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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

ON THE

**2013 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On Wednesday, 5th March, 2013 the Hon. Minister for Finance, Mr. Seth Emmanuel Terkper, in accordance with Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution and Order 140 (1) and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House, laid before Parliament the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Government of Ghana for the 2013 Fiscal Year.
- 1.2 The Rt. Hon Speaker in accordance with Order 140 (4) of the Standing Orders referred the Draft Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to the Committee on Local Government and Rural Development for consideration and report.
- 1.3 The Committee met on Thursday, 14th March, 2013 and considered the Annual Estimates of the Sector Ministry which is in accordance with Article 179 of the Constitution and Order 181 of the Standing Orders of the House.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 2.1 During the deliberations on the Estimates, the Committee met with the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Hon. Akwasi Oppong-Fosu, the Chief Director, Heads of the various Departments, Agencies and Projects of the Ministry and Officials from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning. The

Committee is grateful to these persons for their invaluable contributions.

3.0 REFERENCES

3.1 In discussing the estimates, the Committee made reference to the following materials:

- a. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- b. The Standing Orders of the House
- c. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2013 financial year.
- d. The 2013 Draft Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, and
- e. Report of the Committee on the 2012 Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

4.0 MISSION OF THE MINISTRY

4.1 The Ministry is mandated to ensure good governance and balanced development of Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) through the formulation of policies on governance, decentralization, rural development and environment and draws Guidelines on the acquisition and use of human resources by Assemblies.

4.2 The Ministry is further authorized to design and deliver systems that would set targets and monitor the performance of the Assemblies. It also develops, monitor sector plans and provides management advisory services to the Assemblies.

5.0 BROAD POLICY OBJECTIVES

5.1 The Ministry has outlined the following as its broad policy objectives:

1. Ensure effective implementation of the Local Government Service Act.
2. Strengthen and operationalize the sub-district structures and ensure consistency with local government laws.
3. Ensure efficient internal revenue generation and transparency in local resource management.
4. Enhance civil society and private sector participation in Governance.
5. Strengthen functional relationship between Assembly members and citizens
6. Promote well structured and integrated urban development
7. Promote resilient urban infrastructure development, maintenance and provision of basic services
8. Create an enabling environment that will ensure the development of the potential of rural areas
9. Accelerate the provision and improve environmental sanitation
10. Adopt a sector -wide approach to water and environmental sanitation delivery to ensure effective sector coordination.
11. Mainstream the concept of local economic development into planning at the district Level
12. Integrate and Institutionalize District level Planning and Budgeting through participatory process at all levels
13. Develop and retain human resource capacity at national, regional and district levels
14. Progressively expand Social Protection interventions to cover the poor

15. Deepen on-going Institutionalization and internalization of policy formulation, planning, and monitoring and evaluation system at all levels
16. Integrate population variables into all aspects of development planning at all levels
17. Empower women and mainstream gender into socio-economic development
18. Urban centres to incorporate the concept of open spaces, and the creation of green belts or green ways in and around urban Communities
19. Create and sustain an efficient transport system that meets user needs
20. Integrate land use, transport planning, development planning and service provision
21. Create a vibrant investment and performance-based management environment that maximise benefits for public and private sector investors
22. Develop and implement comprehensive and integrated policy, governance and institutional frameworks
23. Ensure sustainable development in the transport sector
24. Develop adequate human resources and apply new technology
25. Foster social cohesion and enhance the participation of people in leisure activities as a way of improving healthy lifestyles
26. Improve sector institutional capacity
27. Increase equitable access and participation in education at all levels
28. Ensure the reduction of new HIV and AIDS/STIs/TB Transmission

29. Bridge the equity gaps in access to health care and nutrition services and ensure sustainable financing arrangements that protect the poor.

6.0 REVIEW OF 2012 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION

6.1 In the year under review, Parliament approved an amount of **Two Hundred and Twenty Three Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-Seven Ghana Cedis (GH¢223,272,127.00)** from a combination of Government of Ghana (GoG), Donor and Social Intervention sources for operations of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

6.2 2012 ALLOCATIONS AS REVIEWED

The breakdown of the Budgetary Allocation for the Sector Ministry for the 2012 fiscal Year is indicated below in Table A. The 2012 Expenditure breakdown by Cost Centre is indicated as appendix 1.

