A citizen’s Guide to the BUDGET FY 2019/20

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- Uganda Revenue Authority
- CSBAG
- PSFU

Business growth is our business
The theme for the Financial Year (FY) 2019/20 budget is ‘Industrialisation/or Job Creation and Shared Prosperity.’ The theme is anchored on the priorities articulated in the Budget Strategy for FY 2019/20 which emphasizes commercialization of agriculture, industrialization and productivity enhancement. The FY 2019/20 marks the third year of implementation of the theme that was developed through consultation with the East African Community Partners.

In a bid to promote transparency, accountability and ease of access to all relevant information on the Budget, The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in partnership with Uganda Revenue Authority (URA), the Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG), the Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) and other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) engages in a number of activities during the Budget Month including a march, a service exhibition, radio and television talk shows to raise awareness on the Budget. Furthermore, the Citizen’s Guide to the Budget for FY 2019/20 is prepared to enable the general public, especially those who are not familiar with public finance to understand Government plans by highlighting the strategic objectives of the Financial Year 2019/20 Budget and to provide an understanding of the new tax measures and reasons behind resource allocations to various sectors. This publication will provide a summary of Government revenue and Expenditure projections for FY 2019/20 and measures for enhancing domestic revenue mobilization.

The total approved budget for Financial Year 2019/20 is Ushs. 40,487 billion. Of this Ushs. 27,957 billion was appropriated by Parliament and Ushs. 12,530 billion is Statutory Expenditure

I encourage all stakeholders to take keen interest in the budget and further enhance your knowledge of the Budget by visiting our dedicated budget website www.budget. eo.ug or by calling the free hotline 0800 229229.

For God and my country

Matia Kasaija
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
Acronyms

CSBAG  Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group
CSOs   Civil Society Organizations
EPCs  Engineering Procurement Contracts
GDP   Gross Domestic Product
FDI   Foreign Direct Investment
FMD   Foot and Mouth Disease
FY    Financial Year
GDP   Gross Domestic Product
ICT   Information Communications Technology
MTEF  Medium Term Expenditure Framework
NBI   National Backborne Infrastructure
NDP II Second National Development Plan
OSBP  One Stop Border Post
PAYE  Pay As You Earn
PBB   Programme Based Budgeting
PBS   Programme Budgeting System
PSFU  Private Sector Foundation Uganda
URA   Uganda Revenue Authority
UNRA  Uganda National Roads Authority
VAT   Value Added Tax
**Glossary of Selected Terms**

**Appropriation Act:** authorizes Government Ministries and Agencies to allocate and spend funds on selected programmes and projects.

**Approved Budget:** This is the appropriated Budget and statutory expenditure by the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda, for a Financial Year from 1st July to 30th June.

**Budget:** is an estimation of revenue and expenses over a specified future period of time usually a year.

**Budget Deficit:** is defined as the difference between what the Government spends and what the government collects.

**Chart of Accounts:** this is the complete list of items against which Budget allocations are made and appropriated through the Integrated Financial Management System. This forms basis of the detailed Budget Estimates.

**Concessional Loans:** are loans that are extended on terms substantially more generous than market loans. The concessionality is achieved either through interest rates below those available on the market or by grace periods, or a combination of these. Concessional loans typically have long grace periods. These are usually provided by multilateral agencies e.g. World Bank.

**Contingencies Fund:** is a fund created to meet some urgent or unforeseen expenditure of Government.

**Development Partner:** is a Country that offers assistance in form of Funds, machinery, experts and several others to another country.

**Domestic Financing:** is the amount of money raised by the Government, in local currency and from its own residents mostly through the commercial banks and issuing government securities.
**Economic growth:** refers to the increase in the amount of goods and services produced in a country over a period of time, usually one year.

**External Financing (External Fin.):** This refers to the category of expenditure that was previously referred to as donor in the Budget documents. The change in name is to ensure conformity with international nomenclature.

**GoU:** This refers to the category of expenditure on domestic development funded by the Government of Uganda.

**Grants:** are non-repayable funds or products disbursed by one party, often a Government Department, Corporation, Foundation or Trust. These are provided for mostly by bilateral development partners.

