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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 2021 Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection were referred to the Joint Committee on Gender and Children, and, Employment, Social Welfare and State Enterprises for consideration and report, pursuant to Orders 140 (4), 175 and 184(1) of the Standing Orders of the House. This followed the presentation to Parliament of the 2021 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government on Friday, 12th March 2021, in accordance with Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution and Order 140(2) of the Standing Orders of the House.

The Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Sarah Adwoa Safo, the Chief Director and a technical team from the Ministry, its Departments and Agencies, as well as officers from the MoF, assisted the Committee during its deliberations.

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 2021 Financial Year;
- IV. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2020 Financial Year;
- V. Report of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection on the actual releases and expenditure of the Ministry for the 2020 financial year

3.0 VISION, MISSION, MANDATE AND STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection (MoGCSP) was established by the Civil Services Instrument, 2013 (E.II) and is mandated to ensure gender equality through the mainstreaming of gender considerations, promote the welfare and protection of children and to empower the vulnerable, excluded, the aged and persons with disabilities through social protection interventions to contribute to national development.

The Ministry's Vision is to create a harmonious society in which the survival and development of the sexes, children, the vulnerable, the excluded and persons with disability are guaranteed and identifies itself with two development dimensions in the National Medium Term Development Plan Framework (NMTDPF). These are

Social Development and Governance, Corruption and Accountability, which the Ministry translates into the following Policy Objectives:

- Attain gender equality and equity in political, social and economic development systems and outcomes;
- Promote the economic empowerment of women;
- Ensure food and nutrition security;
- Strengthen food and nutrition security governance;
- Promote full participation of People with Disability (PWD) in social and economic development of the country;
- Ensure that PWDs enjoy all the benefits of Ghanaian Citizens;
- Strengthen social protection, especially for children, women, PWDs and the elderly
- Enhance the well-being of the aged;
- Ensure the rights and entitlements of children;
- Ensure effective child protection and family welfare system;
- Harness the benefits of migration for socio-economic development; and
- Enhance the capacity for policy formulation and coordination.

4.0 IMPLEMENTING DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

The Ministry is currently made up of the following Departments, Secretariats and Units with a total staff strength of one thousand, four hundred and twenty-five (1,425):

- Department of Gender (DOG)
- Department of Children (DOC)
- Department of Social Welfare (DSW)
- Child Marriage Unit (CMU)
- Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) Secretariat
- Domestic Violence Secretariat (DV)
- Human Trafficking Secretariat (HTU)
- National Council on Persons with Disability (NCPD)
- Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP)
- Ghana National Household Registry (GNHR)
- Adoption Regulation Unit (ARU)

5.0 THE YEAR 2020 IN RETROSPECT

5.1 NON-FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The Ministry was able to achieve the following during 2020:

I. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

- The Ministry in partnership with its stakeholders organized 2020 Summit under the theme, “Promoting and Protecting the Welfare of the Vulnerable” from 20th to 22nd October 2020 at the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Accra. The objectives were to evaluate the 2019/2020 performance of the Ministry, assess the impact of the COVID-19 on the vulnerable and extreme poor and assess key emerging issues identified during the implementation of our policy intervention. The outcome of the Summit informed the preparations of the Ministry 2021 work plan.

II. GENDER EQUALITY AND EQUITY PROGRAMME (WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT):

The Ministry undertook the following activities during the year under review:

- Observed and celebrated the 2020 International Women’s Day to increase awareness on the gender equality and women’s empowerment. The Ministry also undertook free breast screening as part of measures to create awareness for breast cancer.
- Embarked on school outreach programmes, in collaboration with its stakeholders, to sensitize adolescent girls on the importance of Girl-Child Education. This outreach programme was aimed at increasing retention and completion of the girl child education in schools. The adolescent girls were also educated on Reproductive Health as well as Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.
- Printed and launched the Ghana National Action Plan II (GHANAP 2) for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. This was to aid stakeholders, work in building an all-inclusive, secure and peaceful society for women and girls in Ghana.
- Organized two male champion conferences for fifty participants each in the Eastern and Upper West Regions, these conferences have equipped men with knowledge and skills to be change agents in the field of gender equality, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) as well as Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) in their communities.

