

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

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE ON THE 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Draft Budget Estimates for the Ministry of Youth and Sports for 2017 were referred to the Select Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture for consideration and report pursuant to Orders 140 (4) and 187 of the Standing Orders of the House. This followed the presentation to Parliament of the 2017 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government by the Minister of Finance (MoF), Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta in accordance with Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution and Order 140 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House.

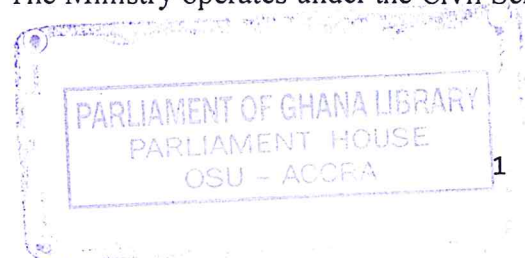
The Committee met with Hon. Isaac Asiamah, the Minister for Youth and Sports, and his technical team as well as officers from the Ministry of Finance, to consider the estimates, and reports as follows:

2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- i. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana;
- ii. The Standing Orders of the House;
- iii. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2017 Financial Year;
- iv. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2016 Financial Year;
- v. Report of the Ministry of Youth and Sports on the actual releases and expenditure of the Ministry for the 2016 financial year

3.0 VISION AND MISSION OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry of Youth and Sports is mandated to develop the capacity of the youth and integrate them in national development, whilst ensuring that the nation's values and aspirations are inculcated in them. Additionally, the Ministry is to ensure that Sports is used as a tool for national cohesion, the expression of national pride, and also serves as a platform for healthy living. The Ministry operates under the Civil Service Law, PNDCL 327 of 1993.



The vision of the Ministry is to be a first-class Ministry imbued with innovative policies and programs along with an empowered youth and sports development.

Its mission is to create an enabling environment for effective youth and sports development and promotion through policy formulation and implementation, co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation for national and international integration.

4.0 CORE VALUES

The core values of the Ministry are:

- i. Equal opportunity
- ii. Integrity
- iii. Accountability
- iv. Participation
- v. Professionalism
- vi. Diligence
- vii. Innovation
- viii. Resourcefulness
- ix. Nationalism
- x. Unity
- xi. Effective communication

5.0 FUNCTIONS

The sector derives its broad functions from Section 13 of the Civil Service Law, PNDCL 327 of 1993. These functions are:

- i. Initiate and formulate policies, taking into account the needs and aspirations of the people;
- ii. Undertake development planning in consultation with the National Development Planning Commission;
- iii. Co-ordinate, monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the performance of the Sector and specifically the implementation of programmes;
- iv. To develop a comprehensive policy framework to guide international collaboration and cooperation in the youth and sports sector;
- v. To review and rationalize all legal and policy instruments in the youth and sports sector;
- vi. To pursue and promote inter-ministerial collaboration to enhance achievement of national development agenda and SDGs;
- vii. To pursue, promote and facilitate public-private partnership approach to youth and sports;
- viii. To create an enabling environment for inclusion of disadvantaged groups in youth and sports development;

- ix. To facilitate the construction of state of the art infrastructural facilities for youth and sports development;
- x. To facilitate financial resource mobilization for youth and sports development; and
- xi. To forge a close working relationship with the media for effective communication with stakeholders

6.0 POLICY OBJECTIVES

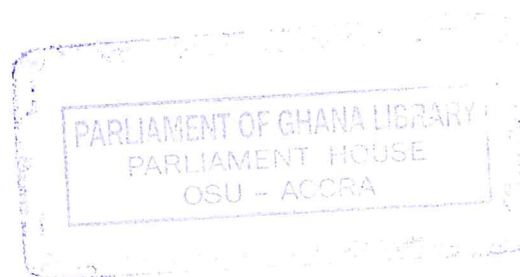
The broad policy objectives of the sector as found in the GSGDAII and the Medium Term Development Plan (2014-2017) of the Ministry are as follows:

- i. Provide adequate and disability friendly infrastructure for sports in communities and schools;
- ii. Strengthen national capacity for sports management;
- iii. Support the development of lesser funded sports;
- iv. Ensure integration of youth concerns into national development planning processes and programmes;
- v. Ensure provision of adequate training and skills development for the youth in line with global trends; and
- vi. Ensure adequate capacity and skills development of the youth with disability.

