

Vote:101 Judiciary

V1: Vote Overview

I. Vote Mission Statement

To administer Justice to all people in Uganda in an independent, impartial, accountable, efficient and effective manner

II. Strategic Objective

To Enhance Adjudication of Court Cases

III. Major Achievements in 2019/20

Outcome 1: Judicial Infrastructure Developed and Rehabilitated.

1. Maintained Court buildings where Iganga Chief Magistrate Court was renovated.
2. The contract for the construction of the Appellate Courts (Supreme Court and Court of Appeal) was awarded. The contractor is on site mobilizing materials.

Outcome 2: Judiciary Business Processes and use of ICT Enhanced

1. Overall, the Courts disposed of 78,596 cases in the Half Year of FY 2019/20 as compared to 75,480 cases disposed of in the Half Year 2018/19. This is 4% increase in case disposal in the period under review as compared to the Half Year of FY 2018/19. The details of the disposal by Court level are as follows;

- a) The Supreme Court disposed of 70 cases as follows; 50 Criminal cases (44 Criminal Appeals, 6 Criminal Applications) ;19 Civil cases (10 Civil Appeals, 9 Civil Applications) and 1 Constitutional Petition. The 70 Cases disposed of by the Court in the period under review represents 63% increase compared to the 43 cases disposed of by the Court during the Half -Year FY 2018/19. This increase may be attributed to the fast-tracked disposal of all cases that were before Corams that had retiring Justices of the Supreme Court. Retiring Justices are required to dispose of all cases in advanced stages.
- b) The Court of Appeal disposed of 572 cases as follows; 313 Criminal cases (172 Criminal Appeals; 141 Criminal Applications); 214 Civil cases (82 Civil Appeals, 132 Civil Applications); 25 Constitutional cases (16 Constitutional Petitions, 9 Constitutional Applications); 1 Election petition Appeal; and 19 Mediation Cause cases. The Court registered a 4% decrease in case disposal as compared to the 598 cases disposed of in the Half Year of FY 2018/19. This decrease in case disposal can be attributed to the elevation of 2 of the Justices of Court of Appeal to the Supreme Court which left a gap and the long formalization process of the newly appointed Justices of the Court of Appeal during the Half Year 2019/20.
- c) The High Court disposed of 10,068 cases as follows; 1,753 Criminal cases (163 Criminal Appeals, 1,590 Criminal Main Suits); 2,441 Civil cases (147 Civil Appeals, 2,294 Civil Main Suits); 1,533 Family cases; 155 Anti-Corruption cases; 1,280 Commercial cases; 1,851 Land cases; and 13 International Crime (Applications); and 1,042 Execution and Bailiffs cases. The 10,068 case disposed of in the period under review represents 20% decrease as compared to the 12,571 cases disposed of in the Half Year of FY 2018/19. This decrease in case disposal can be attributed to the elevation of 7 Registrars to Judges of the High Court and the long formalization process which left a gap.
- i. Public sensitization on ADR conducted in areas of Mbale, Bulambuli, Nakaloke, Sironko, Mukono, Lugazi, Kayunga, Rubaga, Nabweru and Nateete, Gulu, Mbarara, Bushenyi, Mbale, Soroti, Tororo, Lira and Luzira. This was conducted to increase awareness and improve case disposal.
- d) The Magistrate Courts disposed of 67,886 cases as follows; 45,963 cases at Chief Magistrates Courts; 20,694 cases at Magistrate GI Courts; and 1,229 cases at Magistrate GII Courts. This is a 9% increase in case disposal from 62,268 cases for half year FY2018/19 which is attributed to the recruitment of additional 18 Chief Magistrates.

2. The inception report for the design, development, deployment and maintenance of the Electronic Court Case Management Information System (ECCMIS) was approved. The design of the system is ongoing. The ECCMIS will provide a robust solution for automation of Court processes including e-filing and e-payment of Court fees and fines. The contractor is currently finalizing the System Requirements Specification documentation.