III. CHILD RIGHTS PROMOTION, PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

- The Ministry joined the rest of the world to commemorate four calendar events (AU Day of the African Child, Safer Internet, World Children’s and the African Day of the Girl Child) in strides to promote and protect the rights of the African child. In all 25,000,000 people participated in the various celebration world-wide.
- The ministry organized community durbars on the effects of child labour in ten districts in the Ashanti and Brong-Ahafo regions. One Thousand and Ninety-Four (1,094) people took the Ghanaian Against Child Abuse (GACA) pledge to campaign against child abuse in their various communities.

- Thirty-eight traditional and religious leaders from six regions were trained on COVID-19 and Child Protection to help the fight against COVID-19, and facilitate the promotion and protection of children from contracting the coronavirus.
- In fulfilling Ghana's international obligation submitted its 6th and 7th Report to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration for onward submission to the United Nations Convention of Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

IV. **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:**

➤ **Social Services**

- a. Two thousand, two hundred and sixty-seven (2,267) families received counselling, and 152 children in 98 families received family support such as child maintenance, child custody, paternity issues, family arbitration etc.
- b. One hundred and fifty-six (156) PWDs received employable skills at the various Rehabilitation Centres in beads making, tailoring, leather works, shoe making, soap making etc.
- c. The Ministry provided two thousand, seven hundred and six (2,706) patients with hospital welfare services.
- d. Three hundred and forty (340) children who exited school early received training at the various vocational schools, to enable them be marketable in the workplace.
- e. The Ministry has developed a Non-Profit Organizational Policy and Directives 2020 to regulate the management and operations of NPOs in the Country and a draft Bill has been developed for stakeholders' consultations and input. The Policy and the Bill both address issues of NPOs financing money laundering and terrorism.
- f. With support from its stakeholders, including Parliament, the Ministry has successfully implemented measures to lift the moratorium place on adoptions in Ghana. This includes the amendment of the Children's Act 937, 2016, the passage of Adoption Regulation L.I. 2360 and the establishment of the Central Adoption Authority.

➤ **National Commission on People Living with Disability (NCPD)**

The Ministry has undertaken stakeholder consultations and prepared an Amendment of the Disability Act, 2006, Act 715 and its draft Legislative Instrument to conform to provisions in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (UNCRPD). The draft Bill is ready for submission to Cabinet for consideration and approval.

➤ **Social Protection**

- a. **Social Protection Intervention Programmes:** The Ministry has institutionalized Community Dialogues Series to increase awareness on social protection and other social issues and solicit support as well as participation of all stakeholders in the delivery of social protection and mitigation of social vices such as sexual and gender-based violence, child abuse, rape etc. Over thirteen thousand (13,000)

participants (including traditional authorities, religious organizations, women etc.) from thirty-five (35) Communities in Western, Central, Eastern and Ahafo Regions were sensitized on numerous social protection and social issues, including domestic violence. This has increased awareness amongst various groups within the communities, and people are now encouraged to report such issues to the appropriate authorities as well as the Single Window Citizen Engagement Services (SWCES) for attention and redress.