7.0 IMPLEMENTING DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

The Ministry implements its policies, programmes and projects through:

- i. The National Youth Authority (NYA)
- ii. The National Sports Authority (NSA), and
- iii. The National Sports College – Winneba (NSC – W)



8.0 THE YEAR 2016 IN RETROSPECT

i. ALLOCATIONS

In 2016, the Ministry was allocated a total budget amount of twenty -two million, five hundred and sixty thousand and fifty-eight Cedis (GhC22,560,058.00) for its operations with expected Internally Generated Funds (IGF) of two hundred and forty-one thousand, nine hundred and seventy Cedis (GhC241,970.00) from the National Sports Authority. The funds were allocated according to the details in Tables 1 and 2 below.

TABLE 1: 2016 MOYS BUDGET ALLOCATION

2016 Budget By Cost Centres					
	Compensation	Goods & Services	Assets	IGF	Total
General Administration	1,093,011.00	4,481,027.00	Nil		5,574,038.00
National Sports Authority	4,950,000.00	2,238,973.00	Nil	241,970.00	7,430,943.00
National Sports College	545,097.00	1,537,850.00	Nil		2,082,947.00
National Youth Authority	5,372,130.00	2,100,000.00	Nil		7,472,130.00
Totals	11,960,238.00	10,357,850.00	Nil	241,970.00	22,560,058.00

TABLE 2: 2016 ALLOCATION BY PROGRAMMES

Programmes	Compensation of Employees (GH¢)	Goods and Services (GH¢)	Assets(GH¢)	Total(GH¢)
Management and Administration	1,093,011.00	4,481,027.00	Nil	5,574,038.00
Youth Services	5,372,130.00	2,100,000.00	Nil	7,472,130.00
Sports Development	5,495,097.00	4,018,793.00	Nil	9,513,890.00
Total	11,960,238.00	10,599,820.00	Nil	22,560,058.00

ii. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

As at December 2016, the amount of eleven million, five hundred and sixty thousand, six hundred and seventy-nine Cedis and forty-five pesewas (GhC11,560,679.45) was released and spent on compensation. This leaves a variance of three hundred and ninety-nine thousand, five hundred and fifty-eight Cedis and fifty-five pesewas (GhC399,558.55).

For goods and services a total amount of twenty-six million, five hundred and seventy-four thousand, three hundred and ninety-one Ghana Cedis and one Pesewa (GhC26,574,391.01) was released and spent. This means that the expenditure was sixteen million, two hundred and sixteen thousand, five hundred and forty-one thousand Cedis and one Pesewa (GhC16,216,541.01) above the approved budget ceiling. No amount was appropriated or released for capex.

Though an amount of two hundred and forty-one thousand, nine hundred and seventy (GhC241,970.00) was earmarked as IGF from the National Sports Authority, an amount of one million, twenty thousand, eight hundred and ninety-three Cedis and seventy Pesewas (GhC1,020,893.70) was generated.

TABLE 3: 2016 MOYS RELEASES AND EXPENDITURE

Items	Budget	Actual Release	Actual Spent	Variance
Compensation of Employees	11,960,238.00	11,560,679.45	11,560,679.45	399,558.55
Goods and Services	10,357,850.00	26,574,391.01	26,574,391.01	-16,216,541.01
Assets	-	-	-	
IGF	241,970.00	1,020,893.70		+778,923.70
TOTALS	22,560,058.00	39,155,964.16	38,135,070.46	

iii. NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

A. Management and Administration

As part of efforts to provide the necessary legal regimes and policy guidelines to enhance the performance in the sector, the Ministry worked on the following laws:

- ❖ The National Youth Scheme Bill, which gives the necessary legal backing to the youth development efforts was laid before this august House and subsequently passed into Law;
- ❖ The National Sports Bill, expected to promote and efficiently enhance sports development in the country was also passed into Law.