3. Small Claims Procedure was rolled-out in 17 Chief Magistrates Courts namely Bugiri, Sironko, Bubulo, Ssembabule, Rakai, Kalangala, Kumi, Dokolo, Katakwi, Kaberamaido, Bukedea, Ngora, Bududa Amolatar, Namayingo, Nakifuma, Nsangi Magistrates Courts. This improves access to civil commercial Justice for the poor especially women.

4. In order to improve effectiveness and efficiency in case disposal, 57 (41M, 16F) Mediators were trained in mediation rules, procedures and best practices.

Similarly, in Mubende High Court Circuit 8 (5M, 3F) mediators were accredited to facilitate Court-annexed mediation. This will enhance case-flow management contributing to the reduction of disputes appearing before Court and promoting timely and affordable access to justice especially to the indigent persons.

Vote:101 Judiciary

Outcome 3: Legal and Regulatory Framework Processes for the Judiciary Strengthened

1. The Administration Bill is before the Parliament for debate.
2. Reviewed Sentencing guidelines and Civil Procedure Rules.
3. Printed the Anti - Sexual Harassment Policy and Grievance Handling Policy.
4. The procurement of a consultant to review the Judiciary Strategic Plan IV is at bidding stage of procurement.

Outcome 4: Institutional and Human Resource Capacity of the Judiciary Enhanced

1. Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture conducted.
2. Judges and Magistrates conferences were held to review performance, inform strategic directions for the next calendar year and share best practices.
3. 95 (52 Male, 43 Female) Judicial Officers in Northern and Eastern regions trained on the enacted Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019, Rules and Practice Directions;
4. Monitoring and Evaluation field visits conducted to track progress of implementation of the Strategic Plan.
5. 51 (32 male and 19 female) living with HIV/AIDS were provided with monthly facilitation to access services not offered by Government hospitals;
6. 208 (114 male and 94 female) participated in the health awareness campaign under the theme- "Raising Awareness and Promoting Health Best Practices".
7. Introduced health promotion exercises.
8. 32 (18 male & 14 female) officers trained in Gender and Equity Budgeting to mainstream gender and equity issues in planning and reporting
9. 3 Justices of the Court of Appeal & 12 Judges of the High Court received and deployed.
10. Budget Framework Paper for FY 2020/21 prepared.
11. AU 4th Judicial dialogue held.
12. Procured furniture for Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court Kampala and Masindi High Court circuit. Wakiso, Mityana and Moroto Chief Magistrate Courts. Kyenjojo, Bundibugyo, Koboko, Alebtong and Maracha/Nyadri Magistrate Grade I courts.

IV. Medium Term Plans

1. Construct Court buildings;
2. Automate Courts to facilitate expeditious disposal of cases;
3. Renovate and rehabilitate dilapidated court buildings;
4. Customize Court buildings with facilities for the people with disabilities, breast feeding mothers and children;
5. Recruit or train Court interpreters in sign language and braille services;
6. Recruit and facilitate more Judicial Officers at High Court and Magistrates Courts;
7. Implement case backlog reduction strategy;
8. Provide transport equipment to all Judicial Officers;
9. Promote Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanisms such as Plea bargain, Mediation and Small Claims Procedure;
10. Operationalize new gazetted Courts (High Court Circuits & Magisterial areas);
11. Roll out Performance Evaluation Tool (PET).

Vote:101 Judiciary

V. Summary of Past Performance and Medium Term Budget Allocations

Table 5.1: Overview of Vote Expenditures (US\$ Billion)

