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

**ON THE 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE  
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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 On Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 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 2016 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, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 and considered the Annual Estimates of the Sector Ministry 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. Collins Dauda, the Deputy Minister, Hon. Nii Lantey Vanderpuye, the Chief Director, Heads of the various Departments, Agencies and Projects of the Ministry. 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 2016 financial year.
- d. The 2016 Draft Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, and
- e. Report of the Committee on the 2015 Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

### **4.0 VISION OF THE MINISTRY**

4.1 The Ministry's vision is to "achieve a sustainable, equitable economic growth and poverty reduction through citizen participation and accelerated service delivery at the local level within a decentralized environment"

### **4.0 MISSION OF THE MINISTRY**

4.1 The Ministry is mandated to ensure good governance and equitable development of Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) through the formulation of policies, monitoring and evaluation.

## **5.0 BROAD POLICY OBJECTIVES**

The following are the broad policy objectives of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development:

- i. Ensure effective implementation of decentralization policy and programmes.
- ii. Ensure effective and efficient resource mobilization, internal revenue generation and resource management
- iii. Strengthen policy formulation, development planning and Monitoring and Evaluation processes for equitable and balanced spatial and socioeconomic development.
- iv. Mainstream Local Economic Development (LED) for growth and local employment creation
- v. Promote resilient urban infrastructure development, maintenance and provision of basic services
- vi. Create an enabling environment to accelerate rural growth and development
- vii. Accelerate the provision of improved environmental sanitation facilities

## **6.0 PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF 2015 BUDGET**

- 6.1 In the year under review, Parliament approved an amount of **Two Hundred and Ninety Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two Ghana Cedis (GH¢290,983,972.00)** from a combination of Government of Ghana (GoG) and Donor Sources for the

operations of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development as well as its Departments and Agencies.

6.2 As at September 2015, the Ministry had expended **Two Hundred and Seventeen Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Four Ghana Cedis and Sixty-Seven pesewas (GH¢217,321,004.67) representing 74.68%** of the total amount approved by Parliament.

### 6.3 2015 ALLOCATIONS AS REVIEWED

The breakdown of the budgetary allocation and expenditure returns of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development for the year 2014 as at September were as follows:

**TABLE A**  
**2015 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>GoG (GH¢)</b>	<b>DONOR (GH¢)</b>	<b>TOTAL (GH¢)</b>
Wages and Salaries	21,256,178.00	0.00	21,256,178.00
Goods and Services	23,465,565.00	48,652,446.00	72,118,011.00
Assets	3,000,000.00	194,609,783.00	197,609,783.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,721,743.00</b>	<b>243,262,229.00</b>	<b>290,983,972.00</b>

TABLE B

## 2015 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS TO COST CENTRES

COST CENTRE	WAGES & SALARIES	GOODS & SERVICES	ASSETS	DONOR	TOTAL
General Administration	2,082,094.00	5,641,281.00	1,500,000.00	-	9,223,375.00
Inspectorate Division	110,127.00	300,000.00	-	-	410,127.00
LGPSU	-	2,000,000.00	-	243,262,229.00	245,262,229.00
Development Plg Unit	84,808.00	500,000.00	-	-	584,808.00
Internal Audit	174,951.00	300,000.00	-	-	474,951.00
Env. Health and San. Unit	2,074,901.00	1,000,000.00	100,000.00	-	3,174,901.00
Parks and Gardens	8,736,833.00	1,200,000.00	200,000.00	-	10,136,833.00
Births and Deaths Registry	2,980,713.00	1,200,000.00	200,000.00	-	4,380,713.00
Dept. of Community Dev.	3,673,550.00	1,200,000.00	500,000.00	-	5,373,550.00
LGSS	1,338,201.00	2,000,000.00	500,000.00	-	3,838,201.00
Sanitation/Waste Mgt	-	8,124,284.00	-	-	8,124,284.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,256,178.00</b>	<b>23,465,565.00</b>	<b>3,000,000.00</b>	<b>243,262,229.00</b>	<b>290,983,972.00</b>

