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FOR 2017-2019

2017 BUDGET ESTIMATES

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PART A: STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE

1. GSGDA II POLICY OBJECTIVES

The GSGDA II contains two (2) Policy Objectives that are relevant to the Judicial Service
These are as follows:

- Improve access to affordable and timely justice
- Enhance public confidence in the justice delivery and court administration system.

2. MISSION

The Mission of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service is to resolve legal conflicts according to law, impartially and efficiently for all persons without fear or favour, affection or ill-will through true and proper interpretation, application and implementation of the laws of Ghana

3. CORE FUNCTIONS

The core functions of the Judicial Service are to:

- Promote the rule of law, transparency, accountability and anti-corruption
- Promote and uphold human rights, improvement to justice and protect the rights of the vulnerable in the society
- Ensure efficiency and the speedy delivery of justice
- Strengthen the capacity of its human resource and improve the conditions of service for all staff
- Change the public perception of the judiciary and build public confidence in the service
- Improve its infrastructural capacity to enhance its service delivery

4. POLICY OUTCOME INDICATORS AND TARGETS

Outcome Indicator Description	Unit of Measurement	Baseline		Latest status		Target	
		Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value
Improvement in case management	Number of cases tried and Judgment delivered/Number of cases filed	2015	107460/96461 (89.8%)	2016 (June)	89579/91573 (97.8%)	2017	98152/96500 (98.3%)
Reduce backlog of cases through ADR	Number of cases Arbitrated/Number of cases referred to ADR	2015	1432/3318 (43.2%)	2016 (June)	156/405 (38.5%)	2017	650/1500 (43.3%)
Justices Improved	Number of ADR connected/ total number of courts	2015	65/325	2016 (June)	85/368	2017	98/380

5. EXPENDITURE TRENDS

In 2015 the Judicial Service of Ghana received an approved budget of GH¢ 199,576,866.92 made up of Compensation of Employees GH¢132,432,924.00; Goods and Services GH¢37,248,484.92; Assets GH¢29,895,458.00; This is broken down into GOG- GH¢193,090,718.92; Development Partner Fund (Donor Funding)- GH¢3,749,132.00 and IGF GH¢3,210,566.75.

The total expenditure for 2015 stood at GH¢ 204,423,574.43 which comprises of: Compensation of Employees GH¢ 123,609,755.08; Goods & Services GH¢ 11,668,175.33; Assets GH¢62,796,739.13, Donor Fund GH¢1,483,195.18 and IGF GH¢4,133,422.02. The expenditure under Assets include payments in respect of the Construction of the 34 Court Complex of GH¢ 55,884,449.25 funded from a SSNIT loan.

In 2016, Parliament approved for the Service a budget of GH¢193,702,296.99, made up of GH¢188,500,667.99(**GOG**), GH¢1,746,469.00 (**Donor Funding**) and GH¢3,455,159.00 (**IGF**). The breakdown of the approved budget are Compensation of Employees GH¢141,357,536.99; Goods and Services GH¢36,292,141.00; and Assets GH¢16,052,618.00.

However, at the end of the year 2016 an amount of GH¢140,823,010.28 was released and transferred to the Service. These comprise Compensation of Employees (salary only) GH¢ 92,860,864.58; Compensation of Employees (Allowances) GH¢ 31,447,124.67; Goods and Services GH¢ 4,927,113.24; and Assets (CAPEX) GH¢ 11,587,907.79.



1.5. Appropriation Bill

Summary of Expenditure by Sub-Programme, Economic Item and Funding

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	GoG				IGF				Funds / Others			Donors			Grand Total
	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	Statutory	ABFA	Others	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	
036001 - Management And Administration	240,104,498	32,108,413	21,436,237	293,649,148		2,322,839	9,034,111	11,356,950				25,509,743	670,000	26,179,743	331,185,841
0360011 - General Administration	240,104,498	32,108,413	21,436,237	293,649,148		2,322,839	9,034,111	11,356,950				25,509,743	670,000	26,179,743	331,185,841
Grand Total	240,104,498	32,108,413	21,436,237	293,649,148		2,322,839	9,034,111	11,356,950				25,509,743	670,000	26,179,743	331,185,841

PART B: BUDGET PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Budget Programme Objectives

- To develop quality human resource for effective delivery of justice.
- To ensure efficient and effective use of both financial and material resources.
- To manage the information systems to achieve the Institutional goals.