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- ❖ The first draft of the National Sports College Bill was completed and is currently at the Attorney-General's Department for corrections. The bill is intended to re-position the College to promote effective and efficient service delivery.

Other programmes that the Ministry Headquarters undertook during the year included:

- ❖ Facilitating the qualification of the Senior National Football Team, the Black Stars to the 31st edition of the African Cup of Nations Tournament that was held in Gabon from 14th January – 5th February, 2017. The Black Stars placed fourth at the tournament and is currently at the group stage for qualification to the 2018 FIFA World Cup Tournament in Russia.
- ❖ The Senior National Women's Football Team, the Black Queens competed in the African Women's Championship that was held in Cameroun last year and placed third.
- ❖ The Women U-20 National Football Team, the Black Princesses participated in the U-20 Women World Cup in Papua New Guinea in December, 2016 even though the team exited after the group stage.
- ❖ The Women U-17 National Football Team, the Black Maidens also played in the FIFA U17 Women World Cup Tournament in Jordan last year but exited the tournament at the quarter final stage.

These football tournaments are intended to promote regional and social integration and are part of the commitment of Ghana to FIFA and the Confederation of African Football (CAF).

- ❖ The Cape Coast Sports Stadium was constructed with a grant of Thirty Million United States Dollars (US\$30m) offered by the Chinese Government under a Ghana-China agreement. Construction work on the stadium commenced in 2012 and was commissioned by His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama on 3rd May, 2016.

B. Youth Development

- ❖ In 2016, the National Youth Authority mobilized more than sixty-five youth-led organizations to provide community sanitation and waste management activities nationwide. The objective of the programme was to ensure youth participation in the roll out of the national youth investment policies at the regional, districts and grassroots levels. It was also to strengthen nationalism and contribution of youth to national development.
- ❖ In a bid to facilitate nationwide involvement of the citizenry in the implementation of the National Youth Policy and also consolidate youth developmental initiatives by Government, the Authority with support from the Palladium Group was able to convene a National Youth Policy Oversight Committee Meeting to discuss overall developments and challenges in the youth sector.
- ❖ The National Youth Authority implemented the out-of-school component of the Ghana Adolescent Reproductive Health (GHARH) project which was funded by the DFID under the coordination of the National Population Council. The project is intended to provide counselling services in reproductive health to the youth.
- ❖ The National Youth Authority also provided Peer and Reproductive Health Education dubbed Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Infections including HIV and AIDS in collaboration with the UNFPA. This was done in the Central, Volta, Brong-Ahafo, Upper East, Upper West and Northern Regions.

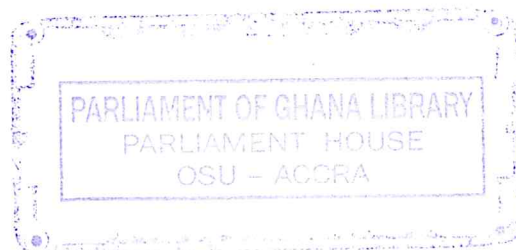
- ❖ The National Youth Authority marked the International Youth Day with a rally on August 12, 2016 at the Jackson Park, Koforidua in the Eastern Region with funding from UNFPA and Marie Stoppes International. The day is marked to create awareness on youth development initiatives.
- ❖ In the area of Vocational /Skills Training, the National Youth Authority provided training for 1,430 youth in the 11 Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes out of which 200 youth wrote the TVET Certificate 1(NVTI).