TABLE C

## 2015 BUDGET INTO PROGRAMMES

PROGRAMME	COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEE (GH¢)	GOODS & SERVICES (GH¢)	ASSETS (GH¢)	TOTAL (GH)
Management and Administration	2,257,045.00	5,941,281.00	1,500,000.00	9,698,326.00
Decentralization	1,533,136.00	25,935,750.00	85,729,409.00	113,198,295.00
Local Level Dev. & Management	12,410,383.00	22,143,688.00	40,932,490.00	75,486,541.00
Environmental Sanitation	2,074,901.00	16,897,312.00	69,247,884.00	88,220,097.00
Births & Deaths Registry	2,980,713.00	1,200,000.00	200,000.00	4,380,713.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,256,178.00</b>	<b>72,118,011.00</b>	<b>197,609,783.00</b>	<b>290,983,972.00</b>

#### 6.4 REVIEW OF 2015 EXPENDITURE (JAN.-SEPT.)

The total expenditure for the Ministry as at September 2015 stood at **Two Hundred and Seventeen Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Four Ghana Cedis and Sixty-Seven pesewas (GH¢217,321,004.67)** representing **74.68%** of the total amount approved by Parliament. The breakdown of Expenditure as at September 2015 is as follows:

**TABLE D**

#### 2015 BUDGET EXPENDITURE

ITEM	GoG (GH¢)	DONOR (GH¢)	TOTAL (GH¢)
Compensation of Employees	13,997,873.06	-	13,997,873.06
Goods & Services	4,455,505.02	49,795,526.07	54,251,031.09
Asset	-	149,072,100.52	149,072,100.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,453,378.08</b>	<b>198,867,626.59</b>	<b>217,321,004.67</b>

**TABLE E**

#### 2015 EXPENDITURE BY COST CENTRE

COST CENTRE	WAGES & SALARIES (GH¢)		GOODS & SERVICES (GH¢)		ASSETS (GH¢)	
	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED
Gen. Admin/ Headquarters	2,277,029.00	1,402,493.02	8,741,281.00	1,594,600.00	1,500,000.00	-
Env. Health and Sanitation Unit	2,074,901.00	1,277,996.08	1,000,000.00	155,835.27	100,000.00	-
Parks and Gardens	8,736,833.00	4,031,285.38	1,200,000.00	196,533.66	200,000.00	-
Births and Deaths Registry	2,980,713.00	2,372,868.43	1,200,000.00	241,293.61	200,000.00	-
Dept. of Community Dev.	3,673,550.00	4,043,521.00	1,200,000.00	241,293.65	500,000.00	-
LGSS	1,338,201.00	869,709.15	2,000,000.00	319,107.70	500,000.00	-
Sanitation/Waste Mgt	-	-	8,124,284.00	1,630,900.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,256,178.00</b>	<b>13,997,873.06</b>	<b>23,465,565.00</b>	<b>4,455,505.02</b>	<b>3,000,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>18,453,378.08</b>	



**TABLE F**  
**2015 EXPENDITURE INTO PROGRAMMES**

Programme	COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (GH¢)		GOOD & SERVICES		ASSETS (GH¢)	
	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
Management and Administration	2,257,405.00	1,402,493.02	5,941,281.00	1,594,600.00	1,500,000.00	-
Decentralization	1,533,136.00	869,709.15	21,168,231.00	2,349,809.83	69,659,331.00	-
Local Level Dev. & Mgt	12,410,383.00	8,074,806.38	26,911,187.00	37,617,364.87	57,002,568.00	133,965,711.55
Environmental Sanitation	2,074,901.00	1,277,996.08	16,897,312.00	12,447,962.78	69,247,884.00	15,106,388.97
Births and Deaths Registration	2,980,713.00	2,372,868.43	1,200,000.00	241,447,962.78	200,000.00	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,256,178.00</b>	<b>13,997,873.06</b>	<b>72,118,011.00</b>	<b>54,251,031.09</b>	<b>197,609,783.00</b>	<b>149,072,100.52</b>

## 7.0 PERFORMANCE FOR 2015

### 7.1 Decentralization

7.1.1 The target for the Ministry under Decentralisation was to continue its nationwide performance assessment by conducting the FOAT VIII.

7.1.2 The Committee was informed that the Ministry has approved the Results and allocation of 2013 FOAT Assessment. Procurement of consultants to conduct the 2014 assessment of MMDAs is also on-going. It is projected that, this exercise would be completed by December, 2015.

7.1.3 The Ministry has also developed Guidelines for Assets Management and Internally Generated Funds (IGF) for MMDAs.

## **7.2 Local Development and Management**

7.2.1 The Department of Community Development aimed to train 3,000 youth in vocational and technical skills whilst 300 community educators were to be equipped to provide technical backstopping to Regional Coordinating Councils (RCCs) and MMDAs.