Table A

ITEM	GOG (GH¢)	DONOR (GH¢)	ABFA (GH¢)	TOTAL (GH¢)
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	77,179,138.00		-	77,179,138.00
GOODS & SERVICES	3,342,434.00	32,853,148.00	-	36,195,582.00
ASSETS	4,194,520.00	90,702,887.00	15,000,000.00	109,897,407.00
TOTAL	84,716,092.00	123,556,035.00	15,000,000.00	223,272,127.00

7.0 ACTUAL RELEASES AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2012

The breakdown of the actual expenditure for the Sector Ministry for 2012 is indicated in Table B below:-

Table B

ITEM	2012 APPROVED BUDGET (GH¢)	EXPENDITURE (GH¢)	EXPENDITURE (%)
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	77,179,139.00	196,104,842.44	254%
GOODS & SERVICES	3,342,434.00	3,249,385.21	70%
Virement from Assets	1,270,000.00		
LGSS			
Total	4,612,434.00		
ASSETS	4,194,520.00	469,725.38	16%
Less Virement	(1,270,000.00)		
Total	2,924,520.00		
ABFA (JUBILEE MARKETS)	15,000,000.00	9,704,675.62	65%
DONOR	123,556,035.00	92,106,011.06	75%
TOTAL	223,272,127.00	301,634,639.71	135%

8.0 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR 2013

The breakdown of the Budgetary Allocation for the Sector Ministry and by Cost centres for the 2013 fiscal year is indicated as Tables C and D below:-

Table C

ITEM	GOG(GH¢)	DONOR(GH¢)	SIP	ABFA	TOTAL (GH¢)
WAGES & SALARIES	116,121,205.00				11,121,205.00
GOODS & SERVICES	41,032,090.00	37,962,278.00	85,000,000.00		163,994,369.00
ASSETS	5,531,212.00	151,849,115.00	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	167,380,327.00
TOTAL	162,684,507.00	189,811,393.00	90,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	447,495,901.00

Table D

COST CENTRE	WAGES & SALARIES	GOODS & SERVICES	ASSETS	SIP	ABFA	DONOR	TOTAL
General Administration	1,438,164.00	3,370,000.00	1,000,000.00	-	-	94,598,300.00	100,406,464.00
Inspectorate Division	192,432.00	500,000.00	531,212.00	-	-	-	1,223,635.00
LGPSU	-	1,532,090.00	-	-	-	95,213,094.00	96,745,184.00
Development Planning Unit	411,149.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	-	1,411,149.00
Internal Audit	-	130,000.00	-	-	-	-	130,000.00
Env. Health and San. Unit	3,834,734.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	-	4,834,734.00
Parks and Gardens	3,634,075.00	1,000,000.00	750,000.00	-	-	-	5,384,075.00
Births and Deaths Registry	2,296,957.00	1,000,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	-	3,796,957.00
Dept. of Com'ty Dev.	1,378,744.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-	-	-	3,378,744.00
LGS/Dec. Implementation	102,934,959.00	1,500,000.00	750,000.00	-	-	-	105,184,959.00
Dec. Implementation	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
Sanitation/Waste Mgt.	-	30,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	30,000,000.00
Newly Created DAs	-	-	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-	10,000,000.00
Jubilee Market	-	-	-	10,000,000.00	-	-	10,000,000.00
LESDEP	-	-	-	75,000,000.00	-	-	75,000,000.00
TOTAL	116,121,205.00	41,032,090.00	5,531,212.00	90,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	189,811,394.00	447,495,901.00

9.0 PERFORMANCE FOR 2012

9.1 Local Government Service and Decentralisation

9.1.1 The Committee was informed that, as part of Government's commitment to deepening democracy and local development, 46 new districts were created across the country in the year 2012.

