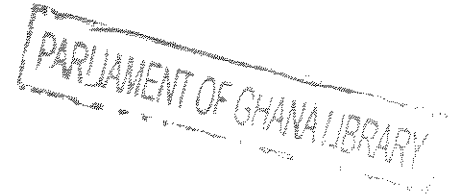
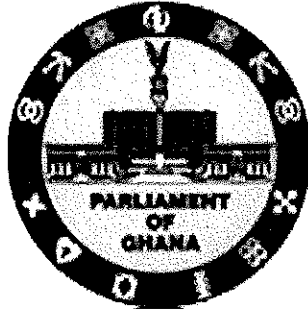


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FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA



**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE
2018 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMISSION (NDPC)**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 2018 Annual Estimates for the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) were *laid* in the House on Wednesday 15th November, 2017 and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Orders of the House. This referral followed the presentation of the 2018 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government to the House by the Hon. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta.

The Committee, in considering the Estimates, met with officials of the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) and the Ministry of Finance and hereby presents this report to the House.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) exists to advise the President on national development planning policy and strategy, to prepare and ensure the effective implementation of approved national development plans and to coordinate the decentralized planning system.

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3.0 OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

Pursuant to Act 479, the core functions of the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) are to advise the President on development planning policy and strategy and to do any of the following *suo motu* or at the request of the President or Parliament.

- Study and make strategic analysis of macro-economic and structural reform options.
- Make proposals for the development of multi-year rolling plans taking into consideration the resource potential and comparative advantage of the different districts of Ghana.
- Make proposals for the protection of the natural and physical environment with a view to ensuring that development strategies and programmes are in conformity with sound environmental principles.
- Make proposals for ensuring the even development of the districts of Ghana by the effective utilization of available resources.
- Monitor, evaluate and co-ordinate development policies, programmes and projects.
- Undertake studies and make recommendations on development and socio-economic issues.
- Formulate comprehensive national development planning strategies and ensure that the strategies and their consequential policies and programmes are effectively carried out.
- Prepare broad national development plans.
- Keep under constant review national development plans in the light of prevailing domestic and international economic, social and political conditions and make recommendations for the revision of existing policies and programmes where

necessary and perform such other functions relating to development planning as the President may direct.

- Coordinate the decentralized national development planning system by prescribing the format and content of development plans for the districts, ministries and sector agencies to reflect integration of economic, spatial and environmental principles and ensure their compatibility.

There are three (3) policy objectives that are relevant to the National Development Planning Commission. These are:

- Strengthen national policy formulation, development planning, and Monitoring and Evaluation processes at all levels.
- Strengthen economic planning and forecasting.
- Promote an effective enabling environment for good corporate governance.

4.0 2017 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

For the pursuance of its programmes and objectives, the sum of **GH¢10,330,099** was allocated to the Commission for the 2017 financial year.

Outturn for the year up to **30th November, 2017** was as follows:

Item	Approved Budget GH¢	Expenditure GH¢	Difference GH¢	Variance (%)
Compensation of Employees	3,659,281	2,335,527.64	1,323,753.36	36%
Goods and Services	5,927,870	2,519,776.00	3,408,094.00	57%
Capex	742,948	185,737.00	557,211.00	75%
Total	10,330,099	5,041,040.64	5,289,058.36	51%

Source: NDPC

Key among Achievements of the Commission for the year 2017 are:

- i. The Commission continued with the preparation of the Long-Term National Development Plan (2018-2057) and presented the draft plan to the President for review and onward submission to Parliament for adoption and approval.
- ii. The Commission prepared the Medium-Term National Development Policy Framework (2018-2021) based on the President's Coordinated Programme of Economic and Social Development Policies (CP) to guide Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) in the preparation of their Medium-Term Development Plans (MTDPs). The Commission issued guidelines and provided technical assistance for the preparation of the MTDPs.
- iii. The Commission further prepared a draft 30 year Ghana Infrastructure Plan (GIP) and presented same to H.E. the President along with a National Transport Infrastructure Framework which was derived from the GIP.
- iv. The Commission further continued to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda II (GSGDA, 2014-2017). The Commission has prepared a draft 2016 Annual Progress Report (APR) on the implementation of the GSGDA II.
- v. Again, the Commission has developed a Ghana Macroeconomic Model for forecasting, Sectoral Planning and Policy Analysis.

5.0 2018 BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMISSION

For the implementation of its programmes and the achievement of its objectives, a sum of **GH¢8,568,073** has been allocated to the Commission for the 2018 financial year. The breakdown is presented below:

Compensation of Employees - GH¢4,349,173

Goods and Services	-	GH¢2,218,900
Capex	-	GH¢200,000
TOTAL	-	<u>GH¢8,568,073</u>

6.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Key Activities for 2018

The National Development Planning Commission, in line with the National Development Planning (Systems) Act, 1994 (Act 480), will undertake the following key activities in 2018 inter alia:

- Finalisation of Policy Guidelines to streamline public policy formulation to avoid inconsistencies, gaps, overlaps, etc
- Update of Policy Almanac to facilitate access to and analysis of policy documents and legislations
- Coordination of social policies
- Coordination of SDGs and AU Agenda 2063 implementation
- Preparation of SDGs Report
- Finalisation of Ghana Macroeconomic Model
- Coordinate the implementation of 2018-2021 medium term development plan
- Review sector and district development plans
- Conduct research on development planning
- Preparation of the 2017 GSGDA II Annual Progress Report (APR)
- Review of Sector and District APRs
- Field monitoring of Sectors and Districts' performance

Tracking the implementation of Policies

The Committee noted that the Commission will in 2018 track the implementation of policies, programmes, projects and activities in relation to national development policy framework and plans and provide feedback on the attainment of targets to stakeholders.

Guidance to MDAs

The Commission will further in 2018 provide guidance to Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the formulation of policies with respect to spatial, social and economic,

environmental development as well as on issues relating to development communication.

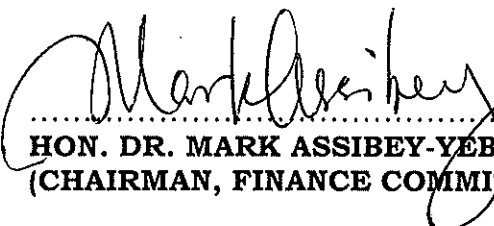
Key Challenges

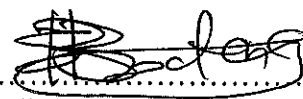
The Committee was informed that the Commission currently faces numerous challenges. Notable among them are inadequate technical staff (currently only 30 at post as against established post of 52), transport and logistical constraints and insufficient funds for the Commission's key programmes.

7.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee, after a thorough consideration of the Budget Estimates of the **National Development Planning Commission (NDPC)**, recommends that the House approves the sum of **Eight Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, and Seventy-Three Ghana Cedis (GH¢8,568,073)** for the implementation of the programmes and activities of the Commission for the 2018 financial year.

Respectfully submitted.


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EVELYN BREFO-BOATENG
(CLERK, FINANCE COMMITTEE)

14th December, 2017