**Grants and Subsidies (Outputs Funded):** These are services funded by the Vote but delivered by another institution. They relate to expenditures on grants and transfers in the chart of accounts.

**Gross Domestic Product:** (GDP) is the monetary value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period, though GDP is usually calculated on an annual basis.

**IFMS:** is an IT-based budgeting and accounting system that manages spending, payment processing, budgeting and reporting for governments and other entities.

**Inflation:** is a sustained increase in the general price level of goods and services in an economy over a period of time.

**Investment (Capital Purchases):** These relate to purchases of capital assets in the chart of accounts. Item: These are the lowest operational level of the Budget, and represent the resources necessary to carry out activities, e.g. staff salaries, travel inland, printing and stationery etc.

**MTEF:** is an annual plan that shows the money Government intends to spend in the next five years.

**Non Tax revenue:** is revenue from other sources apart from tax that is collected and sent to the Consolidated Fund. These include fees and licenses.

**Non-performing loans:** is a sum of borrowed money upon which the debtor has not made the scheduled payments for a specified period.

**OTT Tax:** This tax is an excise duty on over the top ("OTT") services and it is charged at rate of UGX 200 per user per day of access.
OTT Services: the transmission or receipt of voice or messages over the internet protocol network and includes access to virtual private networks (VPNs).

Programme Based Budgeting (PBB): is the practice of developing budgets based on the relationship between program funding levels and expected results from that program.

Programme Budgeting System (PBS): is an online budgeting system that describes and gives the detailed costs of every activity that is to be carried out with a given budget.

Project: These represent the results or set of activities implemented by the Vote which contribute to the achievement of the Vote objectives. They primarily involve capital purchases and may be financed by the Government of Uganda and/or Development partners, e.g. Emergency construction of primary school classrooms.

Programme: These represent the results or sets of activities implemented by the Vote which contribute to the achievement of the Vote objectives. These are recurrent in nature.

Public Debt: is the debt owed by a central government.

Release: Central Government transfer of funds to MDAs (including supplementary schedule) from the consolidated fund.

Sector: These are groups of institutions (Votes) or parts of institutions which contribute towards a common function, e.g. Education, Health, Agriculture etc.

Trade deficit: is an economic measure of a negative balance of trade in which a country’s imports exceed its exports. A trade deficit represents an outflow of domestic currency to foreign markets.

Taxes: are financial charges or other levies imposed upon a taxpayer (an individual or legal entity) by a state or the functional equivalent of a state to fund various public expenditures. In Uganda, Tax revenues are collected by URA. These include income tax, VAT, excise duty, custom duties among others.

Vote: These are institutions (Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Local Governments) which are the basis of the annual budget and appropriations made by Parliament, and the basis for accountability, e.g. Ministry of Public Service, Ministry of Health etc.
Introduction

What’s the Citizens Guide to the Budget
The Citizen’s Guide to the Budget is a simplified document simplified to enable the general public to understand the Government Budget.

This is a summary of the National Budget clear showing how Government plans to raise revenue and how it plans to raise revenue to allocate and spend these resources in different areas of the economy to achieve the National Development Goals.

Role of a citizen
• Know how the Government intends to raise resources for financing the Budget
• Know how the Government will make use of the available resources that have been raised highlighting the priorities; and
• To participate actively at all levels and hold Government responsible and accountable for quality service delivery

The National Budget
Refers to a country’s official statement which shows how Government plans to raise revenue and how these revenues will be allocated to different programmes and projects over a given period of time usually a financial year.

Approval of the Budget
The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development after consultation with stakeholders is supposed to submit the National Budget Estimated to Parliament by 1st April for discussion and approval by 31st May prior to the beginning of the financial year.
Uganda’s Economic Performance and Outlook

**Economic Growth**

Refers to an increase in what a country produces over time. It’s measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

In the FY 2018/19, the rate of economic growth (GDP) was revised to 6.7% higher than the 6.1% recorded in 2017/18. The main drivers of faster growth in FY2018/19 include accelerated growth in: manufacturing, private construction, public sector investments in infrastructure, agriculture and services, regional trade, tourism, ICT and financial services.

**Inflation**

Refers to the increase in the general price of goods and services.

