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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Draft Budget Estimates for the Ministry of Youth and Sports for 2018 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 2018 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government by the Minister of Finance (MoF), Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta, on 15th November 2017, 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 2018 Financial Year;
- IV. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2017 Financial Year;
- V. Report of the Ministry of Youth and Sports on the actual releases and expenditure of the Ministry for the 2017 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 2017 IN RETROSPECT

I. ALLOCATIONS

For 2017, the Ministry was 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 were allocated according to the details in Tables 1 and 2 below.

TABLE 1: 2017 MOYS BUDGET ALLOCATION
2017 Budget By Cost Centres

	Compensation	Goods & Services	Assets	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

TABLE 2: 2017 ALLOCATION BY PROGRAMMES

Programmes	Compensation of Employees (GH¢)	Goods and Services (GH¢)	Assets (GH¢)	IGF (GH¢)	Total (GH¢)
Management and Administration	1,550,428.00	13,054,337.14	1,00,000.00		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	1,00,000.00	1,076,131.00	46,910,275.00

II. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

TABLE 3: 2017 BUDGET PERFORMANCE AS AT OCTOBER 2017

Items	Budget	Actual Release	Actual Spent	Variance
Compensation of Employees	14,377,052.00	10,482,902.09 (As at September, 2017)	10,482,902.09	3,894,149.91
Goods and Services	30,457,092.00	23,802,367.17	14,954,607.80	6,654,724.83
Assets	1,00,000.00	250,000.00	-	750,000.00
IGF	1,076,131.00	860,490.37 (As at September)		215,640.63
Totals	46,910,275.00	35,395,759.63	25,437,509.89	11,514,515.37

By the end of August 2017, a total amount of ten million, four hundred and eighty-two thousand, nine hundred and two Cedis and nine Pesewas (**GHC10,482,902.09**) have been released and spent on compensation out of its budgeted of (**GH¢14,377,052.00**). This leaves a variance of **GH¢3,894,149.91** representing **27.0%** of the total amount for compensation.

For goods and services, the Ministry spent a total amount of **GHC14,954,607.80** from the total release of **GHC23,802,367.17**. As at the time of reporting the Ministry had just received its third

quarter release of **GHC8,847,759.37** from the Ministry of Finance and is currently going through disbursement process.

On Assets, a total amount of **GHC250,000.00** was released to the Ministry, however, due to procurement and contractual process, the funds had not been assessed as at the time of reporting. Similarly, the **GHC860,490.37** Internally Generated Funds released is yet to be spent as at the time of reporting due to procedural requirement of procurement and award of contract.

By the end of November 2017, a total amount of twenty three million, eight hundred and two thousand, three hundred and sixty-seven Ghana Cedis and seventeen Pesewas (**GH¢23,802,367.17**) has been released to the ministry for its goods and services expenditure. This amount constitutes **78.1%** of the total amount allocated for goods and services in 2017.

An amount of one million Ghana Cedis (**GH¢1,000,000.00**) was approved for capex out of which two-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Ghana Cedis (**GH¢250,000.00**) has been released to the Ministry representing **25%** of the total capex amount allocated.

For IGF, out of a total target of one million **GH¢1,076,131.00**, the National Sports Authority has been able to generate **GH¢860,490.37** as at September, 2017. This constitutes **80%** of the total IGF for 2017. The IGF was used for field preparations, repairs and maintenance, fuel and lubricants, purchase and repairs of mowers, cleaning and sanitation charges as well as allowances for security and other things.

III. NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

A. Management and Administration

TABLE 4: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME

Programmes	Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total
Management and Administration	1,550,428.00	13,054,337.14	1,00,000.00	15,604,765.14

- The Senior National Football Team, the Black Stars participated in the 2017 African Cup of Nations in Gabon and placed 4th in the soccer tournament. The team however failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup Tournament in Russia;
- The Black Starlets also placed second in the African U-17 Youth Championship held in Gabon. By this feat, the National U17 Male Football Team, the Black Starlets qualified to play in the

U17 FIFA World Cup Tournament that was held from 6th – 28th October this year in India. The team unfortunately exited the tournament at the quarterfinal stage;

- The Black Stars B beat Nigeria to win the 2017 WAFU Cup of Nations Tournament that was hosted by Ghana;
- The National U-20 Women’s Football Team, the Black Princesses are also playing the qualification matches to the 2018 Women World Cup Tournament in France;
- A Committee has been formally established to oversee and facilitate all the preparatory works leading to the formal operationalization of the Sports Fund, as stipulated by the Act;
- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Ministry and the Youth Employment Agency to train 5,000 Youth. This will be implemented through the Youth in Sports Programme under the Youth in Community Development Module starting November, 2017. The process for the establishment of the Youth Development Authority to harmonize all youth development efforts in the country has begun; and
- Preparatory works towards the establishment of two (2) community parks are also far advanced.

