youth development issues and identify priority programmes for implementation by 2021.

**xvi. Infrastructural Projects**

The Ministry continues to monitor the construction of the ten Youth and Sports Resource Centers of Excellence across the former ten regions. The Centers will provide space for youth engagement, recreation, learning and sports. Progress of work on most of the construction sites is above 60%.

### **C. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT**

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

**i. National Cross-Country Event**

The National Sports Authority organized a ten kilometer national cross-country event at Mpohor in the western region with representation from all the regions. The event sought to identify talent and promote sports development in the country.

**ii. Greater Accra Inter-District Sports Festival**

The Greater Accra Regional Office of the National Sports Authority organized a four-day Inter-District Sports festival aimed at unearthing talents to feed the various National teams for future events took place in Accra. Twenty-five districts in Greater Accra participated.

**iii. Tennis Clinic**

In a quest to promote excellence in sports and to empower the next generation using tennis as a tool, the National Sports College sponsored eighteen players to participate in a just ended-tennis clinic programme themed: "*Hope Performance Tennis*" at the Accra Sports stadium. The foundation was established as a call to duty by Eric Godi, an alumnus of the Winneba Tennis Academy. Students of the College Tennis Academy won the Under 14 and 16 categories.

**iv. Training of Academy Students**

The College also provided formal education and skills training to 80 students mainly in Soccer and Tennis and nurtured two (2) boys and one girl (1) for the Junior National tennis Teams.

**v. Fitness Instructors Course**

The College in collaboration with the Ghana Olympic Committee (GOC) hosted a Fitness Instructors course from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 with Fitness Instructors participating. The objective was to produce a core of highly skilled professional and technical personnel for youth and sports development, who had the skills and knowledge to produce tailor-made programmes for individual needs and effective training methods.

**vi. Soccer Coaching Course**

A Certificate course in Management and Sports Administration was organized by the College for Sports Administrators and Coaches from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The objective was to equip the technical human resource of the sports industry with modern skills for effective delivery of Sports in the country.

The College also organized a one-week Introductory Soccer Coaching Course for Coaches from 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for one hundred and six (106) participants. The one-week training course imparted the requisite knowledge in soccer coaching with the aim of preparing and nurturing soccer talent and team handlers.

The College provided camping facilities for national and local teams and also hosted a two-week Tennis program for the youth during the holidays. The program also served as a training session for the Tennis Players of Winneba Academy and Players from Accra and its surroundings.

**vii. International Tournaments**

- ✚ Ghana's Under-twenty National Male Football Team, the Black Satellites, participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Edition of the U-20 Africa Cup of Nations Tournament that was held in Niger from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Ghana failed to qualify at the group stages at the tournament.
- ✚ In June, the Senior National Male Football Team, the Black Stars participated in the CAF African Cup of Nations (AFCON) Tournament in Egypt from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. Ghana was unfortunately ousted by Tunisia from the tournament in the round of sixteen.
- ✚ The Black Stars have also begun playing the qualification matches towards the 2021 AFCON tournament in Cameroun. They defeated South Africa and Sao Tome and Principe in their first two qualifying games.
- ✚ The Senior National Female Football Team, the Black Queens placed third in the 2019 WAFU Zone B Women's Championship that was hosted by Cote D'Ivoire. The team failed to qualify to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- ✚ The Ghana Table Tennis Association hosted the International Table Tennis Federation World and Africa Junior/Cadet, Championships at the Trust Sports Emporium in Accra. Ghana won one gold, one silver and six bronze medals in the world championship category, but failed to win a medal in the African championship
- ✚ To promote the sports of tennis, the Ghana Tennis Federation (GTF) hosted the International Tennis Federation (ITF) eighteen and below World Junior Circuit Tour in Accra. The week long competition saw 64 players from twenty countries participating in the ITF certified tournament.
- ✚ The National Sports Authority participated in the just ended African Games that was held in Morocco from 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The National Teams placed 15<sup>th</sup> with fifteen medals, made up of two gold, four silver and nine bronze.
- ✚ A total of fifty-seven (57) medals have been won by the National Sports Teams in various competitions as at the end of November 2019.

**D. CHALLENGES IN THE SECTOR**

The key challenges facing the sector are as follows:

**i. Inadequate Personnel**

The sector has inadequate staff at the Agency level. The situation has resulted in the inability of the Agencies to fully implement Government policies and programmes throughout the country. The National Sports College has a shortage of both technical and administrative staff. Instead of the required One Hundred and Seven (107) personnel required for the running of the College, the current number stands at Forty-four (44). The current staff strength is in default of about Sixty-three (63) staff. The National Sports Authority and the National Youth Authority are also experiencing similar staff shortage.

**ii. Inadequate Youth and Sports Infrastructure / Facilities**

The sector lacks modern infrastructure. The absence of standardized youth and sports infrastructure such as youth training and recreational centres, 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 at international and regional competitions.

**iii. Lack of Vehicles and Office Equipment**

Another area of concern is the inadequacy of vehicles and logistics to enable the sector to be able to deliver its services and monitor its activities and programmes across the country.

## **9.0 2020 BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS AND MOYS FOCUS**

### **I. ALLOCATIONS**

For the 2020 financial year, the Ministry has been allocated an amount of **forty million, two hundred and forty-four thousand, one hundred and fifty-five Cedis (GH¢40,244,155.00)** to carry out its programmes and activities.

Out of the total amount, eighteen million, eighteen thousand, four hundred and three Cedis (GH¢ 18,018,403.00) has been allocated to employee compensation, nineteen million, six hundred and ninety-one thousand, five hundred and eleven Cedis (GH¢ 19,691,511.00) to Goods and Services and two million Cedis (GH¢ 2,000,000.00) to Capex. Internally Generated Funds for the 2020 budget year has been pegged at five hundred and thirty-four thousand, two hundred and forty-one Cedis (GH¢ 534,241.00), with nothing expected from Development Partners.

**TABLE 4: 2020 ALLOCATIONS**

Cost Centre	Compensation	Goods & Services	CapEx	IGF	DP	Total
General Administration	2,682,888.00	12,578,607.32	1,530,000.00			16,791,495.32
National Sports Authority	7,114,620.00	4,948,106.91	290,000.00	511,141		12,863,867.91
National Sports College	888,857.00	1,855,540.09	180,000.00			2,924,397.09
National Youth Authority	7,332,038.00	309,256.68		23,100		7,664,394.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,018,403.00</b>	<b>19,691,511.00</b>	<b>2,000,000.00</b>	<b>534,241</b>		<b>40,244,155.00</b>

The funds have been allocated according to Programmes and Sub-Programmes as follows:

**TABLE 5: 2020 BUDGET ESTIMATES BY PROGRAMMES AND SUB-PROGRAMMES**

Programmes	Sub-Programmes	Sub-Programmes Cost	Programmes Cost
<b>P1: Management and Administration</b>	SP: 1.1 General Administration	14,568,337.46	<b>16,791,495.32</b>
	SP: 1.2 Human Resource	856,842.09	
	SP: 1.3 Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	903,157.88	
	SP: 1.4 Research, Statistics and Information Management	463,157.89	
<b>P2: Youth Services</b>	SP: 2.1. Youth Infrastructure Development	-	<b>7,664,394.68</b>
	SP: 2.2 Youth Capacity Development	7,664,394.68	
<b>P3: Sports Development</b>	SP. 3.1 Sports Infrastructure Development and Management.	-	<b>15,788,265.00</b>
	SP. 3.2 Sporting Events Management.	12,863,867.91	
	SP. 3.3 Sports Human Resource and Facility Development	2,924,397.09	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>40,244,155.00</b>	<b>40,244,155.00</b>

**TABLE 6: SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET PROGRAMME/SUB-PROGRAMME, ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION AND SOURCE OF FUNDING**

	GOG			IGF			TOTAL
	COE	G&S	CAPEX	C O E	G&S	CAPEX	
<b>Management and Administration</b>	2,682,888.00	12,578,607.32	1,530,000.00				<b>16,791,495.32</b>
<b>Youth Services</b>	7,332,038.00	309,256.68			23,100		<b>7,664,394.68</b>

<b>Sports Development</b>	8,003,477.00	6,803,647.00	470,000.00		511,141		<b>15,788,265.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>18,018,403.00</b>	<b>19,691,511.00</b>	<b>2,000,000.00</b>		<b>534,241</b>		<b>40,244,155.00</b>

## **II. PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2020**

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

### **A. Management and Administration**

- i. Finalize the Regulations on the Youth and Sports Acts;
- ii. Organize final consultation workshop on the National Sports Colleges Bill;
- iii. Continue with the Revision of the National Sports Policy;
- iv. Finalize the processes for the enactment of the Sports Fund;
- v. Facilitate the qualification and participation of all the National Football Teams in international tournaments;
- vi. Promotion of School Sports and Security Services;
- vii. Continue with preparatory activities towards the hosting of 2023 Africa Games

### **B. Youth Services**

- i. Implement the National Youth Policy

### **C. Sports Development**

- i. Organize International Congress on Sports Development
- ii. Organize Inter-District Competition, and resource the Regional and District Offices



- iii. Organize 2020 Ghana National Games
- iv. Participate in local and international games
- v. Provide Formal Education and Skill Training for Soccer and Tennis Academy Students
- vi. Train Sports Technical Resources

## **10.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **I. BUDGETARY OVERRUN**

The Committee observed that, apart from the budgetary allocation of forty-three million, seven hundred and ninety-five thousand and forty-six Cedis (GH¢43,795,046.00) provided for its programmes and activities for year 2019, an additional amount of thirty-three million, eight hundred and ninety-seven thousand, two hundred and fifty-six Cedis (GH¢33,897,256.98) was released by the Ministry of Finance for other budgetary requirements of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, bringing the total expenditure to seventy-seven million, six hundred and ninety-two thousand, three hundred and two Cedis and ninety-eight Pesewas (Gh¢77,692,302.98). This over-expenditure, according to the Ministry, was to cover the participation of the National Football Team, the Black Stars in the CAF African Cup of Nations (AFCON) tournament in Egypt, the Local Organization Committee of the African Women Championship (AWCON), as well as for the second phase of the rehabilitation of the Accra Sports Stadium.

