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FOR 2020-2023

***JUDICIARY AND
JUDICIAL SERVICE***

***PROGRAMME BASED BUDGET ESTIMATES
For 2020***



JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL SERVICE



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1.5. Appropriation Bill

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

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	GoG				IGF				Funds / Others				Donors		
	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	Statutory	ABFA	Others	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	
Management and Administration	149,312,356.00	23,968,239.00	6,000,000.00	179,280,595.00	1,927,997.40	21,738,861.60		23,666,859.00						202,947,454.00	
General Administration	149,312,356.00	23,968,239.00	6,000,000.00	179,280,595.00	1,927,997.40	21,738,861.60		23,666,859.00						202,947,454.00	
Finance															
Human Resource Management															
Monitoring, Evaluation and Statistics, ICT and Communication															
Internal Audit															
Court Administration	102,245,946.00	29,364,950.00	21,993,954.00	153,604,850.00										153,604,850.00	
Supreme Court	4,479,270.00	11,633,745.00	21,993,954.00	38,106,969.48										38,106,969.48	
Appeal Court	9,816,768.00	3,403,198.00		13,219,966.00										13,219,966.00	
High Court	52,677,647.00	5,961,572.00		58,639,219.84										58,639,219.84	
Circuit Court	11,031,540.00	3,460,040.00		14,491,580.00										14,491,580.00	
District Court	24,240,720.00	4,906,395.00		29,147,115.00										29,147,115.00	
Alternate Dispute Resolution		190,700.00												190,700.00	
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Grand Total	251,558,302.	53,523,889.00	27,993,954.00	332,885,445.00	1,927,997.40	21,738,861.60		23,666,859.00						356,743,004.00	

1.5 Appropriation Bill

Entity: Judicial Service

	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
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1.5 Appropriation Bill

Entity: Judiciary

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PART A: STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE JUDICIARY AND THE JUDICIAL SERVICE

1. NMTDPF POLICY OBJECTIVES

The National Medium –Term Development Policy Framework (NMTDPF) (2018-2021) is the basis for the (2020-2023) medium term budget for the period. The document gives the President Coordinated Programme of Economic and Social Development Policies which highlights “Agenda for Jobs: Creating Prosperity and Equal Opportunity for All” contains two 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. VISION

The Vision of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service is being revised to: *“Equal access to quality justice”*

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service is:

“The Judiciary is an independent arm of State created to resolve legal conflicts according to law, impartially and efficiently to all persons without fear or favour, affection or ill-will. We do this by the proper interpretation, application and implementation of the laws of Ghana”

3. GOALS

The strategic goals of the Judiciary are to:

- a) Enhance the judicial processes and procedures to improve access and justice delivery
- b) Develop both Human and Material Capacity of the Judiciary and the Judicial of Ghana to deliver on its mandate
- c) Optimize the use of Technology to ensure speedy resolution of cases and efficient service:
- d) Enhance Public Understanding, Trust and Confidence through open and transparent engagement



CORE VALUES

The Judiciary and the Judicial Service are committed to the continuous promotion of professional excellence through the application of technology to assure quality in the administration of justice. The core values ascribed by the Judiciary and the Judicial Service are premised on the following:

- Independent mindedness
- Integrity
- Efficiency
- Self- Discipline
- Impartiality
- Punctuality
- Dedication to duty
- Transparency

4. CORE FUNCTIONS

The core functions are to:

- Ensure that efficient and speedy disposal of cases at all courts
- 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 poor public perception of the judiciary and build public confidence in the service
- Improve its infrastructural capacity to enhance its service delivery



5. POLICY OUTCOME INDICATORS AND TARGETS

Outcome indicator	Units of Measurement	Baseline		2019		2020	2021	2022
		Year	Value	Target	Actual (June)	Target	Target	Target
Improve in case management	Number of cases tried and Judgment delivered/No. of cases filed	2018	99,515/ 110,550 (90%)	103,309 /116,644 (88.5%)	108,159/ 130,087 (83.2%)	116,800/ 149,624 (78.1%)	125,441/ 169,161 (74.2%)	134,082/ 188,698 (71.1%)
Reduce backlog of cases through ADR	Number of cases Arbitrated/Number of cases referred to ADR	2018	975/ 1567 (62.3%)	2,702/ 4,425 (61.4%)	2,705/ 4,112 (50.5%)	3,177/ 6,666 (48.0%)	4,277/ 9,214 (46.5%)	5,337/ 11,762 (45.8%)
Justices improved	Number of ADR connected/total number of courts	2018	108/376 28.72%	129/392 (32%)	129/365	139/396	150/400	300/420

6. Expenditure Trends for the Judicial Service

CLASSIFICATION	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE
2018	375,009,466.00	255,790,147.01	119,219,318.99
2019	408,526,295.45	193,399,973.19	215,126,322.26

2019 actual expenditure was as at the end of October, 2019

2020 Budget Allocation by Economic Classification and Funding Source for the Judicial Service

CLASSIFICATION	GoG	IGF	TOTAL
Compensation	149,312,356.00	1,927,997.40	151,240,353.40
Goods & Services	23,968,239.00	21,738,861.60	45,707,100.60
Capex	6,000,000.00	-	6,000,000.00
TOTALS	179,280,595.00	23,666,859.00	202,947,454.00



2020 Budget Allocation by Economic Classification and Funding Source for the Judiciary

CLASSIFICATION	GoG	IGF	TOTAL
Compensation	102,245,946.00	-	102,245,946.00
Goods & Services	29,555,650.00	-	29,555,650.00
Capex	21,993,954.00	-	21,993,954.00
TOTALS	153,795,550.00	-	153,795,550.00



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.



