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PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF  
GHANA**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORKS  
AND HOUSING ON THE**

**2024 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SANITATION AND WATER  
RESOURCES**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Following the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2024 financial year by the Hon Minister responsible for Finance, Mr Ken Ofori-Atta on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources was referred by the Rt. Hon. Speaker to the Committee on Works and Housing for consideration and report in accordance with article 179 (1) of the 1992 Constitution and Orders 140(2), 140(4) and 180 of the Standing Orders of Parliament.

## **2.0 DELIBERATIONS**

The Committee on Works and Housing met with the Hon Minister for Sanitation and Water Resources, Dr Freda Prempeh, officials of the Ministry as well as representatives of the Ministry of Finance on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 to consider the referral.

The Committee is grateful to the Hon Minister and her team for their cooperation.

## **3.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

The Committee made reference to the following documents during the deliberations:

- i. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana;
- ii. The Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana;
- iii. The Budget Statements and Economic Policies of the Government of Ghana for the 2023 and 2024 Financial Years;
- iv. The 2023 Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources;
- v. The 2024 Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources;

- vi. Presentations by the Ministry on the 2023 budget performance and justification for the 2024 Budget allocations; and
- vii. The Medium-Term Development plan for the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources (2022-2025).

#### **4.0 BACKGROUND AND CORE MANDATE**

The core mandate of the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources is derived from article 190 of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana, the Civil Service Act, 1993 (PNDCL 327) and Executive Instrument, 2021 (E.I12). The Ministry is mandated to carry out the following:

- Initiate and formulate water, environmental health, and sanitation policies taking into account the needs and aspirations of the people;
- Undertake water and environmental sanitation sub-sectors development planning in consultation with the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC); and
- Coordinate, monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of performance of the sanitation and water sub-sectors.

#### **4.1 VISION AND MISSION**

The Ministry's vision is to ensure sustainable Water and Environmental Sanitation for all. To this end, the Ministry exists to formulate and implement policies, plans, and programmes for the sustainable management of the nation's water resources, the provision of safe, adequate and affordable water, provision of environmental sanitation facilities, effective and sustainable management of liquid and solid waste for the well-being of all the people living in the country.

## **4.2 GOAL AND CORE FUNCTIONS**

The key objective of the Ministry is to contribute to improving the living standards of Ghanaians through increased access to and use of safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices, and sustainable management of water resources.

The core functions of the Ministry are to:

- Support the private sector in the provision of safe water and adequate improved sanitation services and infrastructure;
- Provide, regulate and facilitate access to safe drinking water and sanitation;
- Initiate, formulate and implement policies and programmes to enhance service delivery in the area of water and sanitation;
- Support the private sector in the provision of safe water and adequate improved sanitation services and infrastructure;
- Prepare Sector Medium Term Plan in consultation with the National Development Planning Commission;
- Support the creative and innovative research in the production and use of improved technologies and approaches for effective provision of water and sanitation services within the country; and
- Coordinate, monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the performance of the sector.

### **4.2.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGIC MEDIUM TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2022-2025) FOR THE MINISTRY OF SANITATION AND WATER RESOURCES**

The Strategic Medium Term Development Plan for the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources are as follows:

- Scale-up investments and develop innovative financing

mechanisms for the sanitation and water sub sectors;

- Ensure the enactment of appropriate legislation to harmonise the laws regulating the sanitation and water sub sectors;
- Improve access and coverage of potable water in rural and urban communities;
- Increase the provision of household sanitation facilities;
- Enhance capacity of relevant institutions and community level structures for sanitation and hygiene services;
- Promote effective solid waste management at all levels;
- Promote sustainable water resource development and management;
- Ensure efficient management of water resources through Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM);
- Accelerate the provision of adequate, safe and affordable environmental sanitation facilities and delivery;
- Ensure the development and implementation of effective behaviour change communication approaches as components of all water and sanitation programmes;
- Accelerate the provision of improved liquid waste management facilities and services;
- Protect Wetlands; and
- Implement health and hygiene education as a component of all water and sanitation programmes.

#### **4.3 AGENCIES UNDER THE MINISTRY**

The Ministry works through the under-listed Departments and Agencies:

- Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL)
- Water Resources Commission (WRC)
- Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA)
- Environmental Health and Sanitation Directorate
- Schools of Hygiene

## **5.0 SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE FOR YEAR 2023**

### **5.1 NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

In the year under review, the Ministry utilised its resources to achieve the following:

#### **5.1.2 Water Resource Management**

- Issued out 189 water permits and drilling licenses within the period and also monitored 96 sites to ensure compliance with the permits.
- Undertook water quality assessment of all water bodies in the country including the fortnight hotspot monitoring assessment of areas within the southwestern river system which was initiated in 2021.
- Maintained the Ministry's Established Buffer Zones and developed new restoration schemes in selected communities within Offin, Black Volta, White Volta, Tano, and the Densu Basins. Other activities include formation of local water committees in support of sub-basin interventions, ecological/hotspot monitoring and sensitization in line with its mandate to address water quality, encroachment, and extreme events (flood & drought) amongst others.

