

Telephone : 256 41 4707 000
: 256 41 4232 095
Fax : 256 41 4230 163
: 256 41 4343 023
: 256 41 4341 286
Email : finance@finance.go.ug
Website : www.finance.go.ug

In any correspondence on

this subject please quote No. **ISS.58/255/01**



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Ministry of Finance, Planning &
Economic Development
Plot 2-12, Apollo Kaggwa Road
P.O.Box 8147
Kampala
Uganda

28th April 2017

All Accounting Officers
Central and Local Government Votes

ALLEGED SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM ACCOUNTING OFFICERS

This Ministry has received allegations that some of the staff under my Ministry solicit for funds from Accounting Officers purportedly to facilitate the release of funds to the spending agencies. Relatedly, we get complaints from technical Departments in your Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Local Governments (MALGs) that they are required to pool resources on a quarterly basis either under the Accounts or Planning Units of your organizations for the same purpose. On the other hand, there are allegations that some Accounting Officers sometimes induce staff of this Ministry with bribes. All these actions whether done by Officials of this Ministry or your organisations are illegal and must stop.

I wish to remind you that the release of funds by this Ministry is guided by (i) Section 15 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) 2015 which requires the Ministry to issue Annual Cash Flow Plan of Government; (ii) The level of resource absorption in accordance with the approved annual Workplan for the Accounting Officer of the Vote as stipulated in Section 21 of the PFMA 2015; and (iii) The revenue performance by Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) and the Donor inflows.

Accordingly, in line with the Law, the release of funds is strictly based on guidance of this Ministry's Cash Flow Committee which meets quarterly and advises on the revenue and the corresponding expenditure performance. Any other processes and functions of the Ministry are guided by the Government Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Ethics for Uganda's Public Service, Guidelines, Procedures and Circulars issued from time to time. There is, therefore, no basis whatsoever, for any staff of this Ministry to solicit for funds for purposes of processing the release of funds or perform any other functions of the Ministry.

The purpose of this circular, therefore, is to reiterate on your responsibility as an Accounting Officer to ensure control and proper use of the money appropriated to your respective Votes and personally accountable to Parliament in line with Section 45 of the PFMA. You are therefore urged to desist and report any form of misconduct of staff directly to my office.

Keith Muhakanizi

PERMANENT SECRETARY/SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY

Copy to: The Hon. Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
All Hon. Ministers of State, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
The Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet
The Principal Private Secretary to H.E. The President, State House
All Staff, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Mission

"To formulate sound economic policies, maximize revenue mobilization, ensure efficient allocation and accountability for public resources so as to achieve the most rapid and sustainable economic growth and development"