

Finance Ministry releases Money for 1st Quarter Spending for FY2025/26: calls for accountability



Members from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development together with representatives from the Civil Society Organizations at the press briefing of Quarter 1 Expenditure Releases FY2025/26 on 15th July 2025

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The Permanent Secretary of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Ramathan Ggobi officially released the Quarter 1 Expenditure Releases FY2025/26, amounting to **UGX17.18T** for July – September 2025 representing **23.7%** of the approved National Budget of **UGX72.38T**. This allocation is designed to push the country's Ten-fold Growth Strategy a key priority for government through the ATMS initiative. The ATMS are a Tenfold Growth Strategy anchored on four primary sectors which include: Agro-industrialization, Tourism development, Mineral development and Science, Technology and Innovation. He further reiterated Government's commitment to the ATMS Strategy and called upon different stakeholders to work together to ensure the ATMS and their enablers are priority.

"Government has released this money to also support the implementation of the Tenfold Growth Strategy which will promote technical efficiency by making sure that MDAs deliver better services to Ugandans." Ggobi said The ATMS to drive tenfold growth breakdown is as follows; Agro-industrialization at **UGX215.28B**, Tourism development at **UGX20.5B**, Mineral-Based Industrial Development including oil and gas at **UGX26B** and Science, Technology and Innovation at **UGX139.13B**

The Permanent Secretary also noted that the performance of the economy will continue FY2025/26 and real GDP growth is projected at **7%**. He further provided a detailed breakdown for the Quarter One Expenditure Limits. Under this breakdown, wages at **UGX2.261T**, Non wages at **UGX4.496T**, GoU Development at **UGX692B**, External Financing Development at **UGX2.717T**, Debt and Treasury Operations at **UGX6.92T** and Local Revenue at **UGX82.17T** which funds are meant to operationalize government efficiency and also cater for the election period after further breakdown.

He highlighted the improvement of the improved status of Uganda's economy and added that the economy is making progress and has sustained growth in spite of the global uncertainties such as trade wars and international conflicts. "Growth averaged at **6.9%** in the first three quarters of the just concluded Financial Year. This robust growth in GDP was on account of Government expenditure in PDM, growth in fixed capital formation and recovery in household expenditure," Ggobi said

In a deliberate move, the PSST emphasized that the budget for this financial year is designed to support the implementation of the Ten Fold Growth Strategy and with huge emphasis on ATMS and its enablers. He also requested all accounting officers to ensure all contracts and payments are executed in Uganda shillings and requested the officers to comply with payment of salaries, gratuity and pensions by the 28th of every month as per the approved salary scales.

While at the press briefing, the CSBAG ED applauded the government transparency efforts exhibited. He further appreciated Uganda Revenue Authority for hitting their revenue targets two years in a row with their recent collection of **UGX 31.63 trillion** exceeding their official target of **UGX 31.37** by over **UGX 260 billion** for the FY2024/2025. According to Julius Mukunda the Executive Director of CSBAG, "We believe that such achievements show increased confidence in government processes."

However Mukunda expressed concerns about compliance measures especially with the reservation scheme with Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets in Uganda (PPDA) for special interest groups including women, youth and Persons With Disabilities (PWDs). He tasked the ministry to ensure that the contracts go to the right beneficiaries.

"This is going to be its first year of implementation, we would like to know whether you have put any compliance measures to ensure that those small contracts for women and youth are not taken by our rich investors who end up hawking around but are actually given to those who qualify," Mukunda added.

Mukunda also called for discipline and transparency among all the MDAs to ensure all the funds allocated for the Quarter 1 FY2025/26 are spent appropriately with streamlined mechanisms for proper and effective service delivery.

The budget process in Uganda is progressing well amidst the global economic challenges which has since made many people lose their jobs. According to Dr. Arthur Bainomugisha the Executive Director of ACODE, "We want to commend the Ministry of Finance for prudent economic management despite the stress of the whole global economy. Our small economy is growing." He also encouraged the ministry to improvise mechanisms for faster project management which remains a challenge in Central Government procured projects.

The Permanent Secretary Ramdathan Ggobi reiterated that the budget for FY 2025/26 is aimed at supporting the implementation of the Tenfold Growth Strategy and facilitating government efficiency ahead of the electioneering period. Ggobi also noted that the good performance of the economy is expected to continue in FY 2025/26 & Real GDP growth is projected at **7%** this FY 2025/26 and is expected to reach double digits in the medium term.

