

**IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHT PARLIAMENT OF THE
FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SPORTS AND
CULTURE ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTRY
OF YOUTH AND SPORTS FOR THE 2023 FINANCIAL YEAR**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday, the 24th of November, 2022, the Hon. Minister for Finance, Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta, in accordance with Article 179(1) of the 1992 Constitution and the Public Financial Management Act, 2016, (Act 921) presented the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the financial year ending 31st December, 2023 to Parliament.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Orders 140(4) of the Standing Orders, referred the Annual Estimates for the Fiscal year 2023 of the Ministry of Youth and Sports to the Select Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture for consideration and report.

2.0 DELIBERATIONS

The Committee met on 8th and 13th of December 2022 with the Hon. Minister for Youth and Sports, Hon Mustapha Ussif, the Hon. Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports, Hon. Evans Bobie Opoku and Technical Staff of the Ministry, its Departments and Agencies, as well as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Youth Authority (NYA), the Chief Executive Officer of National Sports Authority (NSA), the Chief Executive Chairman of the Local Organising Committee (LoC), the Management Team of the National Sports College-Winneba and the official from Ministry of Finance (MoF). They assisted the Committee to assess the estimates allocated for the Ministry of Youth and Sports programmed activities for the 2023 financial year.

The Committee is grateful to the Hon. Minister and all the officials for their cooperation in this regard.

3.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENT

The following documents were used as reference guide during the Committee's deliberations:

- i. The 1992 Constitution
- ii. The Standing Orders
- iii. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2022 Financial Year.
- iv. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2023 Financial Year.
- v. The Programme Based Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the 2022 Financial Year.
- vi. The Programme Based Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the 2023 Financial Year.

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

The Ministry of Youth and Sports is mandated to develop the capacity of the Youth and integrate them into national development, while 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 serve as a platform for healthy living. The Ministry operates under the Civil Service Law, PNDC 327 of 1993 and E. 11 of January 2013.

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

5.0 NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

5.1 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

5.1.1 Performance of National Football Teams

The Black Stars of Ghana participated in the 2022 FIFA World Cup Tournament in Qatar and exited at the group stage. The Black Princesses also successfully participated in the 2022 World Cup Tournament in Costa Rica and exited at the group stage.

5.1.2 Policies and Programs

5.1.2.1 The ministry organised the maiden edition of the National Fitness Day on at the Accra Sports Stadium and embarked on a fitness walk in some principal streets of Accra, H.E. the Vice President and some key dignitaries participated.

5.1.2.2 The draft Bill for the establishment of a National Anti-Doping Agency has been prepared. The National Anti-doping secretariat organised a tour on sensitisation against the use of drugs in sports for three selected schools in Accra and Tema Metropolitan areas.

5.1.2.3 The Ministry as part of the government's digitalisation agenda, successfully piloted E-ticketing for sporting activities. The service has helped in making ticket purchasing easy and convenient.

5.1.3 Monitoring & Evaluation

Ministry embarked on monitoring visits to a football pitch development at Abiriw, National Sports Collage and the New Edubiase sports stadium (Phase I) to ascertain the progress and quality of work as well as agree with stakeholders on the way forward for the successful completion of projects.

5.1.4 World Athletic Championship

Team Ghana participated in the 2022 World Athletics Championship in Oregon; USA held from 15th-25th July, 2022. Ghana placed fifth in the men's 4x100m relay final. The top four teams, Canada, the United States of America, Great Britain and Jamaica were followed by the Ghanaian quartet, who had a time of 38.07 seconds.

5.2 YOUTH SERVICE

5.2.1 5th YouthConnekt Africa 2022 Summit

The National Youth Authority (NYA) led by the Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports & Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the NYA participated in the 2022 Youth Connekt Summit hosted in Rwanda.

5.2.2 National Youth Policy and Implementation Plan

The 2022-2032 National Youth Policy and Implementation Plan (2022-2027) was launched by the H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo on 12th August, 2022 at the Anagkazo, Akwapem Mampong in the Eastern Region to climax the 2022 International Youth Day Celebration.

5.2.3 Annual Youth Conference

A maiden Annual National Youth Conference was held to coincide with the commemoration of this year's International Youth Day and the launching of the National Youth Policy. The conference attracted 500 participants from across the country to express their views on prevailing youth development issues and exchange purposeful ideas as a way of encouraging the youth to take active part in national discourse.

5.2.4 National Youth Volunteer Programme

The National Youth Volunteer Programme was successfully launched on 11th April, 2022 at the Prempeh Assembly Hall in Kumasi. An orientation and a training workshop were held in Koforidua from 13th -17th September, 2022 for two batches of 458 prospective volunteers drawn from the sixteen (16) regions of the country, to equip them with the requisite skills and mindset for their assignment to the respective communities across the country.

5.2.5 Youth Parliament

Youth Parliaments have been inaugurated in 11 regions and 248 districts to enable the youth deliberate on matters of importance to youth development and hold duty bearers accountable.

5.2.6 Construction of Phase 1 of Youth Resource Centres (YRC)

The second phase of the construction of the first five (5) Youth Resource Centres are ongoing in Axim, Wa, Dunkwa-on-Offin, Dormaa Ahenkro and Koforidua and is 50% complete.

5.2.7 Skills Towards Employability and Productivity (STEP) Programme

In line with the National Youth Authority's mandate to empower young people in the country with employability skills, the inmates of the Senior Correctional Centre, Ridge, Accra, were provided with a ten (10) day Online Digital Marketing training to ensure that they acquire relevant knowledge and skills in digital literacy to enhance their chances of securing meaningful employment opportunities after their stay at the Centre.

5.3 SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

5.3.1 Local and International Competition

The National Beach Volleyball Team won two (2) bronze medals at the zone 3 Beach Volleyball competition held in Cotonou, Benin.

The National Hockey Female Team won a silver medal at the African Hockey Cup of Nations in Accra, Ghana with their player Sulemana Hadizatu being adjudged the overall best player in the female category.

Jeshurun Obiri Yeboah Pryce Tandoh won a silver medal at the African Under-8 Youth Chess Championship held in Lusaka, Zambia.

The National Kickboxing Team, the Black Terminators, bagged five medals at the World Association of Kickboxing Organization (WAKO) African Zone II Kickboxing and Pro Fight Championship held in July, 2022 in Abidjan, La Cote d'Ivoire. Richard Asiedu (70kg) won gold and was pronounced the best

kickboxer in his division; Edmond Agator (60kg) also won gold; Charles Lamptey (60kg) took a silver medal while Lucky Sarfo (75kg) and Michael Acheampong (65kg) won a bronze medal each.

Ghana's Evans Amwagsi of the Ghana Police Service was crowned the overall best Bodybuilder at the International Federation of Bodybuilding (IFBB) West African Championship held in Accra.

Ghana's female high jumper Rose Amoanimaa Yeboah won a gold medal with a jump of 1.97metres at the African Athletics Championship in Mauritius held in June 2022, and Jeshurun Obiri Yeboah Pryce Tandoh won a silver medal at the African Under-8 Youth Chess Championship held in Lusaka, Zambia.

5.3.2 Sports Events Management

The National Sports College in collaboration with the National Sports for All Association of Ghana (NASFAG) successfully organised a Keep-fit Instructors Training Programme from 28th March to 1st April, 2022 at the National Sports College-Winneba with 16 instructors as participants.

The National Sports Authority in collaboration with the Ghana Boxing Association, launched the Professional National Boxing League on 5th March, 2022 at the Bukom Boxing Arena-Trust Emporium, Accra. A total of 16 out of 20 Scheduled Matches took place. The Authority, in collaboration with the National Arm-Wrestling Federation, also organised the Independence Arm Wrestling Challenge on 7th March, 2022.

The National Sports Authority also, successfully organised the 2022 Edition of the National Cross Country on the 26th February, 2022 at Akim Oda. In all 192 athletes from the 16 Regions of Ghana participated in the event. This event served as a talent hunt and identification for the 13th African Games, Accra 2023.

5.3.3 Sports Human Resource Development

The National Sports College in collaboration with McBBphills Protocol Consult organised a maiden three - days Disability Coaching Course which brought together sixty (60) participants from various sporting disciplines across the country.

Ghana Triathlon Association in collaboration with World Triathlon organized the World Triathlon Technical Officials Level I Seminar at the Media Centre of the Accra Sports Stadium.

5.3.4 2022 Commonwealth Games

Team Ghana successfully participated in the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, UK and won a total of five (5) medals comprising two (2) silver and three (3) bronze.

5.3.5 Para Powerlifting Championship

Team Ghana's female Para Powerlifter, Patricia Nyamekye set a New World Record for Ghana in the 67kg category of the New Generation Paralympic Games qualifiers in Egypt. Emmanuel Nii Tettey Oku also won silver and Gold for Ghana at the Paralympic Games qualifiers in Cairo, Egypt.

5.3.6 The Local Organising Committee

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) undertook various sensitisation exercises to promote the 13th African Games. The LOC collaborated with the National Sports College to host the 2022 Aboakyir Tennis competition and also organised the 1st Joint technical committee meeting. At the end of the Committee Meeting, 24 Sports Disciplines and one Demonstration sport were selected for the 13th African Games.

As part of the sensitisation exercise, the LOC in collaboration with the Ghana Football Association organised a football competition among eight (8) Zongo communities in Accra at the Madina Astro Turf Park.

The Ghana Olympic Committee, Ghana Athletics Association and the LOC organised a National Athletics Championship at the Cape Coast Stadium.

6.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

6.1 Overview of 2022

Table 1. Economic Classification of Ministry Youth and Sports Budget 2022

Item	Amount GH¢	%
Compensation	26,514,000	8.33
Goods and Service	29,166,000	9.16
Capex	262,649,000	82.51
Total	318,329,000	100

Table 2. Source of Fund for Youth and Sports Ministry budget 2022

Item	Amount GH¢	%
GoG	110,311,000	34.65
IGF	479,000	0.15
Donor	207,539,000	65.20
Total	318,329,000	100

Table 3. Financial Performance of the Ministry in 2022

Classification	2022 Budget (Appropriated) A	2022 Revised Budget B	2022 Released Budget (Jan - Oct, 2022) C	Actual Expenditure (Jan - Oct, 2022) D	Variance E = (B-D)
Compensation	26,514,000	26,514,000	23,656,820.21	23,656,820.21	2,857,179.79
Goods and Services	28,687,000	78,687,000	70,503,594.99 (November)	61,563,992.94	8,183,405.01
CAPEX	55,110,000	5,110,000	1,138,457.40	1,138,457.40	3,971,542.60
IGF	479,000	479,000.00	2,625,697.08 (IGF Generated)	-	-2,146,697.08
DP	207,539,000	207,539,000	278,280,200.00	278,280,200.00	-70,741,200.00
TOTAL	318,329,000	318,329,000	376,204,769.68	364,639,470.55	57,875,769.68

The Ministry in 2022 was allocated a total amount of *Three hundred and eight million, three hundred and twenty-nine thousand, Cedis (GH¢318,329,000)* for its programmes. As at October 2022, a total amount of *Three hundred and seventy-six million, two hundred and four thousand, seven hundred and sixty-nine Cedis, sixty-eight pesewas (GH¢376,204,769.68)* was released to the Ministry and the actual expenditure of the Ministry as at October 2022 amounting to *Three hundred and sixty-four million, six hundred and thirty-nine thousand, four hundred and seventy Cedis, fifty-five pesewas (GH¢364,639,470.55)*. This indicates that the Ministry has an excess fund of *Fifty-seven million, eight hundred and seventy-five thousand, seven hundred and sixty-nine Cedis, sixty-eight Pesewas (GH¢57,875,769.68)* released by the Ministry of Finance.

6.2 Other funds Released out of budget to the Ministry in 2022

Expenditure Item	Amount GH¢
Release of funds for Black Queens Qualifier Matches for Women's AFCON 2022	1,980,507.86
Release of funds for Black Stars vs. Ethiopia in South Africa, Black Stars vs. South Africa in Cape Coast	4,009,961.74
Release of Funds to Support Black Stars	57,224,301.74
Black Stars vs. Nigeria Play Offs (in Ghana) Black Stars vs. Nigeria Play Offs (in Nigeria)	8,183,400.00
Release of funds to support the Senior National team, the Black stars to participate in the FIFA World Cup, Qatar, 2022	63,019,369.62
Release of funds for the payment of FIFA Rights Fee (Ghana Broadcasting Corporation)	8,009,366.40
Total	142,426,907.36

As at October 2022, additional funds of *One hundred and forty-two million, four hundred and twenty-six thousand, nine hundred and seven Cedis, thirty-six Pesewas (GH¢142,426,907. 36)* was released to the Ministry for the Black Queens qualifier matches and the Black Stars World Cup preparation.

7.0 2023 ALLOCATIONS

For 2023 financial year, the Ministry has been allocated an amount of *Three Hundred and Ninety-five Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-three Thousand, Two hundred and Sixty-one Cedis (GH¢395,723,261)*. Out of this, an amount of *Twenty-eight million, one hundred and four thousand, eight hundred and forty Cedis (GH¢28,104,840)* has been allocated for Compensation, *Eighteen Million, Three Hundred and thirty-eight Thousand, Six hundred and seventy-four Cedis (GH¢18,338,674)* for Goods and Services and *Three Hundred and Forty-nine Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-Seven Cedis (GH¢349,279,747)* for Capital Expenditure.

Donor Partner funding to the Ministry in 2023 will amount to *Three Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Six Hundred Thousand Cedis (GH¢347,600,000)* representing 87.84% and the GoG funding will amount to *Forty-four Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Six-two Cedis (GH¢44,489,162)* representing 11.24%.

The Ministry in 2023 is expected to finance its budget from Internally Generated funds (IGF) of *Three million, Six Hundred and Thirty-four Thousand and Ninety-nine Cedis (GH¢3,634,099)*.

Table 4. Allocation by Economic Classifications and Source of Fund for 2023

Economic Classification	Sources of Funding				
	GOG (GH¢)	ABFA (GH¢)	IGF (GH¢)	Donor (GH¢)	Total (GH¢)
Compensation	28,104,840				28,104,840
Goods and services	14,704,575		3,634,099		18,338,674
Capex	1,679,747			347,600,000	349,279,747
Total	44,489,162		3,634,099	347,600,000	395,723,261

Table 5. 2023 Allocations by Cost Centres

Cost Centre	Compensation (GH¢)	Goods & Services (GH¢)	CAPEX (GH¢)	IGF (GH¢)	DP (GH¢)	Total (GH¢)
General Administration	3,171,460.00	4,852,509.75	503,924.00		347,600,000.00	356,127,893.75
National Youth Authority	7,818,296.00	441,137.25	100,784.80	50,000.00		8,410,218.05
National Sports Authority	15,150,835.00	2,205,686.25	251,962.00	3,584,099.00		21,192,582.25
National Sports College	1,964,249.00	1,323,411.75	151,177.20			3,438,837.95
African Games		5,881,830.00	671,899.00			6,553,729.00
Total	28,104,840	14,704,575	1,679,747	3,634,099	347,600,000	395,723,261

7.0 PRIORITY AREAS OF THE MINISTRY IN 2023

7.1 Management and Administration

- Construction of Astroturfs in selected constituencies
- Construction of New Sports Stadia with 15,000-seater capacity in the Eastern and Bono Regions
- Completion of the Abiriw & New Adubiase Sports Stadia
- Finalize the LI for Youth Act, 2016 (ACT 939)
- Develop a Sports College Bill
- Organisation of the maiden National Sports Congress
- Completion of the ten (10) Youth Resource Centres.

7.2 Youth Services

- Establish and manage the Youth Centre of Excellence at Afiencya.
- Organise skills training/entrepreneurial development events for young people nationwide.
- Facilitate the development of Legislative Instrument of ACT 939
- Establish and support Ghana Youth Federation (GYF) and Regional/District Youth Committees.

7.3 Sports Development

- Organise Ghana National Games to unearth budding talents towards African Games, Accra 2023.
- Finalize the LI for Sports Act, 2016 (ACT 934)
- Organization of technical courses, conferences and workshops in various Sports including Disability sports for Coaches, Development Officers etc.
- Support for Sports Management and Promotion at the Regional Sports Authorities

7.4 13th African Games 2023

- Preparatory activities towards the successful hosting and organisation of the 2023 All African Games
- National Games (Team Ghana selection), Team Ghana Camping & Training
- Recruitment and Training of volunteers
- Regional Sensitization

8.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 BUDGET OVERRUN AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

8.1.1 The Committee noted with concern that consistently, the Ministry of Youth and Sports overrun their budget outside the approved allocation. This was made known after the Committee realised that as at October 2022, the Ministry had an overrun budget amounting to *Fifty-seven Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Nine Cedis, Sixty-Eight Pesewas (GH¢57,875,769.68)*.

8.1.2 The Committee also observed that additional funds amounting to *One hundred and forty-two million, four hundred and twenty-six thousand, nine hundred and seven Cedis, thirty-six Pesewas (GH¢142,426,907.36)* has been released from the Contingency Vote to the Ministry to cater for Black Stars and Black Queens sports expenditure.

8.1.3 In effect there was an overrun budget of *Fifty-seven Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-*

Nine Cedis, Sixty-Eight Pesewas (GH¢57,875,769.68) and One hundred and forty-two million, four hundred and twenty-six thousand, nine hundred and seven Cedis, thirty-six Pesewas (GH¢142,426,907.36). The Minister explained that, the additional funds approved outside the Ministry's allocation was as a result of the uncertainty on expenditure for some of the programme of activities.

The Committee however urged the Ministry to streamline its activities to help discontinue the trend and further urged the Ministry of Finance to ensure that all extra funds allocated to the Ministry during the year, are fully catered for in the Budget.

8.2 INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS (IGF) AND GIFMIS

8.2.1 The Committee observed that, the Ministry budgeted to generate IGF of *Four Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand Cedis, (GH¢479,000).* However, as at October 2022, a total amount of *Two Million, Six Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Seven Cedis and Eight Pesewas, (GH¢2,625,697.08)* has been generated by the Ministry. The Ministry explained that due to the role out of the E-ticketing programme, the National Sports Authority (NSA) has been able to raise more revenue from the sale of match tickets resulting in the increase of IGF.

The Committee therefore recommends that the retention of IGF by the NSA and NYA must be upgraded to enable them embark on more programme of activities.

8.3 13th AFRICAN GAMES 2023

8.3.1 The Committee noted that Ghana will be hosting the 13th African Games and preparation towards this event is very important. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) informed the Committee that construction work on the Games Village at the University of Ghana is at a 75% level of completion, construction works at the University of Ghana Stadium is at 64.5% level of completion and construction work at the Borteyman facilities is 44% complete.

8.3.2 The Committee also observed that the inability to resolve the impasse between the African Union (AU), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC) will affect the preparation towards the 13th African Games 2023 and may result in the need for a change in date from August 2023 to April 2024 as previously proposed. The Committee therefore urged the Minister of Youth and Sports & the Local Organizing Committee to work assiduously to resolve the impasse to enable Ghana host the 13th African Games.

8.4 NATIONAL SPORTS COLLEGE

The Committee noted the National Sports College, Winneba has been bedevilled with a lot of challenges which affects the operations of the college. The Committee was informed that the training and development of sports became relevant since independence. There have been attempts aimed at establishing a credible institution to provide sports training. Consequently, Supreme Military Council Decree (SMC Decree No. 54) 1976, moved the institutionalization idea but it became fully established and operational when the National Sports College, Winneba was established by PNDCL 154, 1984.

The Committee noted that the major challenge of the College is due to lack of a legislative framework.

The Committee therefore recommends that the Ministry should aid the College as a matter of urgency to develop a draft bill to enable the College perform its mandate of training, researching into new and innovate ideas that supports the development of technical personal in the sports industry. The Ministry however indicated that, the development of the Sports College Bill is part of the programme of the Ministry for 2023.

9.0 CONCLUSION

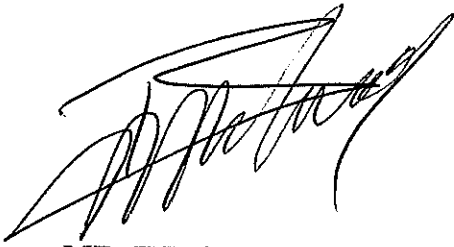
The Committee noting the vital role of the Ministry of Youth and Sports in the development of the Youth and the country as a whole, therefore calls for adequate resource allocation to the Ministry in order to achieve its policy objectives. The Committee therefore recommend that this August House approves a budget allocation of ***Three Hundred and Ninety-five Million***,

Seven Hundred and Twenty-three Thousand, Two hundred and Sixty-one Cedis (GH¢395,723,261) for the Ministry of Youth and Sports for its activities in the 2023 financial year.

Respectfully Submitted.



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