7.2.2 The Department again planned to secure accreditation from the National Accreditation Board (NAB) for the Rural Development College to deliver tertiary training in Community Development and Social Protection.

7.2.3 The Committee was informed that a total of 2,989 youth consisting of 848 males and 2,141 females were trained in technical and vocational skills country wide. A total of 69 Community Educators have also been trained.

7.2.4 Again, the first draft of curricula for award of Bachelor and Diploma qualifications by the College has been developed and validated.

## **7.3 Local Level Development and Management**

7.3.1 The Ghana Social Opportunities Project (GSOP) aimed to finalize a Report on the Rationalization of National Social Protection. The Project again planned to formulate a Policy on the Labour Intensive Public Works (LIPW) whilst a total of 244 sub-projects were to commence under the LIPW. The beneficiaries under LIPW were also to be increased.

7.3.2 .The Committee was informed that the Report on the Rationalization of National Social Protection has been finalized and published. The Ministry of Finance has adopted the Report and made a firm commitment to reflect aspects of it in the 2016 budget. The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) has initiated a process to develop a National Social Protection Policy that will draw from the recommendations of the study.

- 7.3.3 Also, the Policy on LIPW has been submitted to Cabinet. A total of 399 subprojects have been completed and 134 others are on-going. The completed subprojects are made up of 40 social infrastructure subprojects, 150 feeder roads of length 588.23km, 137 small earth dams and dug outs and 72 climate change interventions covering an area of 344.47 hectares.
- 7.3.4 Similarly, a total of 24,775 poor unskilled persons have benefitted under LIPW. The beneficiaries were made up of 68% females. They were employed as unskilled labour at GH¢7.00 wage rate per day. A total of GH¢8,612,828 has so far been paid to them with average earning of GH¢348.
- 7.3.5 The Food Security and Environment Facility had a target to introduce Drip Irrigation to selected farmers.
- 7.3.6 The Committee noted that Drip Irrigation farming has been introduced to 540 farmers in the Nadowli, Jirapa, Tolon and Kumbungu districts.
- 7.3.7 The Integrated Rural Development Project also had a target to commence the implementation of 238 sub-projects.
- 7.3.8 The Committee further noted that sensitization on the project's processes and procedures of the 21-beneficiary Districts Assemblies have been completed. 238 subprojects have also been identified for construction. Drawings have been completed and procurement for contractors has commenced. 27 PFLs have been accredited for loan disbursement and the criteria for selection of beneficiaries have been developed.
- 7.3.9 The Department of Parks and Gardens had an objective to continue with the promotion of landscape beautification in the built and natural environment, develop programmes for floral beautification of our cities and towns, collaborate with MMDAs in the establishment of public parks and promote ecotourism.

7.3.10 The Committee noted that landscaping of ceremonial gardens, roundabouts, road medians and road shoulders has been carried out. A total land area of 1,580,524m<sup>2</sup> has been landscaped, beautified and maintained in 2015.

7.3.11 Again, 352,556 seedlings have been raised and supplied in 2015 to various Communities and district and other organized groups in the Country for urban afforestation.

7.3.12 The Committee noted that the Street Naming and Property Addressing (SNPA) System had an objective to continue to facilitate the implementation of the street naming exercise by MMDAs in line with street naming policy and guidelines with emphasis on spatial data capture and installation of signage.

7.3.13. The Committee was informed that a total of 41% of SNPA exercise has been completed by MMDAs. This is based on all MMDAs weighted average of 74 % acquiring high resolution orthomaps, 92% collecting and processing their data, 61% completing the labelling of signage maps with street names and registers and 19% digitizing their properties.

7.3.14 Furthermore, the Ministry with support from Lands Administration Project (LAP II) has supported 11 MMDAs in the Greater Accra Region to acquire satellite maps to facilitate the implementation process.

7.3.15 The Committee was informed that the Ghana Urban Management Pilot Project had an objective to improve urban management and development in 2015.

7.3.16 The Committee noted that the following projects are being constructed and at various stages of completion:

- Construction of Gumani Storm Drain, upgrading of Aboabo heavy goods and lorry-park and construction of an abattoir in Tamale.
- Construction of Integrated Social Centre and upgrading of Kokompe enclave (garages, skills development centres and roads) in Sekondi-Tarkoradi;
- Reconstruction of Ho market complex, construction of Abattoir and engineered landfill site at Ho and
- Construction of 3No. Market complex in Kumasi at Asawase, Old Tafo and Atonsu.