Inflationary pressures were generally low in the first half of FY2018/19 with inflation recorded at 3.1%. The above was on account of increased food supplies in the markets due to favourable weather conditions, relative stability in the exchange rate and effective coordination of monetary and fiscal policies.

**Exchange Rates**

Refers to the value of Ugandan shilling against other currencies.

The US Dollar traded at an average midrate of Ushs. 3,753.8 during the first half of the FY2018/19, but by 20th February 2019, the shilling had regained its strength against the US dollar at Ushs 3,670. This was mainly because of improved exports, improved disbursement of external support for government programmes, continued Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows and remittances from abroad.
Financial Sector

- The banking sector is healthy and sound.
- Non-performing loans when measured against gross loans declined to 3.4% as at end December 2018 compared to 5.63% in December 2017.

Private Sector Credit

- Private Sector Credit refers to money that is available to the Private sector from financial institutions for example banks and is accessed through borrowing, buying good on credit, among others.
- Private Sector Credit amounted to Ushs. 14.22 Trillion which indicates growth of 6.1 percent over the first half of FY 2018/19 compared to 5.8 percent recorded for the first half of FY2017/18.
- Trade and Building, mortgage, construction and real estate sectors received the largest share of credit, each taking up 20.2 percent and 19.8 percent respectively.
- Lending to agriculture remains low, at 12.9 percent of total credit extended as at December 2018.
- Therefore, Government interventions such as rolling out agricultural insurance, improving access to the Agricultural Credit Facility, and other initiatives will be prioritized in FY 2019/20.
The Budget for **FY 2019/20** amounts to **shs. 40,487.90 billion** comprised of Domestic revenue amounting to **Ushs. 30,379.14 billion** and External Revenue amounting to **Ushs. 10,108.76 billion**.

### Domestic Revenue Funding Sources for the FY 2019/20 Budget (Ushs. Bn)

- **Total Domestic Revenue**: **Ushs. 23,926 Bn**
  - **URA Tax Revenue**: **18,877**
  - **Non Tax Revenue**: **1,571**
  - **Petroleum Fund**: **446**
  - **Domestic Financing**: **2,831**
  - **Appropriation in Aid/Local Revenue**: **201**

### External Financing Sources for the FY 2019/20 Budget (Ushs. Bn)

- **Project Support**: **9,434**
  - **o/w Grants**: **Ushs 1,799Bn**
  - **o/w Grants**: **Ushs 7,634Bn**
- **Budget Support**: **675**
  - **o/w Grants**: **Ushs 100.58Bn**
  - **o/w Grants**: **Ushs 574.59Bn**
Government will implement the following administrative measures in order to boost revenue collection in the FY 2019/20:

1. Electronic Fiscal Devices;
2. Digital Tax Stamps;
3. Implement the rental income tax collection solution by RippleNami;
4. Purchase and deployment of Scanners;
5. Electronic Cargo Tracking system;
6. Tackling tax fraud;
7. Implementing exchange of information (EOI) regionally and internationally;
8. Enhance URA Human capacity; Improve technical and specialised skills in key areas; e.g IT, Oil & Gas, International Tax, Legal;
10. Acquisition of a real time risk engine/solution.
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<th>TAX MEASURE</th>
<th>Expected revenue gain (UGX. Bns)</th>
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<td><strong>A INCOME TAX</strong></td>
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<td>1 Widening the scope of the withholding agents across the sectors</td>
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<td>2 Provide administrative penalties for employers who fail to comply with their obligations to file PAYE and other withholding tax returns</td>
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<td>3 Provide for ring fenced taxation of rental income of non-individual taxpayers by property.</td>
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<td>4 Review the specific rates applicable on income of small businesses in the range of Ushs 10 million to Ushs 150 million to reduce the rates</td>
<td>3bn</td>
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<td>5 To oblige owners of goods vehicles to obtain a Tax Clearance Certificate as a condition for obtaining a license to operate</td>
<td>2bn</td>
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<td>6 Provide for withholding of 6% tax on sale of a business or business assets by all resident persons other than exempt persons</td>
<td>13bn</td>
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<td><strong>B EXCISE DUTY</strong></td>
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<td>1 Review the Excise Duty Act to provide for regulation/licensing of premises, production and packaging of excisable firms</td>
<td>16.94bn</td>
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<td>2 Provide for regulations to guide the Excise Tax treatment of Islamic financial services in line the substance of the transaction rather than its form</td>
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<td><strong>C VAT</strong></td>
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<td>1 Reintroduce withholding VAT at a rate of 6%, Provide penalties for failure to withhold, Provide for exemption of taxpayers based on a clear criteria</td>
<td>49.46bn</td>
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<td>2 Exempt drugs and medicines from VAT, and zero rate the supply of medicines manufactured in Uganda by a Uganda-cbased manufacturer</td>
<td>7bn</td>
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<td><strong>D CUSTOMS</strong></td>
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<td>1 Increase the Common External Tariff on products that are produced in Uganda to protect the domestic industry e.g. imported tiles, steel</td>
<td>30bn</td>
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<td>SECTOR ALLOCATIONS</td>
<td>FY 2018/19 Amount (Bn)</td>
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<td>Science, Technology and Innovation</td>
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<td>ICT &amp; National Guidance</td>
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<td><strong>SUB TOTAL</strong></td>
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**Sectoral Allocations of the FY 2019/20 Budget (Percentages)**