- b. **Special COVID-19 Interventions:** The Ministry with funding from the Ministry of Finance provided two million, seven hundred and forty-four thousand, seven hundred and twenty-three (2,744,723) packs of cooked food to vulnerable and marginalized groups during the COVID-19 lockdown. In addition, dry food rations were provided to forty-eight thousand, two hundred and thirty-eight (48,238) vulnerable persons and households to help prevent hunger and malnutrition during the period. Additionally, the Ministry provided temporary and safe shelter to three hundred and eighty (380) kayayei and their twenty-five (25) children to enable them to adhere to the lockdown directive as well as to protect them from contracting the virus. The Ministry also produced and distributed seventeen thousand (17,000) bottles of alcohol-based hand sanitizers and provided veronica buckets to vulnerable persons and groups to enable them to adhere to the COVID-19 preventive protocols.
- c. **Creation of a National Single Register on the Vulnerable:** To improve targeting for social protection interventions, the Ghana National Household Registry had collected and cleaned household data, in addition to the 2018 and 2019 data on the Upper West and East Regions respectively. Upper West has regional data on socio-economic status of 137,565 households, Upper East has regional data on socio-economic status of 184,125 households and collected data on the socio-economic status of 306,802 households, 91,740 households and 92,191 households in the Northern, North East and Savanna regions respectively. This data available will be used for planning as well as targeting and selection of beneficiaries for social protection intervention

➤ **Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP)**

- a. The targeted annual six cycles of LEAP payments was successfully made to 335,013 beneficiary households (which translates to 1,451,747 extreme poor individuals) to help smoothen their daily consumption. Two (combined) payment cycles were undertaken during the COVID-19 lockdown period to ease the burden of the pandemic on beneficiaries. In addition to the mitigating measures, the Ministry provided Personal Protective equipment's (PPEs) and additional cash grant as transportation to beneficiaries.
- b. The LEAP programme has successfully enrolled 73% of its beneficiaries onto the NHIS for free while linking 5,522 individuals to other complementary and productive activities to help leap them out of extreme poverty. These are the Labour-Intensive Public Works (3,054), the Japanese Social Development Fund (1,235), Village Savings and Loans Associations (348), and Complementary Income Generating Support (537). Again, the programme has migrated all LEAP households to the e-payment (E-zwich) platform.

➤ **School Feeding Programme**

- a. The Ministry provided 3,290,374 pupils in 10,834 public basic schools with one nutritious hot meal for every school going day.

- b. As part of measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, 584,000 final year JHS students and 146,000 staff in all public and private schools across the country were provided with one nutritious hot, locally made meal a day to prevent hunger and enable the students to prepare and write their final exams.

➤ **Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking**

- a. The Ministry of Finance has released an amount of One Million Ghana Cedis (GH¢1,000,000.00) to the Domestic Violence Fund. However, the cash is yet to be disbursed by the Controller and Accountant General.
- b. The Domestic Violence Secretariat organized community sensitization activities in four districts. These were Kpong Katamanso, La Nkwantanang –Madina, Ga West and Ga East on Child Marriage and Domestic Violence in its efforts to combat such issues in Ghana.
- c. The Ministry also embarked upon a sixteen-day International Campaign against sexual and gender-based violence. This was to create more awareness and to encourage the general public to act on issues of Domestic Violence and Child Marriage.
- d. The Domestic Violence Unit, with Funding support from UNFPA has renovated the Victims of Domestic Violence Shelter in Accra.
- e. The Government of Ghana has allocated and disbursed an amount of One Million Ghana Cedis (GH¢1,000,000.00) into the Human Trafficking Fund.
- f. The Ministry also finalized, validated and submitted the 2019 Trafficking In Person (TIP) report to the US Embassy. This has seen Ghana remain on Tier Two on the US Department of Labour (DOL) report ranking of countries. This shows the Government of Ghana's commitment in the fight against Human Trafficking.
- g. The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (Blue day) was commemorated to sensitize Traditional leaders and stakeholders on the issues of human trafficking, these Traditional leaders now act as ambassadors in their various communities on issues of HT.