B. Youth Services

TABLE 5: YOUTH SERVICES

Programmes	Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total
Youth Services	6,172,130.00	6,823,000.56		12,995,130.56

On the Youth Development front, the following were achieved during the year:

- A Committee has been formed to review the 2010 National Youth Policy and its Implementation Plan (2014-2017);
- In 2017, the National Youth Authority launched the STEP (Steps towards Employment and Productivity) Project, which aims at equipping 5,000 young persons between the ages of 15 and 35 with artisanal skills. To offer mentorship, the Authority organized a coaching and mentorship programme for 250 students from selected Senior High Schools in Accra. The Authority is also collaborating with some financial institutions to introduce financial security products in favor of beneficiaries of the Agriculture Skills Training in the STEP Project;
- Pursuant to the goal of achieving fifty thousand (50,000) young entrepreneurs influencing local and national economic growth in the short term, the National Youth Authority facilitated the establishment of the West Africa Secretariat of the Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs (CAYE-WA). Hosted in Ghana, the CAYE-WA advocacy and activities

revolves around formulating national entrepreneurship strategy for member countries; optimizing the regulatory environment on entrepreneurship; enhancing entrepreneurship education and skills development; facilitating technology exchanges and innovation; improving access to finance and promoting awareness and networking. The NYA has supervised the formation and management of the Ghana Chapter of the Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs (CAYE-Gh). The chapter has five (5) large youth entrepreneurship networks whose membership cuts across the length and breadth of the nation;

- The eleven (11) Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes (YLSTIs) across the country provided skills and vocational training to 1558 (2,240 by end of year) trainees. These training programmes are synchronized with the intent of the National Youth Policy to provide Education and Skills Training to the Ghanaian Youth and with the objective of providing them with employable skills; and
- The Authority organized an operational staff seminar in Kumasi from 22nd – 23rd May, 2017 to give a formal orientation to key officials of the Authority on the new National Youth Authority Act 2016 (Act 939).

C. Sports Development

TABLE 6: DEVELOPMENT IN SPORTS

Programmes	Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Capex	IGF	Total
Sports Development	6,654,494.00	10,579,754.30		1,076,131.00	18,310,379.30

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

- Between the months of January and August, 2017, the National Sports Authority has facilitated the development and promotion of mass participation in sports, which has the potential to improve the health and stress levels of Ghanaians;
- The Authority supported a number of sports Associations / Federations to organize and participate in various international competitions; notable among them are: Athletics, Badminton, Volleyball, Baseball, Hockey, Taekwondo, Judo, Boxing, Handball, Kickboxing, Fencing, Rugby, Para-Sports, Cycling, Weightlifting, Arm wrestling, Karate do, Chess, Baseball, Cricket, Scrabbles etc. Many medals characterized the activities of these associations as follows;

The Badminton Association of Ghana between June and July attended and participated in four (4) international competitions within the West Africa Sub-region and won a total of thirteen (13) medals. This includes:

- Cote D'Ivoire International (Juniors) - 23rd to 25th June 2017, won 7 medals (2 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze).
- Cote D'Ivoire International (Seniors) - 29th June to 2nd July, 2017, two (2) medals won (1 silver and 1 bronze).
- Benin International Tournament - 6th – 9th July, 2017, two (2) medals won (1 silver and 1 bronze) and
- Nigeria International in Lagos, 26th – 29th July 2017 won two (2) bronze medals.

The competitions were aimed at accumulating points for qualification to the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia as well as the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Argentina

- In cycling, Anthony Boakye made history by winning the country's first, yellow jersey in the international cycling Championship - La route de L'est in Cote d'Ivoire, from 14th – 21st July, 2017. Ghana also won the best team trophy with the time of 54 hours 40m: 17sec;
- The Ghana Arm Wrestling Federation with its national team, the Golden Arm, participated in and won twenty-two (22) medals (10 gold, 5 silver and 7 bronze) in the Africa Arm Wrestling Championships in Lagos, Nigeria from 28th June to 2nd July, 2017. The Association successfully organized two (2) separate national Championships in the month of April in Kumasi and Accra; and also technical course for officiating officials in Accra;
- The Ghana Rugby Union during the period under review hosted and participated in the Africa Regional Challenge Tournament in Accra, from 30th April to 7th May, 2017. Ghana emerged the ultimate winner of the trophy. The participants in the Tournament were Benin, Ghana and Togo;
- The National Volleyball Team, the Black Spikers, participated in and won gold at the World Volleyball Championship Africa Qualifier from 7th to 11th July, 2017 in Niger. This qualified Ghana to the World Championship to be held in Cairo, Egypt later this year;
- The Ghana Weightlifting Association was also involved in a number of International assignments including a training camp in Louisiana, USA and the IWF Junior World Championship in Tokyo, Japan. These are part of preparations towards the Commonwealth Games qualifiers;
- The National Junior Tennis team participated in the Africa Junior Championships in Togo in January as well as the Africa Under-12 Junior Championships in Nigeria, and won 1 gold medal in the Boys division. The two (2) tournaments were locally organized by the Association and partly sponsored by McDan Group of Companies;

- The Ghana Athletics Association organized four (4) national circuits Championships in Accra, Cape Coast, Kumasi and Tamale and one (1) Open Championships between February and June, 2017. The Association with the support of the Ministry participated in the World Athletics Championships in London, UK, from 4th to 13th August, 2017;
- Para athletes were engaged in various international competitions during the period under review, including:
 - International Para Powerlifting Championship in Dubai, from 14th to 22nd February 2017, as part of qualification events to next year's Commonwealth Games in Australia;
 - Desert Challenge Competition in Arizona, USA, where Ghana won 2 medals (1 silver and 1 bronze).
 - World Para-Athletics Championships in London, UK, from 14th to 22nd July 2017, with one Athlete and a coach Yusif Amadu and Peter Adjei respectively. The athlete's competition ended abruptly, however, due to injury. The event was also supported by the SSNIT.
 - The President and the Secretary General of the National Paralympic Committee attended and participated in the Africa Paralympic Committee (APC) General Assembly in held Luanda, Angola from 13th – 16th April, 2017
- The Judo Association organized two local technical training courses for Coaches and Referees as well as training clinics for national athletes in Accra during the period under review;
- Ghana participated in this year's Youth Commonwealth Games held in Bahamas, from 18th to 23rd July 2017. Ghana participated in seven (7) disciplines namely: Athletics, Boxing, Cycling, Judo, Swimming, Tennis and Beach Volleyball, with a total of fourteen (14) athletes, with seven (7) coaches;
- To unearth young and budding talents, the Authority recently revived and organized the National Sports Festival from 31st August to 7th September 2017 in Kumasi, Ashanti Region;
- Ghana placed 9th out of 14 participating countries in the 2018 FIVB World Cup Qualification that was held in Cairo, Egypt from 20th-30th October 2017;
- A total of 27 medals made up of 12 Gold, 9 Silver and 6 Bronze was won by the Swimming Association at the Zone II Junior African Championship held in Nigeria from 27th -29th October 2017;
- Ghana placed 21st out of 45 participating countries in the World Junior Badminton Championship held in Indonesia from the 13th-25th October 2017;

- The National Hockey Team participated in the African Cup of Nations Tournament from 22nd-29th, October 2017 in Ishmaili, Egypt. Ghana won bronze in the Men's division and silver in the Women's division;
- One Silver and three Bronze were won by the Weightlifting Team at the Commonwealth Games Qualifiers that was held in Australia in September 2017. The team also won 1 Gold, 4 Silver and 1 bronze at the African Commonwealth Games Qualifiers that was held in Uganda in October, this year;
- The U18 Female Handball team won 1 bronze at the Africa Zone 2&3 Handball Championships held in Benin from 24th-30th September 2017;
- In Rugby, Ghana placed 9th at the Africa Men's Tournament held in Kampala, Uganda from 6th-7th October 2017;
- At the International Open Championship held in Accra from 18th-19th August 2017, the Taekwondo team won 3 silver and 3 bronze;
- In 2017, the National Sports College hosted GFA License C & B Soccer Coaching Courses in which 70 Coaches participated in the License C and 69 for the License B. They also hosted the Mifolat Education Society Enterprise. Mifolat Education Enterprise is an Organization that uses sports as a platform for social change, empower communities based on understanding, tolerance, partnership, recognition and acceptance of the 'other'. They also empower the individuals to maximize their potential and achieve their dream;
- The College facilitated three (3) Tennis academy players (Francisca Nyarko, Marcel Agbegne & Gabriel Attah) admittance into New Mexico Military Institute (N.M.M.I.) in USA for 2 years College Education;
- The College hosted the Dunkwa-on-Offin United Football Division Two League Season and 25 National Junior Tennis team players and also facilitated the admittance of three (3) Academy Students into the University of Education to offer degree and diploma courses in Sport Coaching;