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<td>20%</td>
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1. Commercialisation of subsistence agriculture, while ensuring sustained growth of the already commercialised section of the economy through increased Agricultural Production, Productivity and support to Agro-Processing;

2. Growing Exports, including Tourism and improving avenues for Import Substitution;

3. Lowering the Cost of Doing Business, by among others integrating ICT systems across Government;

4. Lowering the Cost of Credit

5. Creation of Jobs to address the high Youth Unemployment.

Key Interventions for FY 2019/20

In a bid to address low productivity, Government in FY 2019/20 will:

1. Improve coordination and implementation of provision of Water for Production (WfP), between the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries and Ministry of Water and Environment.

2. Update the National Soil Suitability Maps to promote uptaking the right fertilizers. The construction of the Tororo Sukulu fertilizer factory will improve accessibility and affordability of fertilizers.

3. Update the National Zoning Strategy to identify the enterprises of high export potential in addition to mapping the Agricultural production zones for food security.

4. Improve the quality of seed accessed by farmers

5. Enhance the capacity to fight animal diseases by commencing on the manufacture of the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccine in partnership with potential investors to commercially manufacture the vaccine in line with International protocols. Additionally, Agriculture research has been geared towards anti-tick vaccines.
To enhance agro-Industrialization, emphasis will be on the following:

1. Rolling out Regional Mechanization Centres which among other things will support the construction of bulk water harvesting and irrigation infrastructure.

2. Improving access to extension services through recruiting and equipping extension workers and improving the mechanism of tracking and appraising the activities of the Government extension workers in the districts and sub counties to ensure their effectiveness of their services to farmers.

3. Reduce post-harvest loss, through Government support to the private sector to establish tea factories, vegetable oil mills, cotton processing and spinning factories, dairy milk cooling, provide post-harvest equipment to sub county nucleus farmers and regional bulking centers for cereals.

Achievements in FY 2018/19

- **Coffee export** volumes increased by 6% to 4.45 million bags valued at US$ 492 million in 2018 compared to 4.187 million valued at US$ 490 million exported in 2017.

- **Oil palm** production in Kalangala increased by 55% in 2018 to 37,802MT valued at Ushs 21.4 billion.

- **Milk production** increased by 19% from 2.1 billion litres in 2015 to 2.5 billion litres in 2018.

- **The volume of fish exports** has also increased by 27%. The support to fisheries enforcement interventions has led to the opening of four (4) fish factories – Gomba in Jinja, Iftra in Kampala, Marine and Agro in Jinja and Ngenge in Kampala. The established capacity of all factories is 330 metric tonnes per day.
Water and Environment

Major Capital Investments in the FY 2019/20

1. Construction of large, mini and small scale Irrigation Schemes, earth dams and multipurpose storage facilities to provide water for various uses.
2. Procurement of water for production equipment.
3. Coordination of water and environment and agriculture sectors in line with the national irrigation policy.

Key Interventions for FY 2019/20

The budget for the FY2019/20 will focus on the following:

**Increase Access to Adequate Sanitation:** The Government objective is to increase access to safely managed sanitation services from 86 in FY 2018/19 to 90% in FY 2019/20 through extension of piped water systems and environmentally friendly waterborne toilet facilities, construction of sewerage facilities such as sewerage treatment plants, faecal sludges and ecofriendly toilet facilities in rural growth centers.

**Improving Functionality of Water Points:** To improve the functionality of the various Water Sources to at least 95 percent, the Water and Environment sector will undertake countrywide rehabilitation of water facilities including wells, valley tanks/dams, hand pumps as well as strengthening operation and maintenance of water facilities through the umbrella organisations and water user committees.
Increasing Access to Water for Production: For sustainable provision of water for production, the Water and Environment and Agriculture sectors will put in place the necessary mechanisms for proper coordination in the development of irrigation and water for production infrastructure. Government will continue to support the use of solar powered irrigation pumps to improve the last mile use of these bulky water sources, among others.

Environmental Protection, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: In a bid to reverse the trend in environmental degradation and increase the percentage of land covered by vital ecosystems, Government will undertake the following:

a. Demarcation and protection of wetlands, river bank, lakeshores and Central Forest Reserves;
b. Promotion of tree growing, eviction of encroachers, strengthening climate and weather information systems and mainstreaming of environment and climate change issues in all Government programmes and projects.

Achievements in FY 2018/19

- Rural water coverage is now 71%, while the urban water coverage stands at 80%;
- Clean water has been provided to 38,200 villages representing 66% of all villages in the country;
- Rural Sanitation coverage stands at 79%, while urban sanitation coverage stands at 87.4%.

FY 2019/20 Water & Environment Sector Vote Budget Allocations (Bn. Ushs)

- Ministry of Water and Environment 931.9
- National Forestry Authority 32.5
- National Environment Management Authority 26
- Uganda National Metrological Authority 26.8
- LG Water and Environment 59.3
- KCCA Water & Sanitation Grant 16
## Major Capital Investments in the FY 2019/20

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<td>Improvement in the literacy rate of persons aged 10 years and above to 74% resulting from the provision of Universal primary and post primary education to 92% of all parishes and 71% of all sub-counties;</td>
<td>Improvement of the pupil to book ratio from 14:1 to 2:1 as Government distributed scholastic materials to all public primary schools</td>
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## Key Interventions for FY 2019/20

In a bid to address low productivity, Government in FY 2019/20 will:

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<td>Prioritize Vocational training by enforcing standards in the institutions to make them attractive, providing vocational and technical institutions with adequate instructors and instructional materials, guided by skills demand in the market, to enable them attract potential students.</td>
<td>Improving teacher quality and performance with specific reference to instructional practices for early grade reading use of instructional materials in teaching and teacher presence in School. This will enhance the teaching of early grade numeracy and literacy through improving teachers’ content knowledge, skills and pedagogy.</td>
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Improving the School environment in form of enhanced school management, accountability and learning conditions including school facilities (classrooms, offices, water and sanitation facilities, teacher housing among others) with a view of improving teacher performance. In addition Government will review and establish standards to ensure minimum conditions for learning across schools and implement these standards. This would include setting standards on; minimum number of teachers, instructional materials, classrooms, sanitary facilities across schools etc;

Operationalisation of SEED secondary schools currently being constructed in sub- counties without Government secondary schools, with adequate staffing and operation- al costs.
Construction of Mulago National Referal Hospital and its transition into a super-specialized facility is at **97%** completion and will be commissioned in December 2019.

Progress has been registered in the disease prevention and treatment, provision of medical supplies and the development of critical health infrastructure eg. Malaria prevalence among children under five has reduced significantly from **30%** in 2015 to **17%** in 2018 majorly as a result of the distribution of **26.5 million** long lasting insecticide Nets and indoor residual spraying undertaken in **26 districts**;

Reduction in martenal deaths recorded at health facilities by **30%** from **148 per 100,000** in FY 2016/17 to 104 per 100,000 this year on account of equipping and improving staffing at health facilities. Furthermore, health worker attendance has improved from **51%** in June 2016 to **93%** in February 2019 in 20 pilot districts where biometric finger print readers were used to monitor staff attendance.
**In FY 2019/20, Government will:**