5.2 FINANCIALS

BUDGET PERFORMANCE FOR 2020

Table 1: 2020 Budget Performance – Compensation of Employees

	BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	RELEASE	RECEIVED	EXPENDITURE	2021
MGT AND ADMI (HT/DV)	4,425,866.00	5,687,582.00	5,988,332.09	5,988,331.60	5,988,331.60	9,260,984.50
DOG	1,550,432.00	1,550,432.00	1,325,788.50	1,325,788.50	1,325,788.50	1,612,158.50
DOC	2,649,563.00	2,649,563.00	999,190.81	999,190.81	999,190.81	2,355,583.00

SOC DVT (leap/sp)	24,313,529.00	24,313,529.00	28,259,033.91	28,259,033.91	28,259,033.91	23,159,201.00
NCPD	1,771,339.00	1,771,339.00	237,356.26	237,356.26	237,356.26	584,521.00
TOTAL	34,710,729.00	35,972,445.00	36,809,701.57	36,809,701.08	36,809,701.08	36,972,448.00

Table 2: 2020 Budget Performance – Goods and Services

	BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	RELEASE	RECEIVED	EXPENDITURE	2021 BUDGET
MGT AND ADMIN	1,730,863.00	1,730,863.00	1,396,992.96	977,588.66	977,588.66	881,208.00
DEPT OF GENDER	514,713.00	514,713.00	465,664.32	446,155.66	446,155.66	305,278.00
DEPT OF CHILDREN	502,829.00	502,829.00	465,664.32	330,304.88	330,304.88	305,279.00
SOCIAL DEVT	829,845.00	829,845.00	1,058,328.00	988,478.18	988,478.18	685,637.00
NATNL PD	234,198.00	234,198.00	296,331.84	167,065.40	167,065.40	189,376
HT	186,666.00	186,666.00	211,665.60	31,750.00	31,750.00	1,138,763
DV/Child Marriage	234,198.00	234,198.00	338,664.96	118,482.58	118,482.58	1,688,879
COVID-19 Feeding		12,000,000.00	12,000,000.00	12,000,000.00	11,999,442.00	-
SP/LEAP	200,746,481.00	200,746,481.00	152,567,325.00	100,373,240.00	100,373,240.00	197,534,538.00
GSFP	470,000,000.00	470,000,000.00	*470,000,000.00	470,000,000.00	470,000,000.00	-

TOTAL	674,979,793.00	686,979,793.00	638,800,637.00	585,433,065.36	585,432,507.36	202,728,958
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***An amount of €22,398,025.15 was received from the Ministry of Finance to settle GSFP arrears through the District Assemblies Common fund (DACF).**

Table 3: 2020 Budget Performance – CapEx

BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	RELEASES	RECEIVED	EXPENDITURE	2021
6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	6,900,000.00
6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	6,900,000.00

Table 4: 2020 Budget Performance – Donor

BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	RELEASE	RECEIVED	EXPENDITURE	2021
30,170,151.00	30,170,151.00	127,998,995.01	127,998,995.01	127,998,995.01	73,783,351.00
30,170,151.00	30,170,151.00	127,998,995.01	127,998,995.01	127,998,995.01	73,783,351.00

Table 5: 2020 Budget Performance – IGF

BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	RELEASE	RECEIVED	EXPENDITURE	2021
26,990.00	26,990.00	15,509.40	15,509.40	15,509.40	9,940,800.00

5.3 CHALLENGES FACED IN 2020

- Limited office accommodation
- Inadequate number of Technical Staff
- Inadequate logistics
- Inadequate and delay in release of funds
- Low Development Partner support for Social Protection intervention
- Decreasing cash support from Development Partners towards the LEAP
- Delayed re-assessment of poverty in LEAP communities due to limited data availability from GNHR

6.0 OUTLOOK FOR 2021

For the 2021 financial year, the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has been allocated the amount of **three hundred and thirty million, three hundred and twenty-five thousand, five hundred and fifty-seven Cedis (¢330,325,557.00)** for its operations.