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 Sub-Programme Objectives

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

2. Budget Sub-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 and Facilities and Estate Department, as well as Legal, and Public Complaints Units. 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 and Projects, Estates, Legal and Public to improve the level of administration of justice and efficiency in the Judiciary. The Judicial Reforms ensures the coordination for the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of annual plans; creating synergies, coordination and information sharing with partners for increased financial and technical support.

A total of 30 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		Projections			
		2018	2019	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Response to correspondence	Number of working days	5	5	5	5	5	5
Management meeting organized	Number of meetings	(Targets must be provided for it)	7	12	12	12	12
Legal year organized	Number organized	1	1	1	1	1	1
Procurement plan	Developed by	31 st January	31 st January	31 st January	31 st January	31 st January	31 st January
Public Complaints/ Petitions Received	Total Number of Complaints / Petitions received /Number of Complaints /Petitions against Judges resolved	476/293	550/264	680/390	860/515	1090/685	-
	Number of Complaints / Petitions received /Number of Complaints and Petitions against staff resolved.	476/108	530/182	680/280	860/325	1090/380	-
Court Development	Number of courts closed	NIL	13	N/A	-	-	-
	Number of courts established	NIL	2	2	-	-	-



Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections			
		2018	2019	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Continuous Judicial Education	Number of training programmes conducted	-	29			-	-

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

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

Operations	Projects
Enhance the capacity of the JTI to effectively Undertake its responsibilities	Storage facility for Archives Department
	Procure office equipment for Offices nationwide
	Procure furniture and fittings for Offices nationwide



BUDGET SUB-PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUB-PROGRAMME 1.2: Finance

1. Budget Sub-Programme Objective

To improve resource mobilization, financial management and reporting

2. Budget Sub-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 30% 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:

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

- i. Treasury Unit is responsible for the preparation and submission of Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliation Statements, and Electronic Payments under the GIFMIS.
- ii. 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.
- iii. Deposit Unit is responsible for managing monies paid into courts in respect of cases pending before the courts for refund when the cases are disposed of.
- iv. Donor Fund Unit is responsible for managing donor/development partner funds. The number of staff of the Finance Department delivering this programme is Fifty-Nine (59).



3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

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Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections			
		2018	2019 (Sept.)	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Annual Estimates	Annual estimates produced by	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.
Financial Report	Number of Reports prepared	2	4	6	6	6	6
Appraisal/Validation	Number of Reports	2	2	2	2	2	
Revenue Validation and Monitoring	Monitoring Reports	4	4	4	4	4	4
Fixed Assets Register	Number of Updates	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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 of audit reports	30 days after receipt of audit reports
Contractors and Suppliers paid	Payment made Within	120 days after receipt of invoice	120 days after receipt of invoice	120 days after receipt of invoice	120 days after receipt of invoice	120 days after receipt of invoice	120 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
Organize regional workshop on the improvement of revenue collection and prevention of revenue leakages for Cashiers, Accountants and Registrars	Procurement of Accounting Software/Training
Organize training for Regional Accountants, Administrators, Directors and Deputy Directors on Budget preparation	Refurbishment of all Finance Offices at the Head Office
Training for Accountants, Auditors and Counter Clerks on the New Public Financial Act, 2016 (ACT 921) and Public Financial Management Regulation PFMR L.I.(2378).	



BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUB-PROGRAMME 1.3: Human Resource Management

1. Budget Sub-Programme Objective

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

2. Budget Sub-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.

The total number of staff is



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			
			2018	2019 (Sept)	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Training and Capacity Building	Number of persons trained	Judges and Magistrates	324	293	159	209	210	220
		Other Staff	681	1,482	973	1,119	1,265	1,411
Judges/Magistrates Appointed	Number of Judges/Magistrates Appointed	Circuit Court	-	32	27	N/A	N/A	-
		Districts Magistrates (Professional)	12	-	9	N/A	N/A	-
		Superior Court Judges	18	-	55	N/A	N/A	-
		Other Staff	43	188	443	N/A	N/A	-
Courtroom and Administrative Staff recruited	Number of Courtroom and administrative staff recruited.		-	188	443	N/A	N/A	-
	Number of Administrative Staff recruited		-	188	443	N/A	N/A	
Utilization of Financial Clearance	Number of financial clearance received		268	268	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Number of financial clearance utilized		255	255	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Staff Separation	Number of Judges /Magistrates separated		1	4	16	136	143	151