	2018/19 Outturn	2019/20		2020/21	MTEF Budget Projections				
		Approved Budget	Expenditure by End Dec		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	
Recurrent									
Wage	33.526	47.694	26.283	58.422	58.422	58.422	58.422	58.422	58.422
Non Wage	91.497	112.908	50.946	113.127	135.752	162.903	195.484	234.580	
Devt.									
GoU	3.929	21.010	0.000	21.010	21.010	21.010	21.010	21.010	21.010
Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	128.952	181.612	77.229	192.558	215.184	242.334	274.915	314.011	
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	128.952	181.612	77.229	192.558	215.184	242.334	274.915	314.011	
Arrears	0.298	0.012	0.000	4.019	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget	129.249	181.623	77.229	196.578	215.184	242.334	274.915	314.011	
A.I.A Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand Total	129.249	181.623	77.229	196.578	215.184	242.334	274.915	314.011	
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	128.952	181.612	77.229	192.558	215.184	242.334	274.915	314.011	

VI. Budget By Economic Classification

Table V6.1 2019/20 and 2020/21 Budget Allocations by Item

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2019/20 Approved Budget				2020/21 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
Output Class : Outputs Provided	160.602	0.000	0.000	160.602	171.549	0.000	171.549
211 Wages and Salaries	76.271	0.000	0.000	76.271	85.348	0.000	85.348
212 Social Contributions	7.773	0.000	0.000	7.773	8.202	0.000	8.202
213 Other Employee Costs	3.396	0.000	0.000	3.396	3.237	0.000	3.237
221 General Expenses	36.580	0.000	0.000	36.580	30.674	0.000	30.674
222 Communications	0.326	0.000	0.000	0.326	0.276	0.000	0.276
223 Utility and Property Expenses	14.320	0.000	0.000	14.320	15.818	0.000	15.818
224 Supplies and Services	3.851	0.000	0.000	3.851	4.157	0.000	4.157
225 Professional Services	0.244	0.000	0.000	0.244	3.438	0.000	3.438
227 Travel and Transport	12.412	0.000	0.000	12.412	13.161	0.000	13.161
228 Maintenance	5.322	0.000	0.000	5.322	7.129	0.000	7.129
282 Miscellaneous Other Expenses	0.108	0.000	0.000	0.108	0.108	0.000	0.108
Output Class : Capital Purchases	21.010	0.000	0.000	21.010	21.010	0.000	21.010
312 FIXED ASSETS	21.010	0.000	0.000	21.010	21.010	0.000	21.010
Output Class : Arrears	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.012	4.019	0.000	4.019

Vote:101 Judiciary

321 DOMESTIC	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.012	4.019	0.000	4.019
Grand Total :	181.623	0.000	0.000	181.623	196.578	0.000	196.578
Total excluding Arrears	181.612	0.000	0.000	181.612	192.558	0.000	192.558

VII. Budget By Programme And Subprogramme

Table V7.1: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by Programme and SubProgramme

<i>Billion Uganda shillings</i>	FY 2018/19 Outturn	FY 2019/20		2020-21 Proposed Budget	Medium Term Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent By End Dec		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
37 Judiciary General Administration	0.000	0.000	0.000	135.327	148.123	170.578	197.525	229.861
02 Internal Audit Department	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.502	0.493	0.578	0.680	0.802
03 Human Resource Management Department	0.000	0.000	0.000	46.018	54.065	63.401	74.603	88.046
04 Judicial Administration	0.000	0.000	0.000	6.536	6.916	7.929	9.144	10.603
05 Judicial Training Institute(JTI)	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.892	7.095	8.413	9.995	11.893
06 Finance and Administration	0.000	0.000	0.000	34.824	44.772	52.980	62.830	74.649
07 Engineering and Technical Services	0.000	0.000	0.000	14.023	2.292	2.740	3.278	3.924
08 Information and Communication Technology	0.000	0.000	0.000	9.523	11.480	13.528	15.986	18.935
1556 Construction of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Building	0.000	0.000	0.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000
1644 Retooling of the Judiciary	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.010	1.010	1.010	1.010	1.010
51 Judicial services	129.249	181.623	77.229	61.250	67.061	71.756	77.389	84.151
01 Judiciary	125.320	160.614	77.229	61.250	67.061	71.756	77.389	84.151
0352 Assistance to Judiciary System	3.929	1.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
1556 Construction of the Supreme court and Court of Appeal Building	0.000	20.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total for the Vote	129.249	181.623	77.229	196.578	215.184	242.334	274.915	314.011
Total Excluding Arrears	128.952	181.612	77.229	192.558	215.184	242.334	274.915	314.011