2. Budget Programme Description

This programme coordinates activities through the office of the Chief Justice for both the Judiciary and the Judicial Service. It involves the provision of logistics, recruitment and training of staff and sensitization of the public on the functions of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service.

The programme also ensures the availability of funds and its judicious use to achieve the Service's mandate. The systematic collection and analysis of data for policy decision making is also part of the aforementioned programme. In addition, the Service uses the Court Automation System for easy access to case management, proceedings and judgments.

A major challenge is the high level of attrition of staff and the lack of succession plan. This affects the institutional memory of the Service.



2.9. Budget by Chart of Account

9 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

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	Budget	Indicative Year	Indicative Year
036001 - Management And Administration	331,185,841	328,204,536	328,204,536
036001 - Management And Administration	331,185,841	328,204,536	328,204,536
21 - Compensation of employees [GFS]	240,104,498	240,104,498	240,104,498
211 - Wages and salaries [GFS]	240,104,498	240,104,498	240,104,498
Goods and Services	59,940,995	56,959,690	56,959,690
22 - Use of goods and services	56,809,690	56,809,690	56,809,690
27 - Social benefits [GFS]	2,666,305		
28 - Other expense	465,000	150,000	150,000
31 - Non financial assets	31,140,347	31,140,347	31,140,347
311 - Fixed assets	31,140,347	31,140,347	31,140,347

BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUB PROGRAMME 1.1: General Administration (Office of the Chief Justice and Judicial Secretary)

1. Budget Programme Objectives

- To provide an effective and efficient administration of justice by the Judiciary and the Judicial Service without fear or favors.
- To propose to Government Judicial reforms for effective administration of justice

2. Budget Programme Description

General Administration sub-programme coordinates activities through the Office of the Chief Justice for both the Judiciary and the Judicial Service. It also includes the activities of the Courts.

The Service through the General Administration provides accommodation, library clothing, medicals, quinquennial leave, transportation, and logistics and manages user charges as well as responds to correspondence. It also is responsible for maintenance of operational standards. The activities here also include that of Department of Reforms and Projects as well as the Works department. The service again is responsible for organizing Legal year activities under this sub-programme.

The sub-programme also involves the activities of the Judicial Council, which makes proposals for the consideration of Government, Judicial reforms to improve the level of administration of justice and efficiency in the Judiciary. A total of 26 members contribute to the delivery of this sub-programme

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Budget Year 2017	Projections	
		2015	2016 (June)		Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Response to correspondence	Number of working days	7	7	7	7	7
Management meeting organized	Number of meetings	12	12	12	12	12
Legal year organized	Number organized	1	1	1	1	1
Procurement plan	Developed by	31 st January	31 st January	31 st January	31 st January	31 st January

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub-programme.

Operations	Projects
Provision of Administrative Support for Service	Continue and Complete the construction of Appeal Court Judges Bungalows in Accra and Kumasi
Sponsor the Chief Justice and five (5) other Senior Officers/Judges to an International Conference of Justices	Continue and Complete the construction of official Duty Post for Chief Justice
Organize a Health screening exercise for staff in Accra	Commencement of the construction of Judicial Training Institute (JTI)
End of year Best Worker Awards and End-of-year Get-together nationwide	Continue work on the Asante Asokore Court Complex
Organize legal year activities for Judges and Staff	Commencement of actual construction of Somanya Court Complex
Organize Chief Justice's Forum/Public Education in 5 regional capitals	General rehabilitation, repairs and maintenance of Bungalows for Judges and Court Houses nationwide
Organize sensitization workshop for Parliamentary Select Committee on Judiciary in Dodowa, G/A	



2.7 Budget by Chart of Account

7 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

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	Budget	Indicative Year	Indicative Year
0360011 - General Administration	331,185,841	328,204,536	328,204,536
0360011 - General Administration	331,185,841	328,204,536	328,204,536
21 - Compensation of employees [GFS]	240,104,498	240,104,498	240,104,498
22 - Use of goods and services	56,809,690	56,809,690	56,809,690
27 - Social benefits [GFS]	2,666,305		
28 - Other expense	465,000	150,000	150,000
31 - Non financial assets	31,140,347	31,140,347	31,140,347

BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUB PROGRAMME 1.2: Finance

1. Budget Programme Objective

To improve resource mobilization, financial management and reporting

2. Budget Programme Description

This sub-programme seeks to ensure that financial resources, both long-term and short-term are obtained and utilized through the budgetary releases from the Consolidated Fund, retention of 15% of all revenue generated under the Non-Tax Revenue Retention, IGF and Donor funding in the most efficient and effective manner.

The Finance Department consists of the following:

- i. **Budget Unit** which is responsible for the preparation of annual financial estimates, providing advice on expenditure items, monitoring the financial performance, request for funds from Ministry of Finance (MOF) as well as serves as the focal unit liaising between MOF and the Service on all financial and budget matters
- ii. **Treasury Unit** is responsible for the preparation and submission of Cash Transcript, Bank Reconciliation Statements and approving Establishment Warrants for employees
- iii. **Non- Tax Revenue Unit** is responsible for monitoring and controlling revenue collection in the Judicial Service and onward transmission to Government chest to ensure leakage of revenue is curtailed.

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Budget Year 2017	Projections	
		2015	2016 (June)		Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Annual Estimates	Annual estimates produced by	30 th June	30 th June	30 th June	30 th June	30 th June
Financial report	Number of Reports prepared	2	1	2	2	2
Appraisal/Validation	Number of Reports	-	-	4	4	4
Assets Register	Number of Updates	4	4	4	4	4
Audit reports response	Submitted by	30 days after receipt audit reports	30 days after receipt audit reports	30 days after receipt audit reports	30 days after receipt audit reports	30 days after receipt audit reports
Contractors and Suppliers paid	Payment made Within	90 days after receipt of invoice	90 days after receipt of invoice	90 days after receipt of invoice	90 days after receipt of invoice	90 days after receipt of invoice

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations	Projects
Workshop/Seminar for Cashiers and Registrars to improve mobilization of revenue and eliminate revenue leakages	Procurement of Accounting software/Training
Organise a 2 day workshop on procurement Act for Entity Tender Committee members, Finance, Logistics and Internal audit staff in Accra	
Organise training workshop on the use of new Accounting and Auditing Manual for Regional Accountants and Auditors in Accra	
Organise Financial Modelling in Excel training for staff of the Finance & Budget Units of the Finance Directorate	
Organise training for 15 Regional Accountants, Administrators, Budget Officers and Auditors on preparation of Budget preparation in Dodowa	



2.7 Budget by Chart of Account

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BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY
PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
SUB PROGRAMME 1.3: Human Resource Management

1. Budget Programme Objective

To ensure that the Judicial Service has the required qualified and efficient Judges, Magistrates and Staff

2. Budget Programme Description

This sub-programme aims to build the capacity of the Judiciary (Judges), Magistrates and Staff of the Judicial Service through the appointment, recruitment, training, development and retaining of the most suitable qualified and competent human resource

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator		Past Years		Projections		
			2015	2016 (June)	Budget Year 2017	Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Staff trained	Number of persons trained	Judges and Magistrates	55	324	95	75	85
		Other Staff	430	0	749	2300	408
		Mediators	54	0	130	55	70
Judges/Magistrates Appointed	Number of Judges/Magistrates Appointed	Circuit Court	10	17	15	31	40
		Districts Magistrates (Professional)	10	7	20	15	20
		Districts Magistrates (Career)	4	-	0	0	0
		Superior Court Judges	13	5	17	20	20
		Other Staff	53	112	518	195	240

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations	Projects
Organise basic health & safety awareness training for so staff in Accra and Kumasi	Acquisition of Human Resource Management Information software and license
Organise training for all Registrars, HOD's and Directors on new appraisal system in Accra	
Organise Induction training course for newly appointed Judges, Magistrates and staff of the Service	
Organise a 2 day Health Screening exercise for staff and Judges in regional capitals	



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BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUB PROGRAMME 1.4: Monitoring, Evaluation, Statistics, ICT and Communication

1. Budget Programme Objectives

- To improve Monitoring and Evaluation of the performance of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service.
- To provide the Service with statistical data on performance of the Courts for policy-making.
- To ensure that all the Courts are fully automated, operational and maintained.
- To act as an interface between the Judicial Service and the public.
- To ensure effective dissemination of information.