TABLE 6: 2021 BUDGETARY CEILINGS

NO.	BUDGET CLASSIFICATION	EXPENDITURE CEILING (GH¢M)
1.	COMPENSATION	36,972,448.00
2.	GoG GOODS AND SERVICES	2,694,420.00
3.	HT FUND	1,000,000.00
4.	DV FUND	1,500,000.00
5.	IGF	9,940,800.00
6.	DONOR	73,783,351.00
7.	GOG CAPEX	6,900,000.00
8.	LEAP	197,534,538.00
TOTAL		330,325,557.00

6.1 PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2021

The ministry plans to carry out the following activities in 2021:

I. DEPARTMENT OF GENDER

- The Ministry will extend the education and sensitization programmes to promote gender equality and protect the rights of women, Children and the venerable especially at the decentralized levels.
- The Ministry will facilitate the passage of the Affirmative Action Bill which will soon be presented to Cabinet for consideration and approval.
- The Ministry will continue pursue the following Bills to give legal backing to policy implementation;
 - a. Non-Profit Organizational Bill

b. Social Protection Bill

c. Ageing Bill

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN

- The Ministry will submit the proposed amendment to the Children's Act and the Juvenile Justice Act to Cabinet for consideration and approval in order to provide strong systems to protect the rights of children. The Ministry will also submit Ghana's report on the status of implementation on the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the child.
- There will be a revision of the Early Childhood and Development (ECCD) policy.
- The Ministry will revamp the advocacy of child Rights and protection and coordinate the implementation of child Rights policies and programmes nation wide

II. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

- Renovate ten correctional center institutions and remand homes.
- Develop and implement Strategies to train professional Care-givers for the aged.
- Provide social protection intervention for the aged.
- Develop and implement strategies to mainstream geriatrics care into health care delivery system.
- Collect and establish database on the vulnerable

III. NATIONAL COUNCIL ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

- The Ministry will present the amendment to the Disability Act 2006, Act 715 to Cabinet to consideration and approval and subsequently to Parliament. This will ensure that the Act is in conformity to the United Nations Conventions on the Right of the Persons with Disability to help create an all-inclusive society.

IV. SOCIAL PROTECTION

- The Ministry will scale up the LEAP beneficiary households from 335,013 to 350,000. The programme will also implement a re-certification mechanism to allow graduated beneficiaries to exit the LEAP programme into other productive inclusion programmes as well as enroll new extreme poor households.

V. GHANA SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

- The Ghana School Feeding programme will continue to provide one hot nutritious meal to school pupils on each school going day and build the capacity of caterers and cooks to improve the quality of meals served to our pupils.
- The School Feeding Programme will also implement the agricultural model to link caterers to the farmers to improve the local economy of the communities

VI. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- The Ministry in 2021 will continue to provide care and counselling support for victims of Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and the vulnerable children and families.

VII. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Coordinate the implementation of the Human Trafficking Act.
- Build capacity of stakeholders to combat human trafficking.
- Develop and implement media tools in English and local dialect to raise awareness on Human Trafficking and how to respond to it.
- Prepare Ghana's TIP and ECOWAS Reports
- Commemorate the UN Day against Human Trafficking - Blue Day
- Operationalize / Build capacity of implementers on the TIPIS data base on Human Trafficking nationwide
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- Give care and protection to ninety rescue victims in shelters
- Organize four community sensitizations on Dangers of Human Trafficking.
- Organize quarterly HT Management Board meetings
- Operationalize Madina Shelter for children and refurbish Adult Shelter in Accra
- Undertake Monitoring visits to various Implementing Partners and gather Data

7.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Domestic Violence (DV) and Human Trafficking (HT) – Domestic Violence Secretariat

The Committee noted that even though the one million Cedis (¢1,000,000.00) that the Ministry needs to fully operationalize the Domestic Violence Secretariat has now been released by the Ministry of Finance, the Controller General is yet to release the funds for its intended use. Members are requesting that these funds be released forthwith to enable the Secretariat respond to issues on Domestic Violence and Abuse.

II. The Human Trafficking Fund

One Million Cedis (Gh¢1,000,000.00) has released from Other Government Obligations into the Human Trafficking Fund, which serves as a trigger for the Millennium Challenge Account (MCC) and Power Africa Initiative to implement Trafficking in Persons issues. This is a condition precedent for accessing the US Government bilateral Aid, MCC and Power Africa Initiative.