7.3.17 The Committee noted that the Markets Development Project had a target to improve economic and commercial activities in our cities.

7.3.18 The Committee realized the His Excellency the President has cut sod for the redevelopment of the Kumasi Central Market and Kajetia Infrastructure. The project when completed will provide about 10,000 stores and shops for businesses in Kumasi. Also the Construction of Kotokuraba market at Cape Coast is progressing steadily.

7.3.19 The Committee noted that the Greater Accra Passenger Transport Executive (GAPTE) project had a target to improve transportation and mobility within the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area.

7.3.20 The Committee was informed that a total number of 10 Buses have been received and 20 master drivers have been trained. Additionally, 31 'trotro' drivers have been screened for training. Additional 28 Buses are expected in January 2016.

7.3.21 Additionally, the construction of 42 Bus Shelters, 4 depots and a dedicated lane at Kwame Nkrumah Avenue on the Amasaman-Tudu corridor has been completed. Processes are ongoing for branding.

#### **7.4 Environmental Sanitation and Management**

7.4.1 The Committee was informed that the Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit had a target to roll out a Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) programme to all Regions. It also had objectives to roll out bio-fill toilet technology as public toilets and the National Sanitation Programme.

7.4.2 The Committee noted that over 3,000 communities in 7 Regions have attained Open defecation free status and a total of 12,503 improved latrines have been provided.

7.4.3 The Committee again noted that the Ministry has successfully organized 12- National Sanitation Day exercises throughout the country. The turnout of each of the campaign has been encouraging. Also 100,000 waste bins have been distributed nationwide.

7.4.4 The Committee was informed that the Accra Sewage Improvement Project had an objective to improve sewerage management in Accra in 2015.

7.4.5 To this, the Committee noted that the construction, rehabilitation and extension of the existing sewerage networks at the University of Professional Studies, Achimota School and its environs, University of Ghana main campus and Staff Village and Presbyterian Boys SHS have been completed and in use. In all 7.4km of new sewers have been constructed to connect Achimota School and its environs and the Staff Village of the University of Ghana to the sewerage system and about 50km of old sewers and 3,000 manholes of the sewerage system have been rehabilitated.

7.4.6 Also, the construction of a 15km of new sewers are ongoing to connect Dansoman (Shiabu and Mampong Okine areas) to the Central Accra Sewerage system. About 80km of old sewers and 15,000 manholes of the sewerage system are being rehabilitated. It is estimated that 350,517 persons are to benefit from the project in the southern part of Accra.

7.4.7 The Committee was further informed that a total number of 11 Heavy duty Maintenance Service trucks have been procured. These include: 7 Cesspool Emptying Vehicles, 3 Sewer Flushing Trucks and 1 Service Maintenance Truck.

## **7.5 Births and Deaths Registration**

7.5.1 The Committee was informed that the Births and Deaths Registry had a target to expand its community population registration.

7.5.2 To this the Committee was informed that a total of 226,744 out of the expected target of 429,648 births were registered during the first half of the year representing 53%. Also, 27,538 out of the expected target of 139,496 deaths to be registered during the first half of the year representing 20% of target coverage with deaths certificates issued.

7.5.3 Additionally, the Registration Centres were established in 40 rural communities. Mobile Registration was undertaken in Eastern, Ashanti and Brong Ahafo Region with 6,715 infant Births registered in 96 communities.

## **8.0 OUTLOOK FOR 2016**

### **8.1 Management and Administration**

8.1.1. For the 2016 fiscal year, the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development will continue the collaboration with Ministry of Finance to

finalize the Municipal Finance Bill aimed at enabling MMDAs to access funds for major infrastructural projects.

8.1.2. The Ministry will also pursue strategies aimed at resolving District Boundary disputes in the country to ensure co-existence and improve revenue generation capacity of MMDAs. The Ministry will also pursue implementation of the Benin's Committee Report on District Boundary Disputes.

8.1.3. The Ministry will again continue with the Development of the Rural Development Policy and Action Plan.

## **8.2 Decentralization**

8.2.1. The District Development Facility in 2016 will conduct the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> FOAT assessment of the performance of the 216 MMDAS for 2014 and 2015.