VIII. Programme Performance and Medium Term Plans

Table V8.1: Programme Outcome and Outcome Indicators (Only applicable for FY 2020/21)

Programme :	37 Judiciary General Administration
Programme Objective :	To provide strategic leadership, management and operational support to the Judiciary
Responsible Officer:	Pius Bigirimana - Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Judiciary
Programme Outcome:	Strengthened leadership, management & support services
Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome	N/A
	Performance Targets

Vote:101 Judiciary

Outcome Indicators			2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	Baseline	Base year	Target	Projection	Projection
• Level of adherence to set standards and systems	100%	2018	100%	100%	100%
• Staffing level for Judicial Officers	50.4%	2019	52%	54%	56%
• Staffing level for non-Judicial Officers	36%	2019	36%	38%	40%
SubProgramme: 02 Internal Audit Department					
<i>Output: 12 Improved Internal Audit</i>					
Number of Internal Audit reports produced			4	4	4
SubProgramme: 04 Judicial Administration					
<i>Output: 01 Office of the Chief Justice</i>					
Number of top management meetings held			12	12	12
Number of Top Management supervisory visits made			4	4	4
<i>Output: 02 Office of the Deputy Chief Justice</i>					
Number of supervisory visits made			4	4	4
<i>Output: 03 Office of the Principal Judge</i>					
Number of inspections conducted			4	4	4
<i>Output: 04 Office of the Chief Registrar</i>					
Number of inspections conducted			12	12	12
<i>Output: 05 Inspectorate of Courts</i>					
Percentage of filed complaints investigated			100%	100%	100%
Proportion of Courts with minimum operational standards			100%	100%	100%
<i>Output: 06 Registry of Magistrate Affairs and Data Management</i>					
Number of spot checks on courts conducted			20	20	20
<i>Output: 07 Registry of Planning and Development</i>					
Number of field visits conducted			12	12	12
SubProgramme: 05 Judicial Training Institute(JTI)					
<i>Output: 08 Capacity Building</i>					
Number of staff trained			741	741	741
SubProgramme: 06 Finance and Administration					
<i>Output: 09 Administrative and Support Services</i>					
Percentage of courts in Judiciary owned premises			63%	63%	63%
Budget absorption rate			100%	100%	100%
<i>Output: 10 Policy, Planning and Statistics</i>					
Level of compliance of the Judiciary of Gender and Equity budgeting			100%	100%	100%

Vote:101 Judiciary

Percentage of the strategic plan implemented	100%	100%	100%		
SubProgramme: 07 Engineering and Technical Services					
<i>Output: 09 Administrative and Support Services</i>					
Percentage of courts in Judiciary owned premises	56%	56%	56%		
Budget absorption rate	100%	100%	100%		
SubProgramme: 08 Information and Communication Technology					
<i>Output: 13 ICT Services</i>					
Proportion of courts automated	4%	6%	8%		
Programme :	51 Judicial services				
Programme Objective :	To Enhance Judicial Services at all levels				
Responsible Officer:	Pius Bigirimana - Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Judiciary				
Programme Outcome:	Enhanced access to judicial services				
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>					
1. Infrastructure and access to JLOS services enhanced					
Outcome Indicators	Performance Targets				
			2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	Baseline	Base year	Target	Projection	Projection

