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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ON THE

**2020 PROGRAMMED BASED BUDGET
ESTIMATES**

FOR THE

**MINISTRY OF INNER CITY AND ZONGO
DEVELOPMENT**

5th December, 2019

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Following the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the year ending 31st December, 2020 by the Minister for Finance, Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta on 13th November, 2019, the 2020 Budget Estimates for the Ministry of Inner-City and Zongo Development was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution and Order 140 (4) of the Standing Orders of Parliament.

The Committee met with the Minister for Inner City and Zongo Development, Hon. Mustapha Hamid, the Chief Director of the Ministry, Mrs. Gifty Mahama Biyira and technical teams from the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Inner-City and Zongo Development.

The Committee is grateful to the Minister and the team of officials for attending upon the Committee.

1.1 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Committee referred to the following Documents in its deliberations:

- The 1992 Constitution;
- The Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921);
- The Standing Orders of Parliament; and
- The Budget Statement and Economic policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2020 Financial Year.

2.0 BACKGROUND

As part of Government's goal to drive development through production and job creation, and to include the excluded in development, the Ministry was established to help accelerate development in Inner City and Zongo communities to ensure total development.

The Ministry's goal is to facilitate a broad-based infrastructure, social and economic development of Inner-City and Zongo communities within the context of inclusive, resilient, safe human settlements and sustainable urban development.

The core functions of the Ministry are to:

- Formulate and promote policies to deal with special needs of Inner-city and Zongo communities;
- Initiate and coordinate research and review of policies, laws, rules and regulations affecting Inner-City and Zongo Communities; and
- Coordinate and implement planned programmes for the development of Inner city and Zongo communities.

The policy objectives adopted from the National Medium Term Development Policy framework include:

- Enhancing inclusive and equitable access to, and participation in education at all levels.
- Providing the youth with opportunities for skills training, employment and labour market information.
- Upgrading existing slums and preventing the occurrence of new ones.
- Promoting behavioral change for enhanced development outcomes.
- Developing and maintaining sports and recreational infrastructure.
- Promoting sustainable tourism to preserve historical, cultural and natural heritage.
- Enhancing peace and security.

3.0 SUMMARY OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019

During the year under review, the Ministry completed the drafting of the Zongo Development Fund Regulations and forwarded it to the Attorney-General's Department.

The Ministry also recruited Fourteen (14) staff to augment the existing staff at the ZoDF.

The Ministry launched the Solid Waste Source Segregation Programme in five communities namely Nima, Maamobi, Newtown, Ashaiman and Madina. It held the Zongo for Peace Development Dialogue session in Kumasi and Bursary support was also provided to fifteen (15) students.

The Ministry constructed artificial football parks (Astro-turfs) in Fadama, Accra and Aboabo, Kumasi.

The Ministry trained 107 participants from Kumasi, Sunyani, Takoradi and Tamale on how to prepare themselves for the labour market including Curriculum vitae preparation. Out of this number, 87 cvs have been selected by Amalitech, a German IT firm for review and possible employment.

The Ministry also validated 64 projects made up of proposals for schools, water systems, public toilets, access roads, drains, street lights, health facilities and community libraries in nine regions for implementation.

4.0 EXPENDITURE OUTTURN FOR 2019

For the year 2019, a total amount of 109,942,000 was allocated to the Ministry of Inner City and Zongo Development. Out of this amount, GH¢40,324,329.48 was utilized, representing 37% of the approved budget, leaving a variance of GH¢68,056,728.52. Details of the expenditure outturn is depicted in table 1 below:

Table 1: Budget outturn as at September, 2019

ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION	APPROVED BUDGET	RELEASED	UTILISED	VARIANCE	%
Compensation for Employees	4,940,000	404,380.61	404,380.61	4,535,619.39	8
Use of Goods & Services	59,972,000	33,759,642.00	32,298,700.00	26,212,358.00	56
Capital Expenditure	45,030,000	7,721,248.87	7,621,248.87	37,308,751.13	17
Total	109,942,000	41,885,271.48	40,324,329.48	68,056,728.52	37

5.0 OUTLOOK FOR 2020

For 2020, and in furtherance of its mandate, the Ministry of Inner City and Zongo Development has outlined a number of programmes and activities to be undertaken as follows:

- Organize Induction Training for new staff;
- Organize Scheme of Service training for staff;
- Undertake competency-based training for staff;
- Produce Two (2) documentaries on the mandate, programmes and projects of the Ministry;
- Organize a Meet-the-Press event with the Ministry of Information; and
- Complete on-going programmes.