The Committee, at this point expressed appreciation to the government for the collaboration and pivotal role it played, through the Ministry of Youth and Sports, in restoring normalcy to the game of Football. Members urge the leaders and membership of the new Ghana Football Association (GFA) to ensure that our National Teams, at all levels do not only qualify for international competitions, but desire and strive to win the ultimate prize.

On the other Sports disciplines, the Select Committee assured the Ministry of Members' preparedness to mediate and ensure peace in all the federations, that are having challenges or misunderstanding and strife especially Ghana Athletics Association (G.A.A).

## **II. AFCON 2019**

The Committee requested a full detailed account of all funds used for the AFCON tournament in Egypt. Members were informed by the Ministry that the Auditor General's Staff has started auditing the Budget of the AFCON 2019 and their findings will ultimately be laid in Parliament for the Public Accounts Committee to scrutinize. Members have however requested that a copy of the detailed account of expenditure for the AFCON be provided for the Committee to scrutinize. It is also the expectation of the Committee that infractions, if any, will not escape the scrutiny lens of the auditors.

## **III. NON-RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Committee further observed that as at October 2019, the Ministry of Youth and Sports had received only four hundred and fifty-six thousand, seven hundred and ninety-two Cedis and fifty-nine Pesewas (GH¢456,792.59), representing 17.3% of its CAPEX allocation of for 2019. The Committee was informed that with the Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS), funds can only be released after a project has been undertaken and relevant documentation presented. This according to the Ministry, is the cause for the delay in releasing payment, and this is reflected in the low performance under the CapEx vote. The Ministry of Youth and Sports is currently waiting for the warrant from the Ministry of Finance to effect payment on these capex services.

## **IV. INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS**

The Committee observed that the internal generation of funds continues to pose a challenge to the Ministry as the amount of GH¢534,241.00 represents only 1.3% of the Ministry's total budget for 2020.

The Committee is of the opinion that with all the infrastructure and facilities under its supervision, this is very discouraging as the Ministry has the capacity to raise more funds; enough to pay for the maintenance of its infrastructure and facilities. The Committee therefore urges the Ministry, especially the National Sports Authority (NSA), to be more business-oriented and find innovative ways of generating income.

## **V. YOUTH PROJECTS**

The Committee was happy to note that during the year under review, the National Youth Authority launched the YouthConnect-Ghana with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which will serve as a platform for developmental issues.

The Skills for Employment and Productivity Project will also enable young people to gain skills which will help them gain employment and create entrepreneurial opportunities.

The Youth livelihood farms, an agriculture initiative designed to introduce the youth to farming and food production at the commercial level, as well as to assist them with the

logistics and tools for setting up their businesses will also go a long way to curb unemployment in the country.

Members however wish to advise the National Youth Authority to reduce the rate and frequency of seminars and rather emphasise the job acquisition and job creation modules because these programs will provide the youth with a livelihood, especially those programs which result in the participants being provided with starter capital and starter packs.

The Committee has also requested for a detailed Report from the National Youth Authority (NYA) on all its activities during 2019, after which a site inspection of the various listed projects being undertaken will be conducted by Members during the Recess.

#### **VI. INADEQUATE STAFF**

The Committee was informed that inadequate staffing continues to be a major challenge for all the Agencies. The National Sports College for instance, has a shortage of both technical and administrative staff. The College requires 107 personnel but is currently working with a staff strength of 44. Non-replacement of exited staff affects field operations. This is the same with the other agencies. The Ministry needs financial clearance to fill in vacancies especially technical staff.

#### **VII. OUTSTANDING LEGISLATION**

The Committee observed that the Ministry has still not presented the Legislative Instruments on the National Youth Authority Act, 2016, Act 939 and the Sports Act, 2016, Act 934, to Parliament and this is affecting the operations of these two Agencies. The Committee has therefore directed the Ministry to do all it takes to ensure the passage of the LIs latest by the second quarter of 2020.

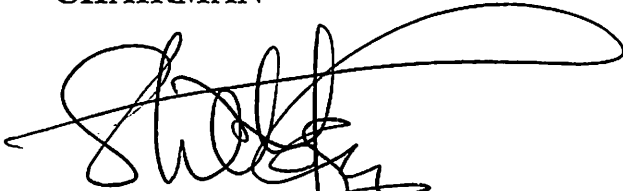
## **11.0 CONCLUSION**

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 national development. The Committee therefore recommends that this August House approve the allocation of **forty million, two hundred and forty-four thousand, one hundred and fifty-five Cedis (GH¢40,244,155.00)** for its activities in the 2020 financial year.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**



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