8.2.2. A total of GHC138m being outstanding amount based on the FOAT VI (2012) would also be transferred to qualified MMDAs. In addition, a total of GHC 150m based on the FOAT VII (2013) would be transferred to MMDAs.

8.2.3 The Ministry in collaboration with the IMCC will continue with the review of relevant legislations.

## **8.3 Local Level Development and Management**

8.3.1 The Department of Community Development will provide formal training for 1,240 youth in technical and vocational education.

8.3.2 The Department will also train 400 Technical Instructors on Technical and Vocational Education Training Reforms.



- 8.3.3 The Department will in 2016 upgrade the Rural Development College (RDC) at Kwaso in Ashanti Region to run programmes leading to the award of BSc. Community Development and Social Protection and revise the curricula of Community Development Vocational and Technical Institutes (CDVTIs) to include Child and Family Welfare for Child Protection at all levels.
- 8.3.4 The Ghana Social Opportunities Project will in 2016 continue the implementation of a total of 252 on-going sub-projects. Additionally, 242 sub-projects will be initiated under the labour intensive public works.
- 8.3.5 The Tour of Hope will construct and rehabilitate farm roads to enhance socio-economic development in rural areas.
- 8.3.6 The Integrated Rural Development Project will commence the construction of 238 socio-economic sub-projects that is schools, CHIPS compounds and Teacher quarters.
- 8.3.7 A total of GH¢3.7 million would be disbursed under the revolving loan facility of the Integrated Rural Development Project to the PFIs.
- 8.3.8 Under the Food Security and Environmental Facility, farmers in 10 communities in selected districts in Northern and Upper East Regions will be introduced to dry season farming.
- 8.3.9 The Greater Accra Passenger Transport Executives (GAPTE) will roll out the Bus Rapid Transit system on pilot on the Accra Amasaman corridor in the Greater Accra Region. This will be preceded with the acquisition of additional 74 high-occupancy buses.

8.3.10 Under the Market Development programme, the Ministry will continue the supervision and monitoring of the construction of the Kotokuraba Market in Cape Coast and the Kumasi Central Market and Kejetia infrastructure.

8.3.11 The Ghana Urban Management Pilot Project will continue the construction of additional cells at Oti landfill site in Kumasi and the construction of town roads, drains, streetlight, toilet and other community upgrading projects for Tshiegu and Moshie Zongo in Tamale will be completed.

8.3.12 The Department of Parks and Gardens will continue with the promotion of landscape beautification in the built and natural environment and develop programmes for floral beautification of our cities and towns.

8.3.13 The Department will from 2016 also diversify its operations by introducing event management activities, pest and disease control (fumigation) services, urban afforestation, landscaping of open spaces and recreational centres in each of the ten regional head offices.

8.3.14 The Department will also launch the National Beautification Week.

#### **8.4 Environmental Sanitation and Management**

8.4.1 The Ministry will under the Environmental Health and Sanitation, continue to roll out the CLTS Programme to increase the number of Open Defecation Free Communities.

8.4.2 The Ministry will also collaborate with the Fidelity Bank to provide micro-credit for the construction of household and public latrines.

8.4.3 Again, the Ministry will continue to pursue the National Sanitation Campaign/ National Sanitation Day for improved sanitation awareness, attitudinal and behavioural change to ensure cleaner Communities.

8.4.4 The Ministry will provide 500 boreholes and 133 institutional and community latrines in 2016.

8.4.5 The Ministry will further provide resilient WASH facilities and services for 265 Communities in the 3 Northern Regions.

8.4.6 The Ministry under the on-going 5-year Greater Accra Metropolitan Area (GAMA) Sanitation and Water Project, seeks to improve sanitation and water supply in low income communities for a target population of 250,000. A total of 40,000 household and 220 institutional toilets are expected to be constructed for the 5-year period.

8.4.7 In 2016, 10,000 households and 110 school toilets will be constructed in all the Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies in Greater Accra Region.

## **8.5 Births and Deaths Registration**

8.5.1 The Births and Deaths Registry will expand Community Population Register Programme and establish registration centres in 100 communities.

8.5.2 The Computerization programme aimed at linking each of the Regional Offices to the Head Office by electronic means would be completed.

8.5.3 Also a total of 300 staffs will be trained in Registration Duties.

## **9.0 2016 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION**

In order to realise the above programmes and projects under the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, a total sum of **GH¢228,655,075.00** was allocated to the Ministry for the 2016 fiscal year.