9.1.2 Subsequently, 2,602 Local Government Service Professional staff were recruited. The Ministry initiated the appointment and postings of new Coordinating Directors (CDs) and Heads of Departments to the newly created Districts.

9.1.3 The Ministry also began the implementation of the communication strategy and further developed a framework for the management of the Local Government Service website.

9.1.4 The Committee was again informed that Reports on the revision, amendment and consolidation of all local government legislation issues to ensure consistency in the implementation of Acts 462, 656 and L.I. 1961 were completed and ready for implementation.

9.1.5 The Local Government Service also completed the merger and integration of the Departments of Social Welfare and Community Development into one department in 31 Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies in the year under review.

9.2 District Development Facility

9.2.1 The Committee was informed that an amount of GH¢157.25 million was disbursed to MMDAs in 2012 based on the 2009 and 2010 Functional Organisational Assessment Tool (FOAT) assessment results.

9.2.2 Also a total of 1,030 projects were undertaken in the following areas: Education (359), Health (96), Sanitation (274), Water (117), Roads (46), Energy (32), Economic (64), Security (5) and Governance (37). The 2011 FOAT assessment was also completed in 2012.

9.3 Ghana School Feeding Programme

9.3.1 The Committee was informed that a National School Feeding Policy has been initiated to build coherence and sustainability in the delivery of the School Feeding Programme.

9.3.2 The Programme also collaborated with National Food Buffer Stock Company (NAFCO) to supply local rice to feed all beneficiary schools.

9.3.3 The scheme is currently covering over 1,582,402 pupils in 4,545, beneficiary schools. Furthermore, Situational Analysis on nutrition of the programme was conducted and Service Providers were trained in food safety, nutritional best practices nationwide in the year under review.

9.4 Department of Community Development

9.4.1 In the year 2012, the Department of Community Development implemented the formal apprenticeship/tracer programme for 24 Community Development Vocational/Technical Institutes (CDV/TIs) to enhance human resource capacity.

9.4.2 The programme currently covers 2,430 students comprising 220 males and 2,210 females. Furthermore, 197 Girls from poor households in 59 districts were provided with scholarship to pursue studies in male dominated subject areas at the CDV/TIs.

9.5 Births and Deaths Registry

9.5.1 The Committee was informed that the Births and Deaths Registry recorded 715,271 births which comprised 426,143 fresh registrations and 289,128 late registrations. The Registry also recorded 88,972 deaths consisting of 54,286 fresh and 34,686 late registrations.

9.6 Department of Parks and Gardens

9.6.1 The Department supplied 21,500 tree seedlings to schools and other organised people in some Communities to undertake tree planting. The Department also undertook works on maintenance of landscape areas of Roundabouts, Road medians and Road shoulders in our cities and towns. The Castle Gardens, State House, Flagstaff House, Asomdwee Park and Peduase Lodge were also maintained.

9.6.2 Also in the year under review, the Department of Parks and Gardens in collaboration with National Security and Botany Department of the University of Ghana established the Nationalism Park and Biodiversity Information Centre.

9.7 Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit

9.7.1 The Committee was informed that the Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit completed Two (2) engineered landfills in Tema and Sekondi-Takoradi. Also completed in the year under review was the Adjen-Kotoku compost plant in the Ga West District which was built in partnership with Zoomlion Company Limited.

9.8 Centre for Urban Transportation

9.8.1 The Committee was informed that the Centre in collaboration with the Ministry of Transport and the Urban Development Unit helped to develop the Road Traffic Regulation. The Centre also facilitated the formation of Urban Passenger Transport Units as well as their integration into the participating Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies (MMAs) as Transport Departments under L.I. 1961.

9.9 Urban Poverty Reduction Project

9.9.1 The project was able to complete the preparation of 60 Community Business and Development Plans and also trained Three Hundred and Sixty representatives of local government institutions, civil society and the private sector to contribute to employment-oriented public-private-partnerships. Additionally, 15,000 properties of 14 MMDAs were re-valued by the project.

