

**IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTH  
PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC  
OF GHANA**

**REPORT OF THE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**ON THE**



**2018 PROGRAMME BASED BUDGET ESTIMATES  
FOR THE MINISTRY OF MONITORING  
AND EVALUATION**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Following the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 by the Minister for Finance, Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, the 2018 Programme Based Budget Estimates for the Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with article 179 of the 1992 Constitution and Order 140 (4) of the Standing Orders of Parliament.

The Committee met with the Hon. Minister for Monitoring and Evaluation, Hon. Dr. Anthony Akoto Osei, the Deputy Minister, Hon William Sabi and the technical team from the Ministries of Finance and Monitoring and Evaluation.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

As part of the Government agenda to ensure that development targets are met, the Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation was established to help institutionalize results based management and evaluative practice across the public sector leading to improved results delivery, evidence based policy decision making and transformational impact of government priority programs.

The Core functions of the Ministry are to, among others:

- Support the public sector to develop and institutionalize integrated results based management and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems
- Drive evidence based policy development, improvements and decision making
- Use M&E findings to promote collaboration, learning and adaption in implementation and decision
- Develop results based M&E capacity across the public sector
- Facilitate coordination and dialogue through innovative “lab” approaches between public sector organizations, private sector and relevant stakeholders to implement government programmes

- Promote real time monitoring, reporting and utilization of Government results and M&E findings.
- Coordinate with the National Development Planning Commission to develop national M&E policies and regulatory frameworks.
- Improve general public understanding about the role of M&E in strengthening governance, accountability and achieving development outcomes through field monitoring, citizen engagement and outreach.

### **3.0 PERFORMANCE FOR 2017**

For 2017, the Ministry worked with M&E focal persons from all the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to define and consolidate three high government priorities into government results framework.

The Ministry also collaborated with the M&E focal persons from the MDAs to prepare Government Results Framework for High Priorities from 2017 to 2020.

The Government Results Framework was submitted and approved by Cabinet.

The Ministry collaborated with the Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEAR), South Africa and GIMPA to organize a training workshop for seventy (70) M&E focal persons and their assistants. It also trained its staff in foundational M&E concepts with the aim of equipping the staff to be able to support the Ministry to conduct real time monitoring and reporting of government programmes.

The Ministry worked together with the Ministry of Finance and other Sector Ministries to monitor and update the President and Cabinet on the status of Donor Funded programmes across the MDAs. Their report indicated that there were close to three billion dollars (\$3billion) of donor funded programmes across the Ministries.

The Ministry worked together with the Office of the Senior Minister and the Public Sector Reform Secretariat to develop a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation matrix as part of the newly developed National Public Sector Reform

Strategy, which is one of the structural benchmarks of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Extended Credit Facility Programme for Ghana

### 3.1 Summary of Budget Allocation and performance for 2017

The Minister informed the Committee that for 2017, the Ministry was under the Office of Government Machinery (OGM) and as part of the OGM's Budget, it was allocated an amount of One Million Ghana Cedis (¢1,000,000). Table 1 below is the Expenditure Returns for the period ended November, 2017:

Table 1 – Expenditure returns for 2017

	<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Compensation	-	-	-
Goods and Services	1,000,000	192,000	808,000
CAPEX			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>808,000</b>

### 4.0 OUTLOOK FOR 2018

In line with the National Medium Term Development Policy Framework and the President's Coordinated Programme of Economic and Social Development Policies, the Ministry would pursue the following:

- Oversee and coordinate MDAs to conduct real time monitoring of Government priority programmes,
- Design and launch new and innovative M&E programmes;
- Develop national M&E policies and strategies to improve M&E regulatory environment;
- Conduct in-depth mixed methods of evaluations of key government programmes;
- Disseminate real time evaluation reports to unblock obstacles to implementation of programmes and improve effective results delivery;

- Disseminate M&E real time reports and publications;
- Coordinate key M&E actors, CSOs and donors in M&E evidence in action conferences to strengthen collaboration.
- Introduce citizens based and community engagement programmes to strengthen community based monitoring and evaluation and educate the public on the Government's M&E agenda.

#### **4.1 2018 Budget Allocation**

For the implementation of the above programmes, a total amount of Three Million, One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢3,180,000) has been allocated from GoG to the Ministry. The summary of the allocation for 2018 is shown in Table 1 as follows:

Table 1 – Allocation for 2018

<b>Item</b>	<b>Budget Allocation</b>
Compensation of Employees	350,000
Goods and Services	2,330,000
CAPEX	500,000
Total	3,180,000

## **5.0 OBSERVATIONS**

### **5.1 Staff of the Ministry**

The Minister stated that currently his Ministry has seven personnel with four seconded from other ministries. He said due to its technical nature, the Ministry is looking at attracting only specialized persons to hire and a few junior public servants to assist.

Responding to the budgeted staff ceiling for new ministries, he said the intention was not for the Ministry to be a fully-fledged Ministry but rather an agency under

the Presidency. However, the Executive Instrument establishing the new ministries included it and efforts are underway to clarify matters.

## **5.2 Additional Support**

The Minister informed the Committee that the Ministry is in discussions with some donor agencies for support. These support may translate into additional inflows to the Ministry.

He assured the Committee that when these discussions are concluded and they result in additional inflows to the Ministry, Parliamentary approval would be sought through a Supplementary Budget submitted to Parliament by the Finance Minister before such inflows are expanded.

## **5.3 Real Time Monitoring**

The Minister informed the Committee that one of the key functions of the Ministry, as distinct from similar Agencies, is to perform monitoring during the course of implementation whilst the others undertake performance audit at the end of the implementation of a given programme.

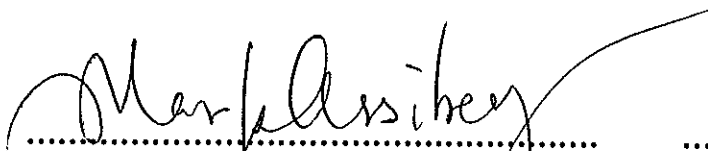
In order to perform this function, focal persons have been selected from the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to monitor and report on progress of all Government priority programmes. These performances are assessed to ensure that they are being implemented as agreed. Information is then submitted to the President to update him of the status of every programme at any point in time. The Ministry currently makes use of the colour coded performance rating scorecards, performance monitoring templates, and results delivery labs, among others to assist in assessing the performance of the MDAs.

He informed the Committee that the Ministry is planning to acquire a number of logistics including electronic dashboards. The electronic dashboard is to assist in real time monitoring. He said one dashboard would be placed at the Office of the President for the President to know the status of the various programmes at the click of a button.

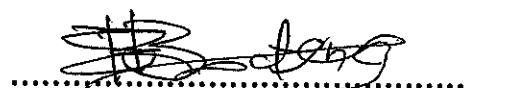
## 6.0 CONCLUSION

After a careful examination of the 2018 Programmed Based Budget Estimates for the Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation, and having regard to the important role of the Ministry, the Committee recommends to the House to approve the sum of **Three Million, One Hundred and Eighty thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢3,180,000)** to enable the Ministry implement its programme of activities for the 2018 financial year.

Respectfully submitted.



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