The breakdown of the allocation in terms of programmes and Sources of Funding are as provided below **G**.

**TABLE G**  
**2016 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION**

ITEM	GoG (GH¢)	DONOR (GH¢)	TOTAL (GH¢)
Compensation of Employees	14,331,681.00	-	14,331,681.00
Goods and Service	9,376,194.00	40,989,440.00	50,365,634.00
Assets	-	163,957,760.00	163,957,760.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,707,875.00</b>	<b>204,947,200.00</b>	<b>228,655,075.00</b>

Allocations to the Ministry are further provided in terms of Cost Centres and Programmes in **Table H** and **I** respectfully as follows:

**TABLE H**  
**2016 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS TO COST CENTRES**

COST CENTRE	WAGES & SALARIES (GH¢)	GOODS AND SERVICES (GH¢)	ASSETS (GH¢)	DONOR (GH¢)	TOTAL (GH¢)
General Administration	2,159,853.00	5,256,194.00	-	-	7,416,047.00
Inspectorate Division	-	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
LGPSU	-	800,000.00	-	204,947,200.00	205,747,200.00
Development Plg Unit	-	-	-	-	0.00
Internal Audit	-	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00
Env. Health and Sanitation Unit	2,003,799.00	600,000.00	-	-	2,603,799.00
Parks and Gardens	4,088,803.00	600,000.00	-	-	4,688,803.00
Births and Deaths Registry	2,980,713.00	600,000.00	-	-	3,580,713.00
Dept. of Community Dev	3,098,513.00	600,000.00	-	-	3,698,513.00
Sanitation/Waste Mgt	-	600,000.00	-	-	800,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,331,681.00</b>	<b>9,376,194.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>204,947,200.00</b>	<b>228,655,075.00</b>

**TABLE I****2016 BUDGET DISAGGREGATE INTO PROGRAMMES**

<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>COMPENSATION (GH¢)</b>	<b>GOODS &amp; SERVICE (GH¢)</b>	<b>ASSETS (GH¢)</b>	<b>TOTAL (GH¢)</b>
Management and Administration	2,159,853.00	5,276,194.00	-	7,436,047.00
Decentralization	-	4,077,641.00	15,910,563.00	19,988,204.00
Local Level Development & Management	7,187,316.00	34,665,633.00	120,761,680.00	162,614,629.00
Env'tal Sanitation & Mgt	2,003,799.00	5,746,166.00	27,285,517.00	35,035,482.00
Births and Deaths Registry	2,980,713.00	600,000.00	-	3,580,713.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,331,681.00</b>	<b>50,365,634.00</b>	<b>163,957,760.00</b>	<b>228,655,075.00</b>

**10.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 The Committee observed that out of the **GH¢290,983,972.00** allocated to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development for the 2015 fiscal year, about **GH¢217,231,000.00** was released to the Ministry as at September 2015. This figure constituted about **74.68%** of the total allocation.

10.2 It is the hope of the Committee that the Ministry of Finance will endeavour to release the remaining allocation in the last quarter of the year to enable the Ministry realise its set objectives in 2015.

10.3 The Committee further observed that there was a reduction in the total allocation to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development from

**GH¢290,983,972.00** in 2015 to **GH¢228,655,075.00** in 2016 with a difference of **GH¢62,328,897.00** constituting about 21.4%.

10.4 The Ministry explained that although there was a reduction in the allocations to Goods and Services in some of its departments such as Parks and Gardens and Births and Deaths Registry, the ultimate reduction to its allocation in the 2016 budget is occasioned by the separation of Local Government Service budget from that of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

10.5 The Committee observed with worry, the failure on the part of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to prioritise the needs of the Births and Deaths Registry to enable it play its rightful role in our growing population and properly accounting for the citizens of Ghana.

10.6 The Committee is of the view that numbers on Birth Certificates being issued at birth to Ghanaian Citizens could play a major role in finding a lasting solution to challenges of citizenship as well as National Identification as it is the practice in most advanced nations. Numbers given to Citizens at Birth could remain their numbers for the computation of National ID, Social Security, Voter ID, Driver's License etc. indeed it would be the surest way of eliminating ghost names and preventing minors from registering during elections. Even if the nation cannot re-issue new birth certificates to existing citizens, it could start with a particular year group for future benefit.