C. Sports Development

In the area of Sports Development, the following were achieved in 2016:

- ❖ The Ministry, through the Public Investments Division of the Ministry of Finance, started pursuing a Public Private Partnership (PPP) investment arrangement to expand and transform the National Sports College into a Centre of Excellence. A transaction advisor had been engaged and both the pre-feasibility and feasibility studies have been submitted for consideration. Stakeholder consultations on the feasibility studies report have been held with the ministry, World Bank, Sports Associations, Media and the local stakeholders at Winneba. Under the arrangement, the following infrastructure will be provided at the College:

- Hostel and other hospitality facilities;
- New classroom blocks;
- Gym and Sports Hall;
- Playing fields and Tennis Courts;
- Accommodation facilities for staff; and
- An Olympic-size swimming pool.



- ❖ The National Sports Authority, under a Public Private Partnership arrangement is also in the process of engaging a transaction advisor to rehabilitate four of our National Sports Stadia located in Accra, Kumasi, Tamale, Essipong, Ho, Kpando, Cape Coast and within the Kaneshie sports complex.
- ❖ The Ghana Athletics Association participated in various international competitions and championships in its quest to enhance athletes' performance and qualification to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The Association won five medals – 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze in the African Athletics Championship in Durban, South Africa. In addition to this, the Association organized five Circuit championship and five National Open Championships in 2016. There were also two international competitions in Cape Coast involving Togo, Benin and Burkina Faso.
- ❖ National Badminton Championships were organized in Tema from 26th to 31st July 2016 aimed at technically assessing the standard of the players and hunting for new talents. Twenty new players were identified for further development.
- ❖ The Senior Badminton Team participated in international competitions and won 4 medals (1 silver and 3 bronze) in the Mauritius International Championships. They also won 1 bronze medal in the Thomas and Uber Cup Africa Preliminaries in Mauritius from 11th to 21st February 2016.

- ❖ The Ghana Amateur Boxing Federation successfully organized a national championship for the youth to enhance development and promotion of the sport in the country. Executives of the Federation attended AIBA Congress in June in Switzerland. The Boxing Association also participated in the following international competitions with successes:
 - Africa Championship in Morocco with four medals
 - AIBA Youth Championship – Czech Republic – 1 bronze medal
 - Olympic Games qualifier in Yaoundé, Cameroun – 2 bronze medals

- ❖ With Para Sports, Para-athletes participated in the following international competitions as part of efforts to qualify for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games:
 - 2016 Desert Challenge in Arizona, USA from 13th to 16th May 2016 – Ghana won 4 gold medals.
 - International Para-Powerlifting Championship in Dubai, UAE, from 14th to 19th February, 2016 – Ghana obtained a slot to Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.
 - Para-athletics Swiss International Championship in Notwil, Switzerland, in May 2016 – three Ghanaian athletes, Botsyo Nkegbe, Patrick Obeng and Felix Acheampong, improved on their time standards.
 - Ghana hosted the West Africa deaf football in Kumasi and lifted the cup at the end of the tournament with representation from Togo, Niger and Mali.

- ❖ The Basketball Association organized two major competitions. The Sprite Ball for senior high schools and universities and the polytechnic and colleges games, which were aimed at promoting the sport at the institutional level.

- ❖ In Handball, a number of physical education teachers received upgrading training in coaching and 30 athletes benefited from sensitization seminars held in Accra. The Association also participated and won two bronze medals in the IHF Challenge Trophy – Africa Zone III in Lome, Togo.

- ❖ The Karate-do Association organized a National Championship in Accra for 100 participants to further enhance the growth and promotion of the sport in the country. In a similar exercise organized in Kumasi, twenty (20) talents were identified. Locally trained coaches also benefited from a refresher training course. Internationally, the Association competed in Zone III Junior Championship in Lome, Togo from 18th to 22nd March, 2016. Ghana won 3 medals (1 silver and 2 bronze).

- ❖ In Rowing and Canoeing, eight potential athletes were unearthed in a talent identification exercise organized in Weija, Accra, from 25th to 26th June, 2016. Ghana also won 2 bronze medals in the Zone III Cup of Nations tournament in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire in August, 2016.

- ~~❖ The Ghana Taekwondo Association organized a number of training courses at regional and national levels as well as schools competitions nationwide to enhance the development and promotion of the sport,~~

especially among the youth. The competitions were dubbed Mission and XTKD Championships, and Taekwondo Peace Corp Tournament.

- ❖ In Weightlifting, two events were organized at the Accra sports Stadium, to whip up youth interest in the sport.
- ❖ The Association also competed in the Rio Olympic Games Qualifier in Yaoundé, Cameroun from 7th to 14th May 2016. Ghana gained a slot for the sport in the Rio Olympic Games.
- ❖ The Ghana Tennis Association organized two major competitions. The Macdan Atta Mills Open and National Ranking Tournament. At the international level, the Association competed in the African Junior Championship Qualifiers in Nigeria where one player advance to the Main Tournament held in Tunisia.
- ❖ In Swimming, two National Programmes were held. These were the 28th Crossroad Tournament held at Burma Camp and the Accra Open Championship at Legon. New talents were unearthed at the tournament. In international competition the National Swimming Athletes participated in Romania Swimming International as part of the Olympic Games Qualifiers.
- ❖ Sixteen athletes, who qualified, participated in the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil. Three National Athletes also participated in the Paralympics in Brazil.

9.0 2017 BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS AND MOYS FOCUS

i. Allocations

For the 2017 financial year, the Ministry of Youth and Sports has been allocated the amount of **forty-six million, nine hundred and ten thousand, two hundred and seventy-five Cedis (GhC46,910,275.00)** for its operations. The funds have been allocated per Table 4

TABLE 4 – 2017 ALLOCATIONS FOR THE MOYS

Programmes	Compensation of Employees (GH¢)	Goods and Services(GH¢)	Assets	IGF	Total(GH¢)
Management and Administration	1,550,428.00	13,054,337.14	1,000,000.00		15,604,765.14
Youth Services	6,172,130.00	6,823,000.56			12,995,130.56
Sports Development	6,654,494.00	10,579,754.30		1,076,131.00	18,310,379.30
TOTAL	14,377,052.00	30,457,092.00	1,000,000.00	1,076,131.00	46,910,275.00



The funds have been allocated according to Cost Centres as follows:

TABLE 5 – ALLOCATIONS PER COST CENTER

COST CENTRE	COMPENSATION	GOODS & SERVICES	ASSET	IGF	TOTAL
General Administration	1,550,428.00	13,054,337.14	1,000,000.00		15,604,765.14
National Sports Authority	5,750,000.00	7,207,412.30		1,076,131.00	14,033,543.30
National Sports College	904,494.00	3,372,342.00			4,276,836.00
National Youth Authority	6,172,130.00	6,823,000.56			12,995,130.56
TOTALS	14,377,052.00	30,457,092.00	1,000,000.00	1,076,131.00	46,910,275.00

ii. Priority Areas for 2017

The Ministry's priorities for the 2017 financial year are reflected in the spending areas under the three programme lines:

A. Management and Administration

- ❖ Hold stakeholder consultations on the draft National Sports College Bill. This Bill is intended to reposition the College to deliver effective and efficient service with an aim of making Ghana sports a tool for job creation and a sports hub for West Africa;
 - ❖ Commence the establishment of the Youth Development Authority to harmonize all youth programmes in the country. The Authority is expected to mainstream all major government youth initiatives and intervention programmes
 - ❖ Recruit consultants to lead discussions on the Legislative Instruments for the National Youth Authority Act, 2016, Act 939 and the Sports Act, 2016, Act 934 as well as to advice on Sports Development;
 - ❖ Initiate preparatory works for the creation of the Sports Fund to support sports development;
 - ❖ Pay the arrears in respect to government counterpart funding at the Cape Coast Sports Stadium. This counterpart funding included the costs associated with shipping, security and utilities;
 - ❖ Facilitate the Black Stars' preparation and participation in the World Cup qualifiers for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia;
 - ❖ Facilitate the Black Starlets' preparation and participation in the African Youth Championship in Gabon 2017;
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- ❖ Facilitate the Black Stars' preparation and participation in CAN 2018 Qualifiers.