Vote:101 Judiciary

• Disposal rate of cases by court level and case category	47%	2018	52%	54%	56%
SubProgramme: 01 Judiciary					
Output: 01 Disposal of Appeals in the Supreme Court					
Average time taken to dispose of cases in the Supreme Court (days)			1,000	940	920
No. of Criminal Appeals in the Supreme Court timely disposed off.			45	48	50
No. of Civil Appeals in the Supreme Court timely disposed			75	79	81
Output: 02 Disposal of Appeals and Constitutional Matters in the Court of Appeal					
Average time taken to dispose of cases in the Court of Appeal (days)			1,400	1,370	1,340
No. of Civil Appeals in the Court of Appeal Disposed off			792	808	828
No. of Criminal Appeals in the Court of Appeal Disposed off			1,000	850	875
Output: 03 Disposal of Appeals and Suits in the High Court					
% of persons accused of capital offences accessing state briefs			100%	100%	100%
Average time (days) taken to dispose of cases in the High court			720	700	670
No. of Civil and Criminal Appeals in the High Court disposed off			3,500	3,580	3,620
No. of Civil and Criminal Suits in the High Court disposed off			25,680	26,180	26,680
No. of indigent persons accessing legal aid			2,500	2,500	2,500
Output: 04 Disposal of Suits and Appeals in the Magistrate Courts					
Average time taken to dispose of cases in the Magistrates Courts			325	300	270
No. of Suits (Family, Criminal, Civil, Land and Anti- Corruption) in the Magistrates Courts disposed off			148,000	164,000	180,000
SubProgramme: 1556 Construction of the Supreme court and Court of Appeal Building					
Output: 80 Construction and Rehabilitation of Judicial Courts					
% of courts operating from own buildings			34%	35%	36%
% of districts with Grade 1 courts			78%	79%	80%

IX. Major Capital Investments And Changes In Resource Allocation

Table 9.1: Major Capital Investment (Capital Purchases outputs over 0.5Billion)

FY 2019/20		FY 2020/21
Appr. Budget and Planned Outputs	Expenditures and Achievements by end Dec	Proposed Budget and Planned Outputs
Vote 101 Judiciary		
<i>Program : 12 37 Judiciary General Administration</i>		
Development Project : 1556 Construction of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Building		
Output: 12 37 80 Court Buildings and Administrative structures		
		Super structure for Supreme Court and Court of Appeal building constructed

Vote:101 Judiciary

Total Output Cost(Ushs Thousand)	0	0	20,000,000
Gou Dev't:	0	0	20,000,000
Ext Fin:	0	0	0
A.I.A:	0	0	0
Development Project : 1644 Retooling of the Judiciary			
Output: 12 37 80 Court Buildings and Administrative structures			
			1) 30 desktop computers procured; 2) Photocopier for PPU procured; 3) Furniture for the High Court H/Q and 15 CM Courts procured; 4) Solar systems for 6 Magistrates Courts procured. 5) Assorted equipment for breast feeding mothers'/children rooms procured
Total Output Cost(Ushs Thousand)	0	0	1,009,500
Gou Dev't:	0	0	1,009,500
Ext Fin:	0	0	0
A.I.A:	0	0	0

X. Vote Challenges and Plans To Improve Performance

Vote Challenges

1. Inadequate Judiciary owned Court premises. Appellate Courts and 54 lower courts operate in rented premises at a cost of approximately 11.6bn per annum.
2. Several courts housed in Judiciary owned premises operate in dilapidated structures.
3. Most Court premises are not customized with specific facilities for the disabled persons, the elderly, pregnant and lactating mothers which hinders access to Judicial Services especially by such groups.
4. Lack of sign language Court Interpreters and braille services impeding access to Judicial Services by the deaf and blind.
5. Inadequate staffing at the High Courts and Magistrate's Courts mainly in hard to reach and hard to stay areas; only 60% of the positions at the lower bench have been filled.
6. Inadequate ICT equipment and infrastructure at most Courts such as Court Recording Equipment, computers, LAN/WAN connection, especially at the lower bench. This leads to delay in the disposal of cases.
7. Insufficient transport equipment for visiting locus in quo.

Plans to improve Vote Performance

1. Construction of Judiciary owned court buildings.
2. Renovation of dilapidated court buildings.
3. Customize Court buildings with facilities for the disabled, breast feeding mothers and children.
4. Recruit and train Court interpreters in sign language and braille services.
5. Recruit and facilitate more Judicial Officers at High Court and Magistrates Courts.
6. Implementation of the Judiciary ICT Strategy.
7. Provide transport equipment to all Judicial Officers of the lower bench.