Main Outputs	Output Indicator		Past Years		Projections			
			2018	2019 (Sept)	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
	Number of Staff Separated		168	125	143	318	332	352

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

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

Operations	Projects
Organize Workshop for Directors and Regional Administrative Officers on Change Management	Procure Human Resource Management Information System
Training on Effective Customer Care for High Court Registrars nationwide	
Organize Induction course and Orientation for newly appointed Judges, Magistrates and Staff	



BUDGET SUB-PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

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

1. Budget Sub-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 Sub-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 monitors government, 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 analyses caseload statistical data on the performance of the nation's courts for policy-making and implementation, realistic budgeting, projections, procurements and forecasts, monitoring of the Strategic Plan of the Judicial Service (2020-2024) during its implementation life cycle.

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 Forty (40) 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/current Years			Projections		
		2018	2019 (Sept)	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Court computerized/ Automation	Percentage of courts computerized	97%	98%	98%	99%	99%	99%
	Percentage of Courts Automation	34%	44%	50%	55%	60%	80%
Record of Caseload Statistics	Number of cases recorded	110,550	130,087	149,624	169,161	188,698	208,235
	Number of cases dispose off	99,518	108,159	116,800	125,441	134,082	142,723
Annual Reports	Number of Reports published	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reduction in the turnaround time of cases	Average number of days to dispose of civil cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average number of days to dispose of criminal cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average number of days to dispose of gender	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average number of days to dispose of juvenile cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Implementation of the Strategic Plan	Annual evaluation reports on the key performance indicators and targets	Annual Review				Mid-Year review	
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4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

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

Operations	Projects
Conduct Court User Survey and Field Monitoring on On-Going projects	Microsoft Office Suite License
Research Data Collection on cases pending in Courts for over one year across the country	
Training for M & E Officers and Court Registrars on the new M&E System	



BUDGET SUB-PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUB-PROGRAMME 1.5: Internal Audit

1. Budget Sub-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 Sub-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 Committee (AC) Management, Internal Audit Agency, Auditor General

Judicial Service is the beneficiary of this programme and the total number of staff administering this programme are

The source of funding is mainly GOG a bit of IGF in exceptional cases

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

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Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections			
		2018	2019	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Courts Audited	Number of Courts audited and reports issued	138	136	170	180	200	220



4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

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

Operations	Projects
Organize an Audit Forum and Training on Computer Audit for Auditors across the regions	Procure desktop and accessories nationwide for all Internal Auditors
Conduct Audit Exercise of all Courts in Accra and Head Office	
Regional Internal Auditors to audit Regional Accounts and other Registries	
Conduct on the spot checks in Courts without collection Banks	



BUDGET 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 are currently made up of the Circuit Court, District Court, Juvenile Court and Family Tribunals as established by an Act of Parliament.

This programme is linked to the strategic objective 1 of the Judiciary which seeks to enhance the Judicial processes and procedures to improve access to Justice. The operations involved in the delivery of Justice include:

- Strengthen administrative processes and procedures
- Adopt efficient case management practices
- Increase continuous legal education among Judges
- Training of courtroom staff
- Court automation and administrative systems
- Increase the adoption of CCADR in court processes and procedures.
- Conduct Justice for All sittings on more frequent basis to reduce remand population and improve access to appeal
- Review outdated rules of court procedures

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



BUDGET SUB-PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: COURT ADMINISTRATION

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.1: Supreme Court

1. Budget Sub-Programme Objectives

- To Interpret and enforce the constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- To have final appellate court and has original Jurisdiction, Review and Supervisory over Court

2. Budget Sub-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 12 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		Projections			
		2018	2019	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Interpretation and enforcement of the constitution	Number of constitutional cases filed (* as a measure of the social understanding of the rights of the citizens*)	51	63	51	43	35	27
	Number of constitutional cases concluded	33	58	42	40	39	38
	Number of appeals from the Appeal Court	102	110	114	119	124	129
	Number of appeals from the National House of Chiefs	9	15	14	15	16	18
	Number of Supreme Court reviews filed	39	32	42	45	49	53
	Number of Supreme Court cases concluded	25	44	43	49	54	59



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 Chief Justice and other Judges of the superior Courts to the International Conference of Justices	Construction of African Kitchen at the Chief Justice's Residence
Sponsor Superior Court Judges on Quinquennial leave	Re roofing of Supreme Court Building
Pay Book and Robe Allowance to Judges of the Superior Courts, Lower Bench and Magistrates	Procurement of Vehicles for incoming Chief Justice and Supreme Court Judges to be appointed
Training of Supreme Court Judges on E-filing of cases	Construction of Staff facility at Residence of the Chief Justice
	Provision of CCTV equipment for Judges
Organize Chief Justice's forum/Community Education & Sensitization on the Judiciary	Installation of X-ray Scanners at the Judges Block and acquisition of hand held scanners



BUDGET SUