



# CSBAG BUDGET NEWS BRIEF



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## Development activity allocations set to **reduce 63.6bn next financial year**

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Parliament's Budget Committee chairperson, Hon. Amos Lugolobi speaks at a previous session of Parliament. He said that allocations for treasury operations are projected to increase by UGX 904.1bn | @CSBAG2019

The Health Sector budget is projected to reduce by UGX 31.29bn from UGX 2,363.56bn approved in FY 2018-19 to UGX 2,332.27bn in FY 2019- 20. Unlike health, the overall Budget for the tourism Sector (inclusive of AIA) is increasing from UGX117.943bn in FY2018/19 to UGX181.285bn in FY2019/20. In its report, which was adopted on Friday by the House chaired by speaker of Parliament Rebecca Kadaga, the Budget committee observed a drastic reduction in budget allocations for the Youth Livelihood Programme (YLP).

### Committee recommends

According to the report, in the coming FY 2019/20 only UGX 4.62 billion has been allocated for the programme compared to UGX 66.661 billion allocated in FY 2018/ 19. This represents a 93% budget cut for the Programme. The Committee recommended that the budget for YLP be reinstated in order to enhance the sustainability of the evolving fund, enhance value addition and expansion of existing groups. Responding to the report, MPs experienced concern over budget cuts for key

ministries such as the social development sector and the increased debt burden for Uganda. "The issue of borrowing for consumption, this is not the right way for borrowing, we should borrow for improvement of our own economy by investing in infrastructure development and tourism," Muhammad Nsereko, the Kampala central MP said.

### Minority report

Presenting the committee's minority report by a cross section of the committee members who were in disagreement with the main report, Muwanga Kivumbi (Butambala) said; "They are borrowing without any limitations, they just come here (parliament) and make requests for borrowing". However in defense, David Bahati, the state minister of finance in charge of planning said the public debt was within manageable measures, saying the government was only borrowing for key sectors such as infrastructure development and production areas.

## OUR WORK IN PICTURES



Hon. John Baptist Nambeshe (L) speaks during the CSBAG organized FY2019/20 CSO Pre-Budget dialogue in Kampala week. In the middle is Hon. Justine Khainza of Bududa constituency. | CBAG2019



CSBAG ED Julius Mukunda during a panel discussion at FY2019/20 CSO Pre-Budget dialogue. Right is Joseph Enyimu, commissioner at the Ministry of Finance. Extreme left is Hon. Biraahwa Mukitale. | CBAG2019



UDN Programme Manager Imelda Namagga speaks as other participants look on during the final session of last week's FY2019/20 CSO pre-budget dialogue in Kampala. | @CSBAG2019