B. Youth Services

- ❖ Review, disseminate, and implement the National Youth Policy;
- ❖ Implement the Youth Caravan Project on the Dissemination of Reviewed National Youth Policy Priority Areas;
- ❖ Pursue the National Youth Advocacy Parliament Project, the Regional Youth Dialogues and the District Advocacy Assemblies;
- ❖ Organize National Youth Patriotism Lectures in the Northern and Southern Zones as part of series of Lectures to instill and imbue young people a sense of nationalism and patriotism;
- ❖ Train 2,300 youth in Leadership, Vocational, and Technical Skills in the 11 Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes (YLSTI) nationwide;
- ❖ Continue with activities under the Ghana –Columbia Exchange Programme;
- ❖ Facilitate discussions at the National Youth Round-Table on climate change for young people and role of the youth in contributions towards achieving the SDGs; and
- ❖ Organize Voluntary work camps in 30 Districts.

iii. Sports Development

- ❖ Provide support to 40 National Sports Associations to attend and participate in international events and competitions including Annual General Meetings (AGMs);
- ❖ Organize Capacity Building workshops / Seminars for sports officials;
- ❖ Provide equipment and logistics to Sports Associations and Regional and District Offices;
- ❖ Organize countrywide sports programmes;
- ❖ Continue public private partnership arrangements with the Ministry of Finance to provide the much needed infrastructure at the National Sports College, Winneba; and
- ❖ Continue public private partnership arrangements with Ministry of Finance to rehabilitate national sports stadia.

10.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following observations and recommendations during the deliberations on the 2017 budget estimates for the Ministry of Youth and Sports:

i. Outstanding Commitments and Arrears

The Committee was informed that Ministry has arrears to the tune of fifty one million, four hundred and thirty-eight thousand, eight hundred and thirty-three Cedis and ninety-seven Pesewas (GhC51,438,833.97) and this is even more than its total allocated funds. Indeed, some of the creditors have sought redress in the Law Courts and have attached some assets of the NSA to the suit.

TABLE 5: MOYS ARREARS PER COST CENTER

No.	Cost Centre	Amount (GH¢)
1.	Gen. Admin	20,118,477.97
2.	National Sports Authority	26,347,045.70
3.	National Sports College, Winneba	1,574,158.61
4.	National Youth Authority	3,399,151.69
	TOTAL	51,438,833.97

The Committee found this situation to be most unfortunate and very worrying. The Ministry intimated that these debts are being audited but it will be impossible to pay all of them outright and so there is the need to negotiate with the creditors and agree on a payment schedule. The Committee advised the Ministry to, as a matter of urgency, put in place administrative procedures to quickly streamline the activities of the various youth groups and sports federations so as to instill discipline in spending.

ii. Internally Generated Funds

The Committee observed, with pleasure, that even though the IGF earmarked by the National Sports Authority in 2016 was pegged at two hundred and forty-one thousand, nine hundred and seventy thousand Cedis (GhC241,970.00), the Authority exceeded it by seven hundred and seventy-eight thousand, nine hundred and twenty-three Cedis and seventy Pesewas. This brought the total IGF realized to one million, twenty thousand, eight hundred and ninety-three Cedis and seventy Pesewas (GhC1,020,893.70). The Ministry intimated that this increase in IGF was because the Authority improved its fee collection strategy and instilled a lot of discipline into its operations.

In view of the envisaged implementation of the Sports Act, 2016, Act 934 the Committee also observe that the Sports Authority would be able to generate even more funds.