III. Budgetary Overrun

The Ministry was provided with an amount of ₵34,710,729.00 for compensation in the 2020 Budget but this amount was revised to ₵35,972,445.00 during the Mid-Year Budget Review. The Committee noted however, that during the period under review, the Ministry expended a total amount of ₵36,809,701.57 on compensation, which was ₵837,256.57 in excess of the approved. This represents an increase of 2.3%.

The Ministry explained that during the year under review, the Head of the Civil Service recruited and posted staff to the Ministry, and this accounted for the overrun.

IV. Donor Partner Support – LEAP

The Committee further observed that an amount of thirty million, one hundred and seventy thousand, one hundred and fifty-one Cedis (₵30,170,151.00) was approved as the Donor Partner (DP) component of the 2020 Budget of the Ministry. However actual DP funds expended by the Ministry, as at the end of 2020 amounted to one hundred and twenty-seven million, nine hundred and ninety-eight thousand, nine hundred and fifty-five Cedis and a Pesewa (₵127,998,955.01), representing an increase of about 324.3%. The Ministry explained that following the utilisation of the initial amount of thirty million, one hundred ₵30,170.151 approved as Donor Partner Support, an application was made for extra support, from the World Bank Project under the Ministry, so that more assistance may be offered to the LEAP beneficiaries. This was to mitigate the effects of Covid-19 by ensuring the beneficiaries had proper nutrition and could access medical care, should the need arise. The Donor therefore issued a letter of no objection and the Ministry was able to cater for the beneficiaries.

The Committee commended the support from the Donor Partners, particular given the economic challenges imposed on many of Ghana's Development Partners, as a result of the Corona Virus (Covid-19 Pandemic).

V. School Feeding Programme

The Committee noted that while an amount of five hundred and forty-two million, five hundred and nine thousand, eight hundred and twenty Cedis (₵542,509,820.00) was released to the Ministry to cater for Goods and Services in 2020, the approved allocation for Goods and Services in the 2021 budget has been drastically reduced by 99.5% to two million, six hundred and ninety-four thousand, four hundred and twenty Cedis (₵2,694,420.00). The Ministry attributed the comparatively sharp reduction in the amount to the fact that the School Feeding Programme, which is one of the flagship programmes of the Ministry, is now being funded, through the District Assembly Common Fund (DACF).

VI. Unrealistic IGF Target

The Committee observed that there is a targeted nine million, nine hundred and forty thousand and eight hundred Cedis (₵9,940,800.00) as Internally Generated Funds (IGF) from the Ministry. The Committee expressed doubt about the capacity of the Ministry to generate this amount, particularly in view of the current challenges occasioned by the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the fact that the Ministry could generate only fifteen million, five hundred and nine Cedis and forty Pesewas (₵15,509.40) as IGF in 2020. In addition to this the Committee, wishes to reiterate that the Ministry is essentially geared towards providing services, mostly for free, in carrying out its mandate and must not be burdened with expectations of IGF.

The Committee is of the view that the IGF target, being unrealistic, may not be achieved and, this could affect the ability of the Ministry to fully implement its planned programmes and activities.

The Committee therefore recommends that the Ministry of Finance, in the mid-year review of the 2021 budget, must revisit this IGF target, and review it to a more realistic figure.

9.0 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Committee wishes to reiterate that the work of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection is very vital to our national growth and development, especially with regards to children, the very poor and the vulnerable groups in the country. The Committee therefore wishes to impress on the Ministry of Finance, the need to adequately resource this ministry to carry out its mandate and, recommends that the House approve the amount of **three hundred and thirty million, three hundred and twenty-five thousand, five hundred and fifty-seven Cedis (€330,325,557.00)** for the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection for the implementation of its activities, for the 2021 Financial Year.

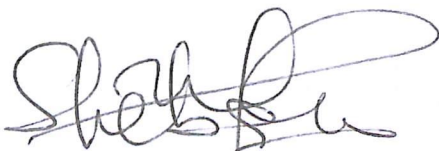
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