10.7 The Committee wishes to further re-echo its numerous call to the Ministry Finance to consider allowing the Birth and Death Registry to retain some of its Internally Generated Funds (IGF) to improve its equipment needs and for the modernisation of the Registry to meet modern standards.

- 10.8 The Committee therefore wishes to reiterate its earlier call for a monumental office edifice depicting the true value and heritage of Ghanaian citizens to be constructed for the Births and Deaths Registry in Accra and in all the ten (10) regional capitals of Ghana.
- 10.9 Furthermore, the Committee observed that the Department of Parks and Gardens which is expected to maintain and beautify existing gardens and ceremonial streets in the country is allocated a paltry sum of **GH¢600,000.00** for Goods and Services in 2016, exactly half of the **GH¢1,200,000.00** that was allocated to the Department in 2015.
- 10.10 The Committee is of considered view that this amount is woefully inadequate and effort must be made by the Ministry of Finance to increase the allocation made to Parks and Gardens if we are to maintain and improve upon the successes and gains made in the area of beautification of the country in 2015.
- 10.11 The Committee again observed with worry the continuous spending of scarce resources to carry out FOAT without the needed resources to pay qualify Districts to enhance their development as anticipated.
- 10.12 The Committee therefore wishes to recommend to the Ministry of Finance to endeavour to keep the spirit of this laudable initiative by paying all the arrears due to the programme so as to keep the competition it engenders among district assemblies for the ultimate benefit of the people.
- 10.13 The Committee further observed that government Street Naming and Property address initiative has suffered several setbacks in its implementation as most Districts do not have the requisite resources to undertake the project. Consequently the President's deadline of September 2014 for the completion of the project could not materialise.

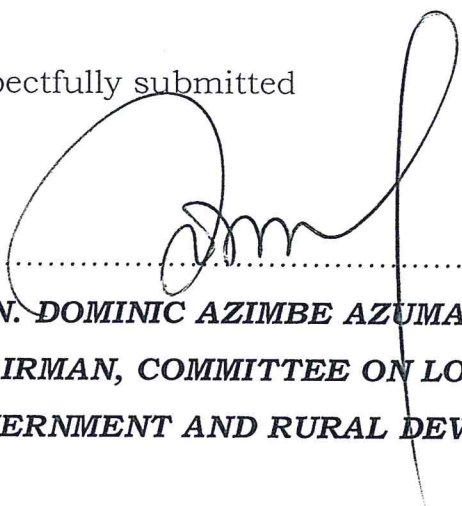
- 10.14 The completion of the project is important and necessary, if Ghana is to attain its objective of becoming a full middle income nation as the exercise will go a long way to improve upon revenue mobilisation for the needed growth and development of our country.
- 10.15 The Committee therefore wishes to urge Government to make conscious effort by making resources available to District Assemblies, especially the less endowed ones to enable the nation derive the maximum benefit from the street naming and house numbering exercise.
- 10.16 The Committee finally observed that the National Sanitation Day exercise initiated by the Ministry to help create awareness and to sensitise the general populace on sanitation has virtually come to an end without a system being put in place for the institutionalisation of the exercise.
- 10.17 The Committee therefore wishes to urge the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to devise a means to ensure that the exercise is institutionalised and charge MMDAs to take full responsibility for its implementation in the various Districts of the Country



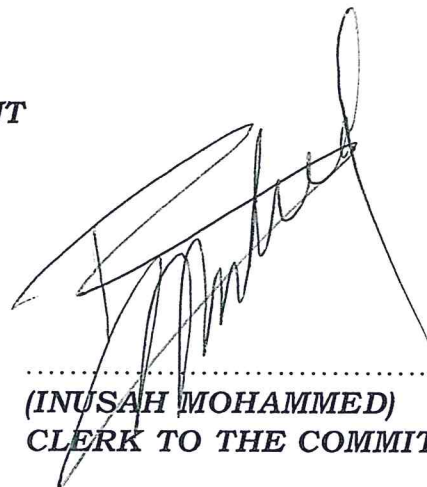
## 11.0 CONCLUSION

11.1 In conclusion, the Committee wishes to recommend to the House to adopt its report and approve the total sum of **Two Hundred and Twenty Eight Million, Six Hundred and Fift-five Thousand, Nine and Seventy-Five Ghana Cedis (GH¢228, 655,075.00)** allocated to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and its Departments as well as its Agencies to enable them undertake their planned activities for the 2016 fiscal year.

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