9.0 2018 BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS AND MOYS FOCUS

I. ALLOCATIONS

For the 2018 financial year, even though the Ministry requested a total budget amount of **GH¢102,396,388.00** to carry out its activities, only an amount of thirty-two million, seven hundred

and ninety-nine thousand, five hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢32,799,500.00) has been allocated to the sector. This constitutes a decline of 35.4% over the 2017 budget amount of GH¢46,910,275.00. Out of the total amount, sixteen million, eight hundred and fifty-seven thousand, seven hundred and eighty-six Ghana Cedis (GH¢16,857,786.00) has been allocated to employee compensation, twelve million, four hundred and eleven thousand, three hundred and eighty Ghana Cedis (GH¢12,411,380.00) has been allocated to Goods and Services and two million, seven hundred and seventy-four thousand four hundred and twenty Ghana Cedis GH¢2,774,420.00, went to Capex. Internally Generated Funds for the 2018 budget year has been pegged at seven hundred and fifty-five thousand, nine hundred and fourteen Ghana Cedis (GH¢755,914.00).

TABLE 7: 2018 ALLOCATIONS

Programmes	Compensation of Employees (GH¢)	Goods and Services(GH¢)	Assets	IGF	Total(GH¢)
Management and Administration	1,845,009.32	7,811,380.00	2,274,420.00	0.00	11,930,809.32
Youth Services	7,333,928.82	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,533,928.82
Sports Development	7,678,847.86	4,400,000.00	500,000.00	755,914.00	13,334,761.86
Total	16,857,786.00	12,411,380.00	2,774,420.00	755,914.00	32,799,500.00

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

TABLE 8 – ALLOCATIONS PER COST CENTER

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS 2018 BUDGET					
Cost Centre	Compensation	Goods & Services	Capex	IGF	Total
General Administration	1,845,009.32	7,811,380.00	2,274,420.00	0.00	11,930,809.32
National Sports Authority	6,802,500.00	3,200,000.00	300,000.00	755,914.00	11,058,414.00

National Sports College	876,347.86	1,200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	2,276,347.86
National Youth Authority	7,333,928.82	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,533,928.82
Totals	16,857,786.00	12,411,380.00	2,774,420.00	755,914.00	32,799,500.00

II. PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2018

The Ministry's priorities for the 2018 financial year are reflected in the spending areas under the three programme lines:

A. Management and Administration

- Continue the process for the passage of the legislative instruments for the National Youth and Sports Act and also the finalization of the draft National Sports College Bill;
- Review the National Youth Policy and its Implementation Plan;
- Continue 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 interventions;
- Continue preparatory works on the creation of the Sports Fund to support sports development;
- Initiate preparatory activities for the hosting of the 2023 African Games;
- Facilitate the Black Stars preparation and qualification to the 2019 African Cup of Nations Tournament in Cameroon;
- Facilitate the Black Satellites qualification and participation in the 2018 U-20 African Cup of Nations Tournament;
- Facilitate the hosting and participation of the Black Queens in the 2018 African Women Championship;
- Facilitate the Black Princesses preparation, qualification and participation in the FIFA U20 Women's World Cup in France;
- Facilitate the Black Maidens preparation, qualification and participation in the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in Uruguay; and

- Build two (2) Community Parks.

B. Youth Services

- Initiate and develop a National Youth Work Policy and Licensing;
- Complete the accreditation of all 11 YLSTIs with COTVET;
- Implement the STEP Project under the Informal Youth Enterprise Development Programme;
- Organize National Youth Mentorship forums in 10 Regions to enable young people to interact in mentor-Mentee ships in politics, education, environment, religion and social development leadership;
- Establish and facilitate functioning of the Ghana Youth Federation per NYA Act 939;
- Establish Districts, Regional and National Youth Parliaments;
- Institutionalize and organize Annual Youth Patriotism Lectures;
- Organize 100 Community Service Volunteer Camps nationwide;
- Hold Advocacy Seminars or Conferences with relevant stakeholders to push for provisions for youth development, e.g., socially excluded youth, venerable, etc;
- Institute National/Regional/District Youth Excellence Awards to recognize the achievements of young people across the country;
- Establish Digital employability opportunities through training for young people; and
- Establish Youth in Sports Development.