9.9.2 Furthermore, 236 socio-economic infrastructure projects were completed and handed over to beneficiary communities.

9.10 Ghana Social Opportunities Project (GSOP)

9.10.1 The Committee was informed that 36 sub-projects under the GSOP made up of 17 social infrastructure projects, 1 feeder road, 6 rehabilitated dams and 12 climate change interventions were completed. In addition, 145 others made up of 23 social infrastructures, 35 feeder roads of total length 114.2 km and 83 climate change interventions are on-going.

9.11 Local Enterprises and Skills Development Project (LESDEP)

9.11.1 In the year under review, LESDEP provided 44,735 unemployed persons with skills training in vocational, entrepreneurship and business development services. The beneficiaries were provided with set-up equipment and have established businesses in various trades.

9.12 Food Security and Environment Facility (FSEF)

9.12.1 In the year under review, FSEF supported 930 farmers to adopt soil improvement methods. 550 farmers were assisted with farm inputs such as maize and soya beans in East Mamprusi, Builsa, Garu and East Gonja Districts. 422 were trained in production and post-harvest management of onions. Additionally, about 90 farmers from Sapeliga, Saka and Nagbere were sent to Savanna Agricultural Research Institute (SARI) for demonstration on two main onion varieties: Bawku red and the hybrid almi.

10.0 OUTLOOK FOR 2013

10.1 Local Government Service

- 10.1.1 The Committee was informed that, the Local Government Service
In pursuit of its mandate, shall ensure that the 216 MMDAs are
staffed with substantive Coordinating Directors and Heads of
Departments.
- 10.1.2 Coordinating Directors and Heads of Departments will also be
appointed for merged and established departments under Schedule
I of L.I. 1961.
- 10.1.3 In addition, the Service will establish Regional Human Resource
departments, 150 MMDAs HR Units and Districts Works
Department in all MMDAs. It will also integrate departments under
Schedule II in L.I. 1961 into the MMDAs and develop sector-wide
results based M&E system for all RCCs and MMDAs to establish
baseline indicators as well as implement the report on LG
legislations review.
- 10.1.4 The Committee was further informed that, the Service will
establish Management Information System (MIS) in the LGSS and
HR database Management System (HRDBMS) to be linked with 10
selected MMDAs as a pilot programme and the subsequent
incorporation of the Integrated Personnel Payroll Database (IPPD)
into the LGSS management in at least 5 MMDAs.

10.1.5 Procurement of equipment for 50 MMDAs for the EU-Human Resource Support Programme (HRSP) is also on-going whiles Terms of Reference and request for Proposal for Human Resource database update will be completed.

10.2 District Development Facility

10.2.1 The Committee noted that, a total amount of US\$66.30million will be mobilised and allocated to MMDAs based on 2011 FOAT Assessment. The secretariat would also recruit consultants to conduct 2012 FOAT assessment for both DDF and UDG.

10.3 Ghana School Feeding Programme

10.3.1 The Committee was informed that the National School Feeding Policy will be launched and implemented. The programme will also collaborate with National Food Buffer Stock Company (NAFCO) to introduce other food commodities other than rice.

10.4 Department of Community Development

10.4.1 The Committee learnt that, the Department of Community Development as part of its mandate shall transfer employable and sustainable skills to 6,000 youth through TVET. The scholarship programme would be extended to additional 300 girls from poor households in 59 selected District Assemblies. Again, Vocational and entrepreneurial skills training will be provided for 800 rural community groups. In addition, the Department will organise income generating activities for 400 rural community groups and train 120 community Educators at the Rural Development College.

10.5 Births and Deaths Registry

10.5.1 The Births and Deaths Registry would continue to provide vital statistics by way of demographics data for development planning. It will also improve registration coverage in the country and expand the Community Population Register Programme. Additional Registration centres in rural communities will be established and the computerisation Programme of the Registry completed.

10.6. Department of Parks and Gardens

10.6.1 The Committee was informed that, the Department with its improved budgetary allocation would continue to promote landscape beautification of built and natural environment and collaborate with MMDAs to develop programmes for floral beautification of cities and towns. It will acquire lands to establish parks and promote ecotourism to generate revenue for Assemblies and jobs for the youth. The Department will also pursue actions to combat the effects of global warming by promoting a national tree planting campaign involving all stakeholders.