1. **Finalize the renovation of Mulago National Referral Hospital.**

2. **Functionize lower level health facilities and provide additional resources for operations. In addition, the sector will focus on streamlining the referral system to reduce pressure on Mulago National Referral Hospital which is planned to offer the super-specialized services.**

3. **Improve the reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health services to reduce on mortality and morbidity by functionalizing and upgrading lower level health facilities as well as construction of staff houses, maternity wards in 81 health centers using the World Bank support for Reproductive Maternal Child Health Services Improvement programme.**

4. **Government will address the supply chain system to strengthen and ensure adequate controls to order, receive, transport, store, distribute and account for medicines. An assessment on the public sector supply chain was conducted with support from USAID to identify strength and weaknesses of the existing supply chain systems and recommendations for improvement will be implemented.**

5. **Ministry of Health is updating the National Health Insurance Scheme to include the informal sector for consideration by Cabinet. There is a budget provision under Ministry of Health for preparatory activities for implementation of the scheme.**
Two domestic tourism promotion drives (Tulambule) were conducted in Western and Eastern Uganda with enhanced focus on popularizing tourism sites and encouraging Ugandans to visit and experience the beauty of their own Country and resources.

Museums of Kabale, Wedelai, Soroti, Fort Lugard, Bweyorere, Nyero, Kapir, Mukongoro and Moroto have been maintained.

Uganda Tourism Board participated in 8 expos and 14 events in the international, regional and domestic markets.

Breeding programme for various species of birds such as the shoebill and peafowl were conducted.
In FY 2019/20, Government will:

Government will continue to invest in the sector to increase tourists’ numbers and related employment as well as forex earning by prioritizing the following in FY 2019/20:

1. Aggressive marketing of Uganda’s tourism in key markets, e.g. South Asia and Europe.
2. Tourist product development, e.g. religious, historical, cultural, natural heritage and agro-tourism, e.g. farm visit etc.
3. Destination marketing. Identifying and marketing key tourist circuits and products.
4. Extending investment incentives to encourage more investment in the sector. To this end, the minimum investment threshold for development of hotels and tourist facilities has also been reduced from US$ 15 Million to US$ 10 Million.
5. Upgrade and renovation of key tourism infrastructure to improve access and reliability – Airfields and priority roads, electricity and internet infrastructure, stopovers, water and sanitation facilities along the tourism routes and sites.

FY 2019/20 Programme allocations under the Tourism Sector

- Tourism, Wildlife Conservation and Museums: 83%
- General Administration, Policy and Planning: 4%
- Tourism Development: 13%
Energy and Mineral Development

Achievements in FY 2018/19

Increased the generation capacity to over 1,200MW with the coming on board of Isimba (183MW), and three mini hydro power plants that were commissioned this year under the GETFiT – Nyamwamba (9.2MW), Nkusi (9.6MW) and Waki (4.8MW).

Three gold refineries (African, Simba and Bullion) have been set up to refine gold to 99.9%.

The Sukulu Phosphate and Steel Project was commissioned in October 2018.

Government started implementing the Electricity Connection Policy 2018 under which government will fully meet the cost of electricity connection materials to enable citizens that are ready for electricity consumption to access free connection materials.

Government continued to monitor and supervise the mining licenses and activities in the areas of Namayingo, Mubende, Busia, Bugiri, Kasese, Kabarole, Buhweju, Rubanda, Ntungamo, Kabale, Kisoro and the Karamoja region. In addition, Mineral Protection Police was put in place to curb illegal mining.

Government commenced biometric registration of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining as well as updated the Mining Cadastre and Registry System software to a e-government portal that now facilitates online mineral licensing.
**Key Interventions in FY 2019/20**

A cost-effective energy sector that facilitates service delivery and industrialization will be achieved through:

1. **Completion Karuma hydropower project** in order to concretize the electricity generation capacity. In addition, other small hydros will be completed by the year 2020 in order to have 2000 MW of installed capacity.

2. **Effective FY2019/20**, resources shall be focused on refurbishing and expansion of the dilapidated transmission lines and expediting the new transmission lines to evacuate power from the different generation plants. This will be coupled with substations and laying foundation for the main industrial parks that are envisaged to facilitate industrialization.