C. Infrastructure

- The Authority hopes to complete and furnish the National Youth Resource Center Multi-Purpose Hall at the National Head Quarters, Kaneshie – Accra by June, 2018;
- Rehabilitate 3 YLSTIs to host formal and informal entrepreneurship i.e. Ghana Centre for Innovation and Creativity to enhance opportunities for youth entrepreneurs employability by December 2018;

- Two dormitories and two workshops each are to be constructed at the Nzema Maanle and Ajumako Youth Leadership and Skills Training Institutes in 2018;
- Establish youth employment and placements unit equipped with database and related connectivity by December 2018;
- Purchase of office vehicles (4×4 Cross Country Station wagons; 4×4 Pick-ups); Motor bikes; furniture and Fittings, etc;
- Procurement of office equipment, furniture and teaching aides for the 11 YLSTIs; and

D. Sports Development

i. National Sports Associations (NSA)

- Prepare and Participate in the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games;
- Prepare and participate in 2018 African Youth Games in Algeria;
- Prepare and organize 2018 National Sports Festival;
- Prepare and participate in 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia;
- Organize Mass Sports in all Ten (10) Regions and Districts;
- Organize inter-District and Regional Competition in Selected Disciplines;
- Organize Local Competitions at Zonal and District levels for selected Disciplines;
- Organize Tech. courses and Competitions in various Disability Sports;
- Organize twelve (12) National Disability Sports;
- Provide Sports equipment for the various Associations and the Ten (10) Region;
- Provide Equipment for Headquarters and Regional Offices;
- Participate in International Competitions and Congresses;
- Provide support for 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 and technical coaches;
- Continue public private partnership arrangements with Ministry of Finance to provide sports infrastructure at the National Sports Authority;

- Establish Regional Sports Committee and Districts Sports Unit;
- Provide Administrative Support for the Headquarters and 10 Regions;
- Maintain the following sports stadia:
 - The Accra Sports Stadium,
 - The Baba Yara Sports Stadium
 - The Essipong Sports Stadium
 - The Temale Sports Stadium
 - The Kpando Sports Stadium
- Procure two (4x4 pickup) vehicles for sports development and promotion; and
- Rehabilitate Sports facilities to be Disability friendly

ii. **National Sports College, Winneba (NSC-W)**

- Maintain Soccer and Tennis Academies and nurture players for National Teams;
- Train and retrain the Human and Technical Resources for sports promotion and development;
- Provide platform for training of academic graduates to experience high performance training and competition;
- Organize marathon, tennis and soccer gala, and other activities during Aboakyire Festival;
- Construction of one storey building (4 floors) at the National Sports College, Winneba;
- Procure 2 pick-up vehicles for sports development and promotion;

10.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following observations and recommendations during the deliberations on the 2018 budget estimates for the Ministry of Youth and Sports:

I. Budgetary Cuts

The Committee observed that the thirty-two million, seven hundred and ninety-nine thousand, five hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢32,799,500.00) allocated to the sector constitutes a 35.4% decline from the 2017 budget amount of forty six million, nine hundred and ten thousand, two hundred and seventy-five Ghana Cedis (GH¢46,910,275.00). The Ministry lamented that the allocations under

the 2018 budget estimates are woefully insufficient to allow for the implementation of key compulsory events like the participation of all the National Football Teams in various qualification matches, the activities of the forty-three (43) National Sports Associations and the debt owed by the sector.

The Committee however noted that the Youth Fund from the National Youth Authority will be available to support the Ministry's activities in a well-planned, coordinated and collaborated manner.

II. Internally Generated Funds

The Committee observed that the National Sports Authority is not allowed to retain any of its internally generated funds. The Authority therefore has to wait for releases just like any other cost center and this causes delays in its activities. The Committee appeals to the Ministry of Finance to allow the National Sports Authority to retain some of its funds to ensure smooth running of all its planned activities.

III. Refurbishment of Stadia and Youth Training Facilities

The Committee, during its inspection of some stadia during this Meeting, observed that the facilities were in a most deplorable state. The Committee was therefore very satisfied when the Ministry informed Members that major renovation works would be carried out on the various stadia during the 2018 financial year. The Committee is of the opinion that keeping the stadia and other youth facilities in top shape would be a sure way of generating more funds internally. Members therefore urge the Ministry to undertake routine maintenance works on its facilities to avoid having to commit huge sum of money to repair the same rehabilitation work in future.

11.0 CONCLUSION

To conclude, the Committee deems it imperative that the Ministry of Youth and Sports be well-resourced because its activities are vital in engendering national cohesion and in improving the lot of the youth, which are all ingredients for overall national development. The Committee therefore recommends that this August House approve the allocation of **thirty-two million, seven hundred and ninety-nine thousand, five hundred Cedis (GH¢32,799,500.00)** 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.

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