2. Budget Programme Description

The sub-programme facilitates key stakeholder consultations for the planning and development of the Service and Legislation. It develops and undertakes periodic reviews of policy, plans and programmes to facilitate the achievement of Judicial Service vision and national priorities for the Judiciary.

Under this sub-programme , the Service also monitors government Budgetary allocations, donor support, ADR activities, caseload statistics, Nationwide physical infrastructure, Court Computerization, period of settling disputes in court, number of courts automated, number of judges and Magistrates called to the bench as against court users.

Software applications are deployed to optimize the working operations of the Courts and all other departments. The software applications collect, collate and analyze caseload statistical data on the performance of the nation's courts for policy-making and implementation, realistic budgeting, projections, procurements and forecasts.

The communication needs of the Service and the appropriate channel of communication to reach out to its internal and external public are identified. It is also responsible for organizing all public events of the organization and attending to the protocol/ travel needs of Judges, Magistrates and Staff.

There are Thirty-Eight (38) employees delivering this sub-programme across the country.

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Budget Year 2017	Projections	
		2015	2016 (June)		Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Court computerized/ Automation	Percentage of courts computerized	90%	96%	98%	98%	99%
	Percentage of Courts Automation	-	28%	34%	43%	55%
Record of Caseload Statistics	Number of cases recorded	96,461	91,573	96,500	98,465	99,152
	Number of cases dispose off	107,460	89,579	98,245	99,421	102,521
Annual Reports	Number of Reports published	1	1	1	1	1

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations	Projects
Organise training workshop for 20 M&E Officers on Customized Judicial year, SPSS and Report Writing in Accra	No Projects
Sponsor 10 day foreign training for 3 M&E Officers	Microsoft Operating System License
Training 344 Registrars and Court Clerks on Customized Judiciary data transmission in Accra	Microsoft Office Suite License (Volume License)



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BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUB PROGRAMME 1.5: Internal Audit

1. Budget Programme Objective

Facilitate the strengthening of the internal control environment by furnishing management with on-going risk assessment, recommendations, analysis, reliable opinions and reports to assist management in the effective discharge of its responsibilities.

2. Budget Programme Description

The operations of this sub-programme include;

- Reviewing compliance with laws, regulations, other external requirement, internal policies, directives and other requirements.
- Collating and submitting timely reports to Audit Report Implementation Committee (ARIC) Management, Internal Audit Agency, Auditor General

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Budget Year 2017	Projections	
		2015	2016 (June)		Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Courts Audited	Number of Courts audited and reports issued	195	145	265	275	280

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations	Projects
Organise seminar on computer-based auditing and Internal Audit Manual for 15 auditors in Tamale	
Organise Audit Forum and training on computer audit for regional and Head Office Auditors in Kumasi	



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UDGET PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: COURT ADMINISTRATION

1. Budget Programme Objective

To interpret the Constitution and delivery of justice to the people of Ghana through efficient and effective administration of Justice

2. Budget Programme Description

This programme refers to the two main types of Courts, Superior Courts and the Lower Courts.

The Superior Courts are made up of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the High Courts and the Regional Tribunals. The Lower Courts is currently made up of the Circuit Court, District Court, Juvenile Court and Family Tribunals as established by an Act of Parliament.

The operations involved in the delivery of Justice include:

- Courts Automation ; The use of ICT in the recording of proceedings of the Courts and also the allocation of cases to the various Judges
- The Judges and Scopists are trained on ICT.
- Training of Recorders on the use of transcribers at the Courts.
- Monitoring of the Bailiff System.
- Periodic Training of Registrars on Court procedures, financial matters, Court ethics and ICT.
- Training of Jurors and Panel members on Court procedures
- Training of other administrative staff on Court procedures and ethics.
- Periodic review of the rules of Court by an established committee.
- Public Education on judicial matters

The activities of the court Administration Programme are funded by GoG, Donor Funding and IGF



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BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY
PROGRAMME 2: COURT ADMINISTRATION
SUB PROGRAMME 2.1: Supreme Court

1. Budget Programme Objectives

- To Interpret the constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- To have appellate Jurisdiction over the Appeal Court

2. Budget Programme Description

The Supreme Court has supervisory jurisdiction over all courts and any adjudication authority and also the power to review its own decision.

The responsibilities of the Supreme Court as entrenched in Article 129 of the 1992 constitution of the Republic of Ghana:

- “The Supreme Court shall be the final court of appeal and shall have such appellate and other jurisdiction as may be conferred on it by this constitution or any other law”;
- “It shall not be bound to follow the decision of any other court”;
- “While treating its own previous decision as normally binding, depart from a previous decision when it appears to its right to do so; and
- “all other courts shall be bound to follow the decision of the supreme courts and the questions of law”

When one is not satisfied with any aspect of the judgment he or she files an appeal to the Supreme Court for the interpretation of that judgment. A panel is constituted to review cases from Appeal Court when one is not satisfied with a verdict.

There are fourteen (14) Justices of the Supreme Court excluding the Chief Justice.

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Budget Year 2017	Projections	
		2015	2016 (June)		Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Improved access to justice	Number of appeals from the National House of Chiefs	-	2	4	5	6
	Number of appeals from the Appeal Court	37	89	99	110	120
	Number of cases adjudicated from the National House of Chiefs	-	1	3	4	5
	Number of cases adjudicated from the Appeal Court	57	37	48	55	60
Constitutional review	Number of reviews	44	74	80	85	98

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations
Sponsor 25 Superior Court Judges on Quinquennial Leave
Pay Book Allowance to 160 Judges of the Superior Court and 260 Lower Court Judges and Magistrates
Pay Robe Allowance to 28 newly appointed and 40 existing Superior Court Judges
Sponsor the Chief Justice and others to the International Conference of Justices

Projects
Continue the construction of new official duty post for the Chief Justice



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BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: COURT ADMINISTRATION

SUB PROGRAMME 2.2: Appeal Court

1. Budget Programme Objective

To hear and determine, subject to the provision of the constitution appeal from a judgment decree or order from the high court and regional tribunal and such other appellate jurisdiction as maybe conferred on it by the constitution or any other law.

2. Budget Programme Description

The Court of Appeal has no original jurisdiction. It serves as the appellate Court for the High Courts, Regional Tribunals and the Circuit Courts, unless otherwise provided by law.

The court of appeal shall have jurisdiction throughout Ghana to hear and determine, subject to the provision of this constitution appeal from a judgment decree or order from the high court and regional tribunal and such other appellate jurisdiction as maybe conferred on it by this constitution or any other law.

An odd number Panel is constituted by the chief Justice to sit on a case and a time set for the case to be heard. At the end of the legal year there were twenty-seven (27) Justices of the Court of Appeal.

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Budget Year 2017	Projections	
		2015	2016 (June)		Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Improved access to justice	Number of Civil Appeals	329	409	381	397	420
	Number of criminal Appeals	46	69	59	66	75
	Civil motions	746	751	700	695	680
	Criminal motions	76	112	95	90	87

4. **Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects**

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations	Projects
Sponsor 4 Judges/Magistrates to the Commonwealth Judges and Magistrates Association (CJMA) Conference	Continue the construction of Bungalows and Block of flats for Appeal Judges in Accra and Kumasi



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PROGRAMME 2: COURT ADMINISTRATION

SUB PROGRAMME 2.3: High Court

1. Budget Programme Objectives

- To ensure justice delivery in civil and criminal cases
- Hear appeal in criminal cases from lower courts and civil cases in the district courts only.
- To ensure speedy trial in their specialized areas

2. Budget Programme Description

The High Court sub-programme covers activities of the High Court and the Specialized Courts of the Republic of Ghana.

The High Court is duly constituted by a single Judge unless She/he is required to sit with a jury or assessors. Unless otherwise specified by the Constitution, it has original jurisdiction in all matters, civil and criminal. It has appellate jurisdiction as may be conferred on it by the Constitution or any other law

Specialized courts like General Jurisdiction Courts, Land Courts, Commercial Courts, Labour and Human Rights Courts are established to deal with cases in their specialized areas. These courts are authorized to speed up the trial by recording proceedings and transcription is done thereafter.