The Committee also observed that some of the empty spaces within the various stadia can be developed into hostels and restaurants which would also be a means of generating more revenue.

iii. Proliferation of Sporting Federations

The Ministry hinted that it is putting in place measures to ensure some baseline criteria to qualify for registration as a sporting federation. This will reduce the number of mushroom federations, some of which exist only in name or whose presence is felt only in Accra. When the policy is rolled out, federations whose activities are not recognized in at least sixty percent of the regions will not continue to enjoy financial support from the Ministry.

The Committee, on this issue, recommends that all federations must fully comply with Article 18 of the Sports Act, 2016, Act 934, to ensure transparency, coordination, discipline and accountability within the sporting fraternity.

iv. Youth Employment Agency (YEA)

The Committee was informed that as the Youth Employment Agency has been moved to the Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare, it is near impossible for the Ministry of Youth and Sports to track the activities of the youth under that Agency.

The Committee is of the opinion that all activities and programmes pertaining to the youth must be brought under the umbrella of the National Youth Authority to avoid duplication of programmes aimed at achieving the same end of assisting and empowering the youth of this country. The Committee urges that the Youth Employment Agency be realigned with the Ministry of Youth and Sports to ensure proper monitoring of its activities.

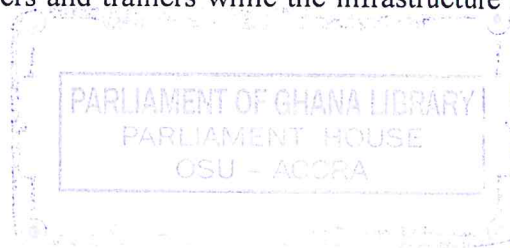
v. Inadequate Personnel

The Committee also observed that the sector is plagued with inadequate staffing. For instance, the National Youth Authority has offices in only Fifty Three District Assemblies and this has resulted in the inability of the Agencies to fully implement government policies and programmes throughout the country.

The Committee urges the Ministry of Finance to give the necessary financial clearance for the Ministry to fill the various positions and be adequately represented across the country so as to effectively and efficiently carry out its mandate.

vi. Inadequate Youth and Sports Infrastructure / Facilities

The Ministry lamented that the absence of modern infrastructure such as youth training and recreational centres, multi-purpose sports halls, boxing gymnasiums and standard athletics ovals in the regions and districts is seriously affecting the development of youth and sports activities in the country. This has invariably affected the nation's ability to qualify for, and perform creditably, at international competitions. The National Sports College at Winneba, for example, is not even accredited to give certificates after training and so is more of a training center than a college. It also has a dearth of lecturers and trainers while the infrastructure itself has never been renovated since it was established in 1984.



The Committee believes that Public Private Partnerships may be a better way to solve some of these infrastructure problems instead of looking to the Consolidated Fund. The Committee therefore encouraged the Ministry of Youth and Sports to pursue this angle and urges the Ministry of Finance to support this strategy.

vii. Late Releases

Last, but of great importance, the Committee observed that the delay in releasing the funds allocated to the Ministry of Youth and Sports negatively impacts its activities.

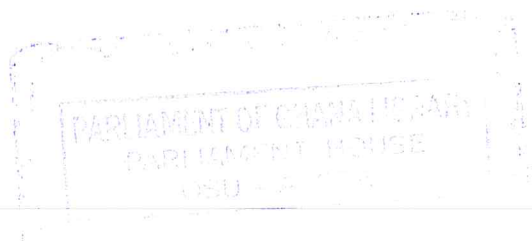
The Committee therefore urges the Ministry of Finance to release funds when needed to enable the Ministry of Youth and Sports effectively carry out its mandate.

11.0 CONCLUSION

To conclude, the Committee recognizes the importance of the Ministry of Youth and Sports in engendering national cohesion and in improving the lot of the youth, which is a vital tool for overall national development. This it imperative for the Ministry to be well-resourced.

The Committee therefore recommends that this august House approve the allocation of **forty-six million, nine hundred and ten thousand, two hundred and seventy-five Cedis (GhC46,910,275.00)** for the operations of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and hopes that the Ministry of Finance would make more funds available to this Ministry should it be possible to do so.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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