3. **In regard to distribution networks**, Government will continue negotiation of the UMEME Concession that will expire in 2025. It is expected that early negotiations and extension of UMEME Concession will guarantee growth in demand for power and subsequent cheaper electricity tariffs.

Furthermore, to fast-track the development and commercialization of minerals, oil and gas. Government will prioritize the following in FY 2019/20:

1. **Speeding up regulatory reforms**, including joining the extractive industry transparency initiatives (EITI).

2. **Establishment of beneficiation centres**, construction of minerals laboratories and the completion of the Phosphate and Steel Project at Sukulu.

3. **Speed up preparation for the development of oil and gas production and support infrastructure** – The refinery, east African crude oil pipeline and the oil and gas industrial park.


- **Energy and Minerals** 1,864.7
- **Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC)** 31.47
- **Rural Electrification Agency (REA)** 1,060.84
- **Petroleum Authority of Uganda** 50.2
The Paved road network is now 5,111 kilometers equivalent to 25% of the National Road Network, exceeding the NDP II target of 5,000km;

Finalized the Traffic and Road Safety (Amendment) Bill 2018;

1,022 reinforced concrete railway reserve boundary markers erected along 64Km of the railway reserve from Lubanyi to Igan-ga;

Completed 74% works for the new cargo center complex for Entebbe airport;

Completed 80% rehabilitation works for runway 12/30 and its associated taxiways;
Key Interventions in FY 2019/20

1 Sequencing road development projects to minimise over-commitment of the budget as interest charged on unpaid certificates erodes the funds available to these projects. In this regard consideration of new road projects should be on replacement basis upon exit of completed road projects, with exception of tourism and oil roads for which special funds have been provided.

2 Under oil roads, Packages 1, 2 & 3 which are very critical for delivery of the first oil are ongoing and MoFPED in consultation with UNRA will complete the process of loan financing for the Engineering Procurement Contracts (EPCs) amounting to USD 68.5 million.

3 To enhance access to tourism sites, an additional Ushs 57.8 billion will be provided to UNRA to embark on the South-West tourism circuit. The other tourism roads will be sequenced over the medium and long term. In addition, support will be provided for rehabilitation of aerodromes to facilitate domestic flights.

4 In FY 2019/20, Government will continue to support the improvement of rural roads connectivity, low-cost sealing of district roads and improving material testing and research services under Ministry of Works & Transport (MoWT).

5 Enhancing efficient and effective use of the road equipment procured from Japan, by ensuring that this equipment is properly maintained and strictly used for road maintenance and rehabilitation of District, Urban and Community Access Roads (DUCAR) and National roads and using the Force Account approach as opposed to contracting which is usually more expensive.

6 Land acquisition and counterpart funding will be prioritised in the budget, especially for Development of the new port at Bukasa (Ushs 29 billion), completion of the One Stop Border Post (OSBP) at Katuna (Ushs 9 billion). In this regard some of the funds will be reallocated from the Road Fund and SGR project for this purpose.

7 The construction works for development of Kabaale International Airport in Hoima District will continue in FY 2019/20.

FY 2019/20 Works and Transport Sector Vote Budget Allocations (Bn. Ushs)

- Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) 3,999
- Road Fund 448.8
- KCCA Road Rehabilitation Grant 308.45
- Works and Transport 1,655.9
- Local Government Works 22.90
1. NITA-U will deliver last mile connectivity to enhance provision and access to e-Government Services through NBI/EGI by making an additional 800 MALGs connections to the National Backbone Infrastructure.

2. Secondly, NITA-U will also implement the Missing Links component of the RCIP Project connecting nine (9) additional districts to the NBI including: Nebbi, Pakwach, Arua, Koboko, Yumbe, Moyo, Adjumani, Katakwi, Moroto.

3. The Ministry of ICT will continue the implementation of the ICT Initiatives Support Program utilizing the ICT Innovation Fund to set up a regional innovation hub in the northern region as well as provide grants and technical support to innovators.