#### **5.1.3 Urban Water Management Programme**

- Secured funding to complete the laying of water distribution lines in low-income communities within the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area (GAMA) and replicated same within the Greater Kumasi Metropolitan Area (GKMA) in a bid to increase the supply of potable water.
- Developed School Health Education Project (SHEP) guidance manual for the enhancement of water safety education within basic schools to achieve the water for all agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals. Works on the Keta, Yendi, Wenchi, Secondi-Takoradi, Tamale, Damongo, Sunyani and

Techiman Water Supply Projects were at various stages of completion.

- Secured Cabinet and Parliamentary Approvals for the construction of a new water treatment plant and rehabilitation of all existing service reservoirs, replaced Tamso booster with 1000m<sup>3</sup> tank and laid new 19.5km transmission mains from Bonsa to Tarkwa.
- Signed a credit facility agreement for the construction and rehabilitation of the water supply project to Sumpini, Busumu, Kebiesu, Tailorpe, Alhassan Kura, Jonokponto, Achubunyo, Soalpe, Frafra Settlement No 3, and Nabori.
- Initiated procurement of a contractor for the construction of a new water plant to be sourced from the Oti River. This would benefit communities in Yendi towns, Kuga Gundogu, Zang Zangbang No. 1 No 2. And No. 3. (all at Wasodo), Satumbo, Kpalgiginini, Yinjirido, Tamambido, Kalindo, Gnani, Tindang, Yarena, Bisindori, Tingbador, Nasa Yendi, Ghani (Ngani), Sambu Adobo, Sokoli, Nakpachie, Gbungbalaga and Kuga.
- Secured sites for construction of water treatment plants under the Wenchi Water Supply Project. The detailed design is 96 per cent complete and Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) studies has also been completed.
- Completed project conceptual design for ongoing detailed design for the construction of a new water supply system and rehabilitation of the existing water system.
- Completed the final technical feasibility studies for the Sogakope -Lome Transboundary Water Supply Project. The beneficiary communities are Agordome, Akatsi, Abor, Dzodze, Klikor-Agbozoume, Aflao, TogoAkepe, Neope, BAdja, Keve and Assahoun Communities.

#### **5.1.4 Rural Water Management Programme**

- Feasibility studies are ongoing for the construction of twelve (12) pipe water systems and the installation of seventy (70) nano filters to provide safe drinking water for the Ashanti, Eastern, Volta, Greater Accra and Oti Regions.

#### **5.1.5 Sanitation Sector Management Programme**

- Completed the rehabilitation and expansion of the Mim water supply system which is expected to be commissioned soon.
- Initiated the procurement of selected contractors to undertake the rehabilitation and expansion of water supply system for beneficiary communities in Ejura, Goaso, Wulensi, Bole, Asankragwa, Sefwi Wiaso and Tumi Communities.
- The Ministry is further spearheading a revision of the Environmental Sanitation Policy. The inception report is ready for stakeholder engagement.
- Commissioned five Integrated Recycling Composite Plants (IRECOPS) for the processing of plastic, metals, paper and organic compost as well as one Waste water treatment plants each in the following regions; Oti (Dambia), Ahafo (Goaso), Western North Sefwi Wiaso), Savannah (Dango), Greater Accra (James town) and Ashanti (Kumasi).

### **6.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR YEAR 2023**

The Ministry was allocated a budget of One Billion, Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 1,847,454,549.00). This amount was revised downwards to One Billion, Eight Hundred and Forty-Four Million, Four Hundred and Sixteen Thousand and Fifty-Three Cedis, Thirty Pesewas. Hundred and Forty-Nine Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 1,844,416,053.32). As at September 2023, GH¢13,777,854.36 had been expended on Compensation of employees, GH¢ 33,367,783.07 on Goods and Services and GH¢ 110,740,407.21 on Capital Expenditure.



Table 1 shows the breakdown of Financial Performance for 2023 Fiscal year

Table 1

EXPENDITURE ITEM	2023 APPROVED BUDGET	2023 REVISED BUDGET	AMOUNT RELEASED AS AT SEPT 2023	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AS AT SEPT 2023	VARIANCE (B-C)	% OF RELEASES (C/B)*100
	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>GOG</b>						
Compensation of employees	24,241,794.00	24,241,794.00	13,777,854.36	13,777,854.36	10,463,939.64	56.84%
Goods and Services	6,042,082.00	3,003,586.32	3,003,586.32	3,003,586.32	3,038,495.68	49.71%
CAPEX	2,953,632.00	2,953,632.00	954,500.00	954,500.00	1,999,132.00	32.32%
<b>IGF</b>						
Compensation of employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Goods and Services	30,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	28,363,819.70	28,363,819.70	1,636,180.30	94.55%
CAPEX	13,992,241.00	13,992,241.00	26,656,702.20	26,656,702.20	-12,664,461.20	190.51%
<b>Funds/others</b>						
ABFA	66,984,800.00	66,984,800.00	27,698,480.01	27,698,480.01	39,286,319.99	41.35%
<b>Donor</b>						
Compensation of employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Goods and Services	31,600,000.00	31,600,000.00	2,000,377.05	2,000,377.05	29,599,622.95	6.33%
CAPEX	1,671,640,000.00	1,671,640,000.00	55,430,725.00	55,430,725.00	1,616,209,275.00	3.32%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,847,454,549.00</b>	<b>1,844,416,053.32</b>	<b>157,886,044.64</b>	<b>157,886,044.64</b>	<b>1,689,568,504.36</b>	<b>8.55%</b>

Source: 2024 Budget Presentation of the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources

Table 1 indicates that as at September 2023, only GH¢157,886,044.64 had been released to the Ministry representing 8.55% of the revised budget.

## **7.0 OUTLOOK OF THE MINISTRY FOR YEAR 2024**

For the year 2024, the Ministry intends to achieve the following:

### **7.1 Water Resources Management Programme**

- Continue to maintain its fortnight water quality monitoring assessment programme;
- Increase the nationwide water coverage and water quality monitoring networks;
- Raise awareness and take remedial actions based on the results of the assessment;
- Perform groundwater monitoring to promote sustainable management and utilisation of ground water resources; and
- Facilitate the preparation of a cabinet information paper on the reviewed National Water Policy

### **7.2 Urban Water Management Programme**

- The construction of the Damongo, Keta, Sekondi-Takoradi, Sunyani, Tamale, Tarkwa, Wenchi, and Yendi Water Supply Projects, and the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area (GAMA) / Greater Kumasi Metropolitan Area (GKMA) Sanitation and Water Project are expected to continue in the ensuing year.
- Ensure every Ghanaian has access to potable drinking water under the “Water for All” programme;
- Access concessional funding to pursue and execute the Atebubu Water Project,
- Complete the Keta water project according to schedule.
- Begin the procurement of a contractor to commence the construction of the Yendi Water Supply Project, which is awaiting shortlisted companies from the Indian Exim Bank.

### **7.3 Rural Water Management Programme**

- Rehabilitate and expand the water supply systems at Ejura, Goaso, Wulensi, Asankraguaa, Bole, Sefwi Wiaso and Tumu water systems.
- Commence the construction of twelve (12) small town water systems and one hundred and fifty nano filtration plants.
- Ensure the sustainability of services provided through the CWSA's direct participation in the management of pipe water systems and establish support mechanisms for sustainable management of point water systems.
- Maximize health benefits by integrating hygiene promotion interventions with water and sanitation activities, including the establishment of hygiene promotion, and latrine construction capabilities at the community level.
- Ensure the sustainable financing of investments, operations and maintenance of water services

### **7.4 Sanitation Sector Management Programme**

- Continue the monitoring of the IRECOP's projects to ensure efficiency and value for money.
- Commence the construction of the Engineered Sanitary Landfill in the Ga West and Ga East Municipalities respectively
- Implement the Greater Accra and Greater Kumasi Metropolitan Area Sanitation and Water Projects with a funding of US\$125 million to increase access to improved sanitation and water supply in Greater Accra and Greater Kumasi Metropolitan Areas.
- Continue the construction of sewer lines under the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area Sanitation and Water project.
- Construct the Engineered Sanitary Landfill and the Materials Recovery Facility through the Greater Accra Resilient Integrated Development (GARID) project in the Ga West Municipality.
- Undertake the evacuation of illegal, unauthorized and age-old refuse dumps

- Increase access to improve sanitation and water supply in Greater Accra and Ashanti Regions and also provide onsite household toilets to low-income communities (24 Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies in the Greater Accra Region and 16 Metropolitan and District Assemblies in the Ashanti Region).

## 8.0 2024 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION

An initial amount of **Five Hundred and Ninety-One Million and Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty Ghana Cedis (GH¢591,052,380.00)** was allocated to the Ministry for the 2024 fiscal year. However, the amount was revised upwards to **Seven Hundred and Forty-One Million, and Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty Ghana Cedis (GH¢741,052,380.00)** to enable the Ministry implement its programmes and activities.

**Table 2: 2024 Budget allocation by Economic Classification and Sources of Funding**

Table 2

ITEMS	SOURCES OF FUNDS					
	GOG GHC	IGF GHC	ABFA	DP FUND GHC	TOTAL GHC	%
Compensation	29,059,375.00				29,059,375.00	3.92
Goods & Services	7,418,004.00	74,426,718.00		16,761,207.00	98,605,929.00	13.31
CAPEX	174,487,699.00	2,406,826.00	50,984,800.00	385,507,752.00	613,387,077.00	82.77
Total	210,965,078.00	76,833,544.00	50,984,800.00	402,268,956.00	741,052,381.00	100
%	28.47	10.37	6.88	54.28	100	

Source: Presentation by the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources on the 2024 Annual Budget Estimates.

An amount of GH¢29,059,375.00 out of the total allocation has been earmarked for compensation, GH¢98,605,929.00 for Goods and Services and GH¢613,387,077.00 for Capital Expenditure representing 3.92%, 13.31% and 82.77% respectively.

## **9.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **9.1 Variation in Figures for the Total Budgetary Allocation for 2024**

The Committee observed that the total budgetary allocation to the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources as provided in the Programme-Based Budget of the Ministry for the 2024 financial year is GH¢741,052,380.00. However, the total sum of allocation from GoG, IGF, ABFA and Donor component amounts to GH¢741,052,381.00. The difference of one (1) Ghana cedi is as a result of the GIFMIS Budget Module (hyperion) used in capturing the budget, which rounds decimals to the nearest whole numbers.

### **9.2 Reduction in the 2024 Budgetary Allocation**

In analysing the 2024 budgetary allocation, the Committee observed that funds allocated to the Ministry for the 2024 financial year has significantly reduced from One Billion, Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 1,847,454,549.00) in 2023 to Seven Hundred and Forty-One Million, and Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty Ghana Cedis (**GH¢741,052,380.00**) for the 2024 financial year representing a shortfall of **GH¢1,106,402,169.00** or 59.9% of the total allocation.

### **9.3 Revision of Licensing Fees charged by the Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA)**

The Committee noted that existing charges relating to the registration of drilling licenses by the CWSA were low and needed to be revised to enable the CWSA generate more revenue internally to supplement the inadequate allocation to the Agency. The Committee therefore propose a revision of existing fees charged by the CWSA.

#### **9.4 Dedicated Water Fund**

It came to the attention of the Committee that there was an urgent need for a dedicated fund for water related issues. The Committee noted that investment in the Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) sector was capital intensive and therefore required huge sums for delivery. In the view of the Committee, a dedicated fund for the implementation of WASH programmes would enable the Ministry deliver on its mandate effectively and efficiently.

#### **9.5 Use of Innovative ways towards Service Delivery**

The Committee was informed that the Agency is exploring innovative approaches to trace illegal connections in Communities. The CWSA is in the process of developing a programme with the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology to detect illegal connections within their water pipelines. The Committee commended the Community Water and Sanitation Agency for their efforts and urged them to be more proactive in instituting measures towards improving service delivery.

The Committee urges government agencies to collaborate more with local educational institutions to find solutions to challenges pertaining to service delivery.

#### **9.6 Provision of Disability-Friendly and Gender-Sensitive Institutional Sanitation Facilities**

The Committee commended the Ministry for the construction of 60 disability-friendly, gender sensitive resilient and institutional sanitation facilities with the provision of water for beneficiary schools in the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area and the construction of 5,000 household toilets in urban and peri-urban communities within the Greater Accra Region. The Committee noted that this would benefit about 25 Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies

within the Greater Accra Region and about 70,000 students and 50,000 individuals in the low income communities within the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area.

## 10.0 CONCLUSION

The Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources plays a key role in providing sanitation services, promoting the sustainable development and management of water resources in Ghana to ensure quality health and life of persons, and improve the quality of our environment. There is therefore the need for the Ministry of Sanitation and water resources to be adequately resourced to effectively deliver on its mandate.

The Committee hereby recommends that the House adopts its report and approve the sum of **Seven Hundred and Forty-One Million, and Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty Ghana Cedis (GH¢741,052,380.00)** for the programme and activities of the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted.

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