



CSBAG BUDGET NEWS BRIEF



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Budget Committee Chairperson pins MDAs on underperformance in FY 2016/17

“With just a month left to the end of the current financial year (FY 206/17, this week CSBAG spoke with Parliament’s Budget Committee Chairperson, Amos Lugolobi about the various issues concerning Budget projections for FY 2017/18 and the FY 2016/17 performance.”



Budget Committee chairperson, Amos Lugolobi speaking at a past parliamentary session. Hon. Lugolobi says most Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) having nothing to show for improved performance this financial year. |@CSBAG2017

Qn. How would you describe the 2017/18 budget, is it a pro-poor budget?

An. Partially it is, but largely, the government is concentrating on infrastructure such as roads and agricultural development through irrigation. So, in a way this will help the poor people. However, there is need for the government, to adequately invest in equipment like agricultural inputs, and deal with risks that come with things like drought.

But with the investment in infrastructure for the development of oil roads, the poor will benefit in the long run, since Oil will culminate into income.

We have also seen an increase in funding for programs like the Youth Livelihood program, Uganda women empowerment enterprise in the Ministry of Gender, which I am sure, will benefit the poor Ugandans.

Qn. There are proposed budget cuts for different Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the 2017/18 financial year budget, don't you think it will affect service delivery.

An. There have generally been cuts on consumptive areas like buying of new vehicles, travel abroad, workshops and allowances, because the government is investing money in infrastructure development, I know the sectors will be affected but that is what the government must do to avoid going into more debt.

If Government doesn't do this then, where you do expect them to get the money from, the only thing they should do is to cut on consumptive expenditure.

Qn. Many MDAs, are still facing a challenge of underfunding, and this has greatly affected the would be useful programs. What is your take on this?

underfunded, but what would one do with only Sh28 trillion budget, where the biggest percentage is going into debt repayment.

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Hon. Amos Lugolobi, Chairperson, Parliament Budget Committee

Every MDA, would want to get enough funding, but where is the money going to come from, Ministries like Education and Sports need money for schools inspection, but there is no money, so they end up getting little funds. So the only way out, is to work within the available resources.

Qn. The 2016/2017, financial year is coming to an end, in a few months from now, what do you think about the performance of MDAs in the current financial year.

An. I would say most of the MDAs have not performed well. They are spending money, but you don't see results, when you ask them for accountability they start giving excuses. When you ask; do we have indicators for a better health system or improvement in agriculture the answer is no. The only sector that has tried to impress, is the roads sector, you see that we are achieving something. So, in the coming financial year, 2017/2018, MDAs, need to improve on their performance.

Qn. Parliament is the only institution that appropriates and approves its own budget, what is your take on this?

An. It is like giving you food to distribute, and you don't partake of that food. You need to partake of what you are distributing. As Parliament, we are accountable to our electorate, because we are their representatives.

However, we have always exercised transparency in our budgeting, for example, whenever we need an increment, we engage the President.

UGBUDGET17 FACT: SUMMARY - APPROPRIATION BILL 2017				
Expenditure Category	Draft Budget Estimates Ushs '000	Corrigenda	Parliament changes	Revised Budget Estimates Ushs '000
Recurrent	7,560,776,141	29,621,279	-	7,590,397,420
Development	11,504,618,320	(12,399,368)	-	11,492,218,952
Subtotal (Appropriation)	19,065,394,461	17,221,911	-	19,082,616,372
Statutory	9,925,218,526	708,311	-	9,925,926,836
Grand Total (Including Statutory)	28,990,612,986	17,930,222	-	29,008,543,208

#UGBUDGET17 COUNTDOWN

11 DAYS

TO THE READING OF THE BUDGET SPEECH 8th June 2017

OUR BUDGET OUR RESPONSIBILITY

OUR WEEK IN PICTURES



Frederick Kawooya talking to Regional CSO Budget Coalitions on key economic injustices in Uganda. This was during a weeklong CSBAG training on Movement building and Advocacy against economic injustice that targeted CSOs from over 10 districts in Eastern and Western Region. | @CSBAG2017

UPCOMING CSO EVENTS

Event: CSBAG Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: Wednesday 31st May 2017

Convener: CSBAG

Venue: CSBAG Head office, Ntinda, Kampala