XI Off Budget Support

Table 11.1 Off-Budget Support by Sub-Programme

N/A

XII. Vote Cross Cutting Policy And Other Budgetary Issues

Table 12.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

Vote:101 Judiciary

Issue Type: HIV/AIDS

Objective :	To provide support to Judiciary Staff with HIV/AIDS.
Issue of Concern :	Person infected with HIV/AIDS need support for medical care
Planned Interventions :	1. HIV/AIDS awareness conducted. 2. Medical allowances to HIV/AIDS staff. 3. Sensitization on the HIV/AIDS Policy.
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.300
Performance Indicators:	1. Number of HIV/AIDS awareness activities conducted. 2. Number of Staff sensitized on the HIV/AIDS policy.

Issue Type: Gender

Objective :	To sensitize the Staff on the Gender and Equity Policy.
Issue of Concern :	The Gender and Equity Policy needs to be operationalized.
Planned Interventions :	1. Sensitization of staff in Gender and Equity Policy. 2. Implement Gender and Equity Policy. 3. Training in Gender mainstreaming and equity budgeting; 4. Set up breast feeding/Children rooms at High Courts
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.240
Performance Indicators:	1. Number of Staff trained 2. Gender assessment report in place 3. No. of High Courts with breast feeding/Children rooms

Issue Type: Environment

Objective :	To preserve the environment in and around Court premises.
Issue of Concern :	The environment should be preserved.
Planned Interventions :	1.. Procure waste management equipment for proper waste management. 2. Planting of trees around court premises. 3. Environmental sensitization.
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.120
Performance Indicators:	1. Number of Courts where distribution of seeds has been carried out. 2. Sensitization workshop on environment conducted.

XIII. Personnel Information

Table 13.1 Staff Establishment Analysis

Title	Salary Scale	Number Of Approved Positions	Number Of Filled Positions
PROCESS SERVER	N/A	654	327
High Court Judge	SPECIFIED OFFICERS	82	60
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR	U1SE	32	11
CHIEF MAGISTRATE	U1SE	100	47
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	U1SE	47	24

Vote:101 Judiciary

SEN. PRINC. MAGISTRATE GR.II	U3	7	1
OFFICE TYPIST	U7 (LOWER)	70	36
ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT	U7 (UPPER)	43	28
TELEPHONE OPERATOR	U7 (UPPER)	3	2
DRIVER	U8 (UPPER)	316	131
OFFICE ATTENDANT	U8 (UPPER)	674	196

Table 13.2 Staff Recruitment Plan

Post Title	Salary Scale	No. Of Approved Posts	No Of Filled Posts	Vacant Posts	No. of Posts Cleared for Filling FY2020/21	Gross Salary Per Month (UGX)	Total Annual Salary (UGX)
ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT	U7 (UPPER)	43	28	15	3	1,489,980	17,879,760
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR	U1SE	32	11	21	1	3,237,000	38,844,000
CHIEF MAGISTRATE	U1SE	100	47	53	2	6,474,000	77,688,000
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	U1SE	47	24	23	3	11,738,400	140,860,800
DRIVER	U8 (UPPER)	316	131	185	5	1,380,720	16,568,640
High Court Judge	SPECIFIED OFFICERS	82	60	22	2	31,423,486	377,081,832
OFFICE ATTENDANT	U8 (UPPER)	674	196	478	6	1,656,864	19,882,368
OFFICE TYPIST	U7 (LOWER)	70	36	34	3	1,212,996	14,555,952
PROCESS SERVER	N/A	654	327	327	7	1,443,183	17,318,196
SEN. PRINC. MAGISTRATE GR.II	U3	7	1	6	1	1,794,000	21,528,000
TELEPHONE OPERATOR	U7 (UPPER)	3	2	1	1	496,660	5,959,920
Total		2028	863	1165	34	62,347,289	748,167,468