10.6.2 The department will continue its collaboration with the Botany Department of the University of Ghana and other stakeholders to document the country's flora. It will further develop and maintain a national information facility for sharing digital biodiversity data, initiate programmes to identify threatened economic and ornamental plants for multiplication and conservation. In addition,

the department will promote public education on their conservation and importance of plants for human survival.

10.6.3 The department will concentrate on the conservation of threatened plants and restoration of plants diversity as well as communicating its importance under the Global Strategy for plants conservation programme.

10.7. Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit

10.7.1 The Committee noted that, the Unit will continue to expand Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach to cover all regions and roll out results based Monitoring and Evaluation system for Environmental Sanitation. It would also develop Public-Private Partnership Interventions in waste management, IE&C materials and also implement awareness raising activities at National, Regional and District levels aimed at changing attitudes and behaviour of citizens on environmental sanitation. Additionally two (2) Waste to Energy Plants will be constructed in Kumasi and Cape Coast.

10.7.2 The Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit would again, support MMDAs to legally acquire treatment and disposal sites and facilities and facilitate the review of bye-laws of MMDAs and their enforcement. It would also organise the National Environmental Sanitation Conference, Sanitation Week and the World Toilet Day.

10.8. Centre for Urban Transportation

10.8.1 The Centre, the Committee noted, would review benchmark indications for the Ghana Urban Transport Project and conduct research into current transportation trends, challenges and sustainable transport systems.

10.9 Integrated Rural Development Project

10.9.1 The Committee was informed that, the project would provide fifty six basic social infrastructure which includes 12 classroom blocks, 12 boreholes for the provision of potable water, 8 teachers and nurses' quarters, 24 rural clinics and maternity homes.

10.9.2 The Project would again, provide credit to farmers to cover fertilizers, improve planting materials, agro-chemicals, simple agricultural plants and machines. In addition, the project will also support farmers to acquire intermediate means of transport to facilitate the transportation of food stuffs to storage points and markets. Also farm level and community level facilities will be constructed.

10.10 Ghana Social Opportunities Project

10.10.1 The project will implement the labour intensive public works made up of 424 subprojects including the rehabilitation of 124 Feeder Roads of length 467.75 km and 50 Dams/dugouts as well as 128 Climate Change Interventions covering 1,051 ha in 40 Districts. It will also strengthen DA and Community Monitoring of Social Protection Interventions.

10.11 Street Naming and Property Addressing

10.11.1 To improve revenue generation at the local level, the Committee was informed that Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) would be supported in Street Naming and Property Addressing System

10.12 Local Enterprise and Skills Development Project (LESDEP)

10.12.1 The programme will focus more on value addition skills-based business models in order to enhance the economic development and sustainability of the business.

10.13 Food Security and Environment Facility

10.13.1 The project will continue supporting farmers to introduced the "Zai" method and other sustainable soil management practices. These farmers would also be supported with inputs to increase production and at least 10 communities would be introduced to dry season farming in Builsa, East Gonja, East Mamprusi, Garu-Tempani Districts under Sustainable farming techniques programme.

10.13.2 Farmers would again, be assisted to introduce improved variety of onions under the Onion Farmers livelihood and value chain Improvement project in Bawku West.

10.13.3 The project in collaboration with UDS will improve the production of guinea fowls in selected communities in Nadowli and Wa Municipality.

10.13.4 There is also going to be improvements in housing and feed supplements for small remnants in the Wa East District.

11.0 OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 The Committee observed that in the year 2012, an amount of **GH¢1.270 million** was vired from Assets to Goods and Services and wondered if the purpose for which it was budgeted for was no longer needed.

11.2 The Ministry however explained that the virement became necessary to enable it provide urgent training to staff especially for the newly established districts and other challenges required for goods and services.

11.3 The Committee therefore wishes to urge the Ministry to make adequate provision for expected developments in order not to disrupt good programmes already approved by the House even though it was within its rights to do so.