For the 2020 financial year, the Zongo Development Fund (ZoDF) would also undertake a number of activities in furtherance of their mandate as follows:

- Rent office space for the ZoDF Headquarters
- Provision of office space for 10 ZoDF Regional Offices
- Additional Furnishing of office space for ZoDF Headquarters

- Procure office logistics for ZoDF Headquarters
- Procure office logistics for 10 ZoDF Regional offices.
- Provide for internal management of the ZoDF Secretariat
- Recruit 8 staff for ZoDF Headquarters
- Organize scheme of service training for 30 staff of ZoDF
- Organize competency-based training for 30 staff of ZoDF Headquarters
- Organize induction training for 8 staff of ZoDF Regional Office.
- Recruit 30 staff for ZoDF Regional Office
- Organize induction training for 30 staff of ZoDF Regional Office
- Maintain 3000 Arabic Instructors
- Rehabilitate 5km of access roads
- Undertake concrete paving of 5km of alley ways
- Construct 3km of drains
- Dredge 2km of drains
- Construct 10 bailey of bridges
- Construct 2 community recreational parks
- Provide 2300 community street lights
- Construct and furnish 10 basic educational classroom Units
- Construct 37 water systems
- Rehabilitate 100 Basic schools in zongo communities
- Construct 30 Twelve - seater Institutional toilets
- Construct 50 household toilets

5.1 Financial Outlook for 2020

For the year 2020, a total amount of One Hundred and Six Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Nine Ghana Cedis (GH¢106, 124,439) has been allocated to the Ministry. Details of the breakdown is captured in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Details of 2020 Allocation

No	Item	Amount (GH¢)
1	Compensation of Employees	3,886,439.00
2	Goods and Services	102,238,000.00
3	CAPEX	0.00
	Total	106,124,439.00

6.0 OBSERVATIONS

6.1 Poor Release of CAPEX for 2019

The Committee observed that out of GH¢42,050,000 budgeted as CAPEX for 2019, only GH¢4,749,987.62 representing 11.30% was released as at September.

It was explained that commencement certificates have been issued for many of the capital projects. Contractors are on site. It is expected that by the end of the year, a number of payment certificates would have been submitted and payments effected. The Committee was assured that the CAPEX for 2019 would be utilized by the end of the year.

6.2 Zongo Cuisine Programme

The Committee was informed that for 2019, the Ministry trained Five Hundred (500) women under the Zongo Cuisine Programme. The National Board for Small Scale Industries assisted the Ministry to train the women on how to prepare, package and advertise their foods for sale.

The Committee learnt that the Ministry is currently in talks with Microfinance and Small Loans Centre (MASLOC) to assist the successful graduates with credit to assist them enhance their businesses.

6.3 Allocation to the Zongo Development Fund

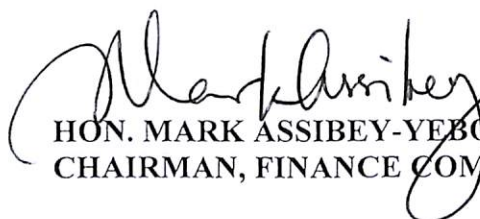
The Committee was informed that an amount of GH¢92,500,000 has been allocated to the Zongo Development Fund as part of the Ministry's Budget for 2020. Out of this amount, GH¢2,500,000 is to be used for compensation of employees whilst GH¢90,000,000 is to be used as goods and services. There was no allocation for Capex.

It was explained that the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Inner City and Zongo Development agreed on the structure of the Zongo Development Fund in accordance with the Zongo Development Act. It was agreed that the Fund should operate like the District Assemblies Common Fund. In view of this, the GH¢90,000,000 would therefore be disbursed into the Fund like the DACF and it would be used to undertake programmes and projects of the Fund including capital projects.

7.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee, after careful examination of the Budget Estimates of the Inner-City and Zongo Development, recommends that the House approves the sum of One Hundred and Six Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Nine Ghana Cedis (GH¢106, 124,439) for the implementation of the programmes of the Ministry of Inner City and Zongo Development for the 2020 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted.


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