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Finance Minister Presents UGX 40.3 Trillion Budget

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The Minister of Finance, Hon. Matia Kasaija before presenting the National Budget for FY 2019/20 on 13th June. | @CSBAG 2019

Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Hon. Matia Kasaija presented the approved annual Budget for FY 2019/20 to the country last week. An analysis of the Budget, which is 30% above the approved FY 2018/19 Budget, shows an increment in most of the sectors' budgets.

While presenting the UGX 40.3trillion Budget, Hon. Kasaija noted an increase in average income of Ugandans to a tune of UGX 3million per person in FY 2018/19 compared to UGX 2.9million in FY 2017/18. He however added that the country is still faced with some development challenges.

Works and transport

Hon Kasaija said that in FY 2019/20, 6,000 kilometres of roads including rural roads connectivity and low cost sealing of district, urban, and community access roads will be completed. He added that other priorities in the sector will be the rehabilitation of the national airport, the metre gauge railway in the short term, and the revamping of water transport facilities including navigational capacity on Lake Victoria.

The works and transport sector received the lion's share of UGX 6.4trillion, which represents 6.2% of the entire UGX 40.3trillion Budget for FY 2019/20 from UGX 4.7trillion in FY2018/19.

Other sectors that saw an increase in their budgets include health and accountability from UGX 2.3trillion to UGX 2.6trillion and from UGX 1.1trillion in FY 2018/19 to UGX1.9 trillion in FY 2019/20 respectively.

Health Minister, Jane Ruth Aceng said that although the health sector Budget was increased, it will cater for basic needs but cannot cater for specialized needs, which are expensive. The Health sector received UGX 2.6trillion. However, most of this money will cater for development budget such as upgrading the existing health centre IIs to health centre IIIs in 99 districts across the country.

Funding youth programmes

State Minister for Youth, Florence Nakiwala Kiyingi said that youth have been provided with a UGX 130billion additional funding for skills development and therefore the Budget gives hope to the youth and children. She also added that in the

FY 2019/20 National Budget, Government continues to provide funds for children affairs. In FY 2019/20, UGX 3.3billion has been allocated to the youth empowerment programme. However, youth have opposed the allocation saying it is inadequate. The Programme Associate at the Uganda Youth Network (UYONET), Sharifah Kibirango said the limited budget allocation and lack of a clear coordination mechanism for youth programmes is affecting the progress of many Ugandans.

Reduced funding

While some sector allocations have been significantly increased, some setors will suffer reduced funding. Such sectors include science and technology from UGX 184billion to UGX 159billion, ICT from UGX 149billion to UGX 123billion, and Water and Environment from UGX 1.2trillion in FY 2018/19 to UGX 1trillion in FY 2019/20.

OUR WORK IN PICTURES



A section of youth participating in the Budget Listening held at CSBAG offices in Ntinda on 13th June. The activity was done to encourage youth participation in the FY 2019/20 National Budget | @CSBAG 2019



CSBAG ED, Julius Mukunda (C) discussing the need to invest more in agriculture during the NTV Pre Budget dialogue organized under the theme, “Putting FY2019/20 in Perspective” at Serena Conference Centre in Kampala on 12th June | @CSBAG 2019



Kasana PBCs monitoring service delivery in the education sector at Rukundo Primary School in Kasana Sub county, Sheema district on 12th June | @CSBAG 2019