Computer software is used in the distribution of cases in order to make sure litigants do not choose their preferred judges. Any one not satisfied with criminal cases from the lower courts appeals to the High Court for redress after she/he satisfies all conditions.

Again, the High Court serves as the appellate body for appeals from criminal judgment of the Circuit Court and all appeals from the District Court, the Juvenile Court and the Family Tribunal.

The high court has criminal division to handle criminal cases and civil division handles civil cases

The high court have supervisory jurisdiction over all lower courts and any lower adjudicating authority; and may, in the exercise of that jurisdiction, issue orders and directions for the purpose of enforcing or securing the enforcement of its supervisory powers. There are currently one hundred and eight (108) Justices of the High Court

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections		
		2015	2016 (June)	Budget Year 2017	Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Provide access to justice in specialized areas	Regular High court cases filed	7,937	10,294	10,120	10,300	11,200
	Fast track High court cases filed	1069	1,134	958	1,003	1,105
	Commercial and Specialized High Court cases filed	2,106	1,063	1,871	1,700	1,560
Improved access to justice	Number of Civil cases filed	11,455	9,387	10,916	11,470	11,684
	Number of Civil cases concluded	8,201	7,168	7,510	7,016	6,800
	Number of Criminal cases filed	761	1675	1400	1524	1842
	Number of Criminal cases concluded	613	876	886	910	1200

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations	Projects
Organise a Regional Working visit for the Chief Justice and 3 others to 4 regions	Continue Construction work on Wa High Court Complex
Organise training seminar for Court reporters and various media houses in Kumasi	Furnishing of Judges Bungalows nationwide



2.7 Budget by Chart of Account

7 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

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Funding: All Source of Funding

Year: 2017 | **Currency:** GH Cedi

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BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME2: COURT ADMINISTRATION

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.4: Circuit Court

1. Budget Programme Objective

To ensure easy access to justice delivery at a reasonable cost by the citizenry

2. Budget Programme Description

The Circuit Court is one of the lower courts established by the Court Act. It has only original jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases. It adjudicates or has original jurisdiction in all criminal cases except matters of other than treason offences and triable by indictment. In civil cases relief sought by litigants does not exceed GH¢10,000.00. It grants letter of Administration to people to administer the estate of deceased persons.

Persons aggrieved by judgment of a Circuit court in a civil matter appeals to the Appeal Court. Each Circuit Court is manned by a Circuit Judge. Its jurisdiction includes civil actions arising under contract or tort or for recovery of all liquidated claims not exceeding GH¢10,000.00, jurisdiction in all landlord and tenant cases, ownership, possession, occupation and title to land cases.

The Circuit Court also has jurisdiction in applications for probate and letters of administration where the value of property does not exceed GH¢10, 000 and jurisdiction in at matters involving custody of children.

The Circuit Court has original jurisdiction in all criminal matters other than treason and offences punishable by death.

Appeals from the Circuit Court in civil cases go to court of Appeal and in criminal cases to the High Court. Currently, there are sixty-four (64) Circuit Court judges

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Budget Year 2017	Projections	
		2015	2016 (June)		Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Improved access to justice	Number of Civil cases filed	5,399	7,664	8,100	8,050	7,580
	Number of Civil cases concluded	5,404	8,083	7,920	7,342	7,000
	Number of Criminal cases filed	12,769	10,425	11,831	12,249	12,655
	Number of Criminal cases concluded	19,914	10,625	15,000	15,306	15,712

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations	Projects
Organise workshop on Human Trafficking for 30 Circuit Court Judges in Kumasi	Construction Asante Asokore Circuit Court
Organise ICT training for Circuit Court Registrars on Basic Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point	



2.7 Budget by Chart of Account

7 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

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BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: COURT ADMINISTRATION

SUB PROGRAMME 2.5: District Court

1. Budget Programme Objective

To bring justice to the door steps of the citizenry

2. Budget Programme Description

The District Court makes up the largest number of courts in the country and statistically handles the largest number of cases. It is the policy of the Judicial Service that each district in the country should have at least one Court.