11.4 The Committee further observed that a total of **GH¢77,179,138** was allocated to the Ministry under Compensation of Employee in the year under review, however, the Ministry expended **GH¢196,104,842.44** constituting about 254% of the amount allocated.

11.5 It was explained that this situation was necessitated by the implementation of the Single Spine Salary Structure which increased workers salaries manifolds as well as the payment of associated arrears thereof.

11.6 The Committee further observed that the total allocation to the Ministry has increased from GH¢223,272,127 in 2012 to GH¢447,495,901 in 2013 which is an increase of more than 100%.

11.7 This situation has led to increase in the allocation to the Department of Parks and Gardens from GH¢30.7 thousand in 2011 to GH¢1Million in 2013, an indication that the Department is expected to perform better than previous times.

11.8 The Committee therefore wishes to commend government for its attempts to revitalize the Department of Parks and Garden.

11.9 The Committee noted with worry that most state institutions have adopted the practice of engaging private companies to provide landscape and flowery environment to public buildings and open spaces without consulting the Department of Parks and Gardens.

11.10 This situation has weakened the ability of the Department to monitor and ensure that the materials used are suitable to our environment and easier to maintain in terms of its cost to public purse.

11.11 The Committee therefore wishes to urge public institutions to desist from this practice in order to bring sanity and orderliness in horticultural practices in Ghana.

11.12 The Committee again noted that the Aburi Gardens and its environs are gradually losing their ecological soundness due to fast growing development in the area. The Guest House at Aburi is also in a dilapidated condition, thus making it difficult for the Guest Houses to compete with other Guest House in the area.

11.13 The Committee therefore wishes to recommend to government to make the best economic use of the extended lands belonging to Parks and Gardens at Aburi by engaging the Private Sector to invest in Hotel and recreational centres in the catchment area under Public-Private-Partnership arrangements (PPP).

11.14 The Committee wishes to further recommend to Government to consider resourcing the Department of Parks and Gardens to enable it engage the Private Sector to develop existing Parks across the Country as citizens find it difficult to use these Parks for picnics and leisure due to their deplorable conditions.

11.15 Births and Deaths Registry

11.15.1 The Committee observed that the Birth and Death Registry is crucial to the existence of every citizen in Ghana from the cradle to the grave.

11.15.2 The Department generates a lot of revenue for government as no citizen can practically enjoy his or her citizenship without that registry. Yet the building currently housing the National Registry is a disgrace to our pride as citizens of Ghana as its not befitting what the Registry represents in our national lives.

11.15.3 The Committee therefore wishes to recommend to government to consider providing the registry with a modern symbolic office infrastructure that will symbolize our pride citizens of this great republic.

11.15.4 The Committee wishes to further recommend to the Minister of Finance to consider allowing the registry to retain some of its internally generated fund to meet the herculean challenges currently being faced by the Registry. This recommendation was made in the 2012 Report of the Committee and was adopted by the House.

11.16 School Feeding

11.16.1 The Committee observed that the School Feeding Programme which was initially supported by Danish Government is now being fully funded by Government of Ghana.

11.16.2 The Committee further noted that the programme intend expanding its coverage from the current 1,582,402 pupils to 2,000,000 by the end of 2013. The programme is allocated an amount of **GH¢199 million cedis** to cater for the targeted 2 million pupils at **GH¢0.50p** per head.

11.16.3 The Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that the **GH¢0.50p** was budgeted in June 2012. The current increase in prices of food item due to increase in petroleum product has shot the projected price per head to about **GH¢0.80p**. If the programme is to still cater for 2 million pupils and also ensure

that its core value of reducing short term hunger and malnutrition is realized, the programme will require additional allocation from the Ministry of Finance.

11.16.4 In a letter dated February 15, 2013, the National Coordinator drew the attention of the Minister of Finance to the new price realities as well as 33 feeding days arrears owed to Caterers to the tune of **GH¢21,366,138.56**.

11.16.5 The programme therefore requires an estimated total amount of **GH¢337,537,192.56** in the year 2013 if it is to achieve its objective in 2013.