4. Government through Ministry of ICT will implement the centralised Media Buying Strategy that aims at establishing a centralized communication and media buying framework for GoU that guarantees return of investment, professionalizes GoU’s communication by introducing governing measures that will ensure brand quality and consistency.
Key Interventions in FY 2019/20

Government will prioritize the following measures to enhance the effectiveness of the public sector:

1. Implementation of the Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System. The introduction of e-GP is expected to generate significant efficiency gains and improve transparency and accountability in the public procurement sector.

2. Implementation of the Resource Enhancement and Accountability Programme (REAP) which requires strengthening of transparency and accountability in Public Finance.

3. Completing the rollout of the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS), Treasury Single Account Framework and the e-cash solution to all the remaining entities especially, at Local Government levels, to enhance efficiency, transparency and accountability.

4. Implement the asset management policy, currently being finalized to improve asset management and efficient use in delivery of services.

FY 2019/20 Accountability Sector Vote Budget Allocations (Bn. Ushs)

- MoFPED 581.31
- Inspectorate of Government 53.48
- Directorate of Ethics and Integrity 8.59
- Treasury Operations 262.07
- Office of the Auditor General 63.75
- URA 438.26
- Other 207.3
Key Interventions In Fy 2019/20

1. Government will continue to strengthen anti-corruption institutions and systems in order to crackdown on corruption in public service.

2. Addressing case backlog and enhancing efficiency in case management by strengthening case management systems and automating business processes, construction of one-stop JLOS service points at district level, rolling out pre-bargaining, holding special sessions for a range of cases e.g. SGBV cases, strengthening the land and commercial courts to reduce lead times, strengthening legal aid by extending the State Brief Scheme to enhance access to justice for indigent persons.

3. Addressing Congestion in Prisons through operationalising Kitalya mini-max prison and 5 other reception centres and the National community service programme.

FY 2019/20 Programme allocations under the Justice, Law and Order Sector

- General administration, planning, policy and support services 25%
- Judicial services 10%
- Territorial and Specialised Policing 9%
- Crime Prevention and Investigation Management 8%
- Human Rights and Welfare 6%
- Policy, Planning and Support Services 6%
- Welfare and Infrastructure 6%
- Citizenship and Immigration Services 5%
- Others 25%
Security and Governance

1. Security enhancement in order to address external and internal threats, including ensuring security of tourists. Government will continue to professionalize the UPDF through equipment and training.

2. Funding 2021 General Elections in line with promotion of democracy and governance. This will not only deepen governance, but also cement transparency and maturity of our democracy, peace and security.

3. Crime management by fast tracking crime information system and roll out the installation of CCTV to municipalities and urban centers, and promoting community policing.

4. Implementation of e-gates, e-kiosks for major borders and full implementation of e-passports to reduce the lead time in clearing immigrants and improve service delivery.

FY 2019/20 Programme allocations under the Security Sector

- Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) 3,999
- Road Fund 448.8
- KCCA Road Rehabilitation Grant 308.45
- Works and Transport 1,655.9
- Local Government Works 22.90
In order to strengthen the Public Investment Management System (PIMS) in the country, Government will ensure all projects under preparation and appraisal adhere to the Public Investment Management System (PIMS) framework, which emphasizes review and approval at four stages of Concept, Profile, Prefeasibility and Feasibility.

Furthermore, Government developed an Integrated Bank of projects (IBP). The IBP is an online system database for information and data relating to all projects at the various stages of the project cycle. The first phase spanning project preparation and appraisal was completed and launched in April, 2019. Development of the second phase for execution, monitoring and evaluation shall commence in July, 2019. Therefore, with effect from 01st July 2019, all processes underlying project preparation and appraisal shall be undertaken on the IBP.

In order to improve awareness and transparency, in FY 2017/18, the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development undertook various activities during the Budget Week aimed at engaging all the different stakeholders and improving the relationship between itself and the Citizens’ of the Country.

In FY 2018/19, the MoFPED engaged other stakeholders including URA, CSBAG, PSFU, CSOs and organized a Budget month with various activities scheduled including Regional Budget Breakfast meetings and this was all in a bid to increase awareness and understanding of the Budget for FY 2019/20. In addition an exhibition was conducted where several Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies showcased their work to the hundreds of people in attendance and with this, the work done by institutions of Government was appreciated as well as feedback provided to different Government institutions on how to improve their work of offering services to the people across the Country.