Civil jurisdictions of this court include all personal actions arising under contract or tort for recovery of any liquidated sum where the amount claimed does not exceed GH¢ 5000.00

The District court has the responsibility to:

- Handle/try both civil and criminal cases
- Try family tribunal cases
- Grant letters of administration to the family of the deceased person to administer the estate
- Celebrates ordinance marriages
- Appeal from the district court goes to the high court

In criminal matters, they have jurisdiction to try summarily offences punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred (500) penalty units or imprisonment for a term not exceeding (2) years or both. There is a total of one Hundred and Seventy-five (175) Magistrates at post. Sixty-one (61) of them are Professional Magistrates while One Hundred and Fourteen (114) Career Magistrates.

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Budget Year 2017	Projections	
		2015	2016 (June)		Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Improved access to justice	Number of Civil cases filed	34,941	34,165	34,251	33,918	33,250
	Number of Civil cases concluded	40,788	34,667	38,400	37,010	31,694
	Number of Criminal cases filed	27,269	28,623	27,400	30,314	33,554
	Number of Criminal cases concluded	28,369	29,590	30,328	31,460	32,148

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations	Projects
Organise workshop on Family Law and Juvenile Courts for 30 Magistrates and 40 Panel in Accra	Construction of Somanya Court Complex
Organise Gender Justice Workshop for 25 Magistrates and other stakeholders in Accra and Koforidua	



2.7 Budget by Chart of Account

7 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

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Funding: All Source of Funding

Year: 2017 | **Currency:** GH Cedi

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BUDGET PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 3: ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. Budget Programme Objective

To have cases settled outside the traditional court system to reduce backlog of cases in affordable manner

2. Budget Programme Description

This programme involves the activities of both the Superior Courts and the Lower courts. The operations carried out to achieve the objective are as follows:

- Train the old and newly recruited mediators on alternative forms of dispute resolution in the form of mediation and arbitration
- Create public awareness on the existence and use of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Train mediators on the new ADR Acts
- Train Judges and staff
- Training of Jurors and Panel members on Court procedures
- Training of other administrative staff on Court procedures and ethics.
- Periodic review of the rules of Court by an established committee.
- Public Education on judicial matters

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Budget Year 2017	Projections	
		2015	2016 (June)		Indicative Year 2018	Indicative Year 2019
Court connected to ADR	Number of courts connected to ADR	65	85	75	98	104
Cases referred to ADR	Number of cases referred to ADR	3,318	405	1,500	3,640	5300
Cases mediated by ADR	Number of cases mediated by ADR	1432	405	1500	2430	2650
Cases settled	Number of cases settled	635	156	650	740	1600
Settlement Percentage	Percentage of cases settled	44.4%	38.5%	43.3%	30.5%	60.3%

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub- programme.

Operations	Projects
Organise an ADR Week Celebration in Accra	
Organise Basic training for newly recruited ADR Coordinators attached to 30 Districts Courts in Accra	
Organise refresher course for 100 ADR Officers Clerks of CCADR Courts and regional Coordinators in Accra	



2.9. Budget by Chart of Account

9 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

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1.6. Appropriation Bill

Summary of Expenditure by Cost Center, Economic Item and Funding

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	GoG				IGF				Funds / Others			Donors			Grand Total
	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	Statutory	ABFA	Others	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	
036 - Judicial Service (JS)	240,104,498	32,108,413	21,436,237	293,649,148		2,322,839	9,034,111	11,356,950				25,509,743	670,000	26,179,743	331,185,841
03650 - Gen. Admin	240,104,498	32,108,413	21,436,237	293,649,148		2,322,839	9,034,111	11,356,950				25,509,743	670,000	26,179,743	331,185,841
0365003 - Finance	240,104,498	32,108,413	21,436,237	293,649,148		2,322,839	9,034,111	11,356,950				25,509,743	670,000	26,179,743	331,185,841
0365003001 - Finance	240,104,498	32,108,413	21,436,237	293,649,148		2,322,839	9,034,111	11,356,950				25,509,743	670,000	26,179,743	331,185,841