11.16.6 The Committee therefore wishes to recommend to the Minister of Finance to consider making money available from its contingencies or consider including the School Feeding Programme in its supplementary budget, if it intends doing so in the course of the year so as to ensure the success of the programme in 2013.

11.17 Local Enterprise and Skills Development Project (LESDEP)

11.17.1 The Committee was concerned about the sustainability of the project considering the large number of beneficiaries and the reduced funding in 2013.

11.17.2 The Committee was however assured that, the fund is a revolving one and as such, the Project is collaborating with some financial institutions to assist in recovering the funds from the beneficiaries.

11.17.3 The Committee therefore recommends for the establishment of an effective Monitoring and Evaluation Unit under the Project to follow-up on the progress of beneficiaries and also help to address their challenges if any.

11.18 Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit

11.18.1 The Committee observed that payments to sanitation service providers were most of the time not forthcoming due to delays in release of funds by the Finance Ministry and this, to a very large extent, affected their efficient and effective service delivery.

11.18.2 The Committee therefore wishes to recommend to the Ministry of Finance to consider making timely releases to enable MMDAs meet their sanitation challenges.

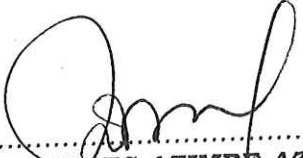
11.18.3 The Committee wishes to further advice MMDAs to intensify their public education and awareness on sanitation aimed at impacting on attitudinal change.

12.0 CONCLUSION

12.1 Rt. Hon. Speaker, the Committee on Local Government has duly considered the Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and has noted that the Ministry, its Departments and Agencies have in place plans and activities which will ensure the execution of its mandate.

12.2 In accordance with Orders 140 (4) and 181 of the Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana, the Committee recommends to the House for approval the sum of **Four Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and One Ghana Cedis (GH¢447,495,901.00)** from a combination of Government of Ghana and Donor sources for operations of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development for the 2013 financial year.

Respectfully submitted.


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HON. DOMINIC AZIMBE AZUMAH
(CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
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INUSAH MOHAMMED
(CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE)

18TH MARCH, 2013

Appendix 1

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT 2012 EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN BY COST CENTER, JAN- DEC.

COST CENTRE	Compensation of Employees		Goods & Services		Assets	
	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED
General Administration	833,269.00	8,840,108.78	625,228.64	296,164.00	288,567.07	149,635.88
Inspectorate	168,178.00	-	29,080.40	1,784.00	13,421.72	-
LGPSU	-	-	218,103.02	82,000.00	100,662.93	-
UPRP	-	-	50,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
CUT	-	-	50,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
LGCSP	-	-	20,000.00	-	-	-
DWAP	-	-	6,000.00	-	-	-
SDR	-	-	6,000.00	-	-	-
UMLIS	-	-	6,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
ASIP	-	-	50,000.00	-	-	-
G-SOP	-	-	6,000.00	-	-	-
URBAN PROJECTS [GUMPP, LSC, etc.]	-	-	18,103.02	-	25,662.93	-
FSEF	-	-	6,000.00	-	-	-
Decent. Implementation	59,522,704.00	179,956,474.76	-	-	-	-
Dev. Plq Unit	411,149.00	-	43,620.60	-	20,132.59	-
EH & SU	3,834,734.00	-	58,160.80	137,422.50	26,843.45	-
LGSS	304,138.00	898,902.20	1,888,413.90	2,338,348.71	3,523,433.80	106,158.28
Parks & Gardens Dept.	3,713,081.00	670,918.41	159,942.21	109,766.00	73,819.48	42,789.12
Birth & Death Registry	1,697,832.00	4,555,015.48	159,942.21	126,400.00	73,819.48	98,989.75
Dept. of Comm. Devt.	6,998,191.00	1,183,422.81	159,942.21	157,500.00	73,819.48	72,152.44
Jubilee Market	-	-	-	-	15,000,000.00	9,704,675.62
TOTAL	77,483,276.00	196,104,842.44	3,342,433.99	3,249,385.21	19,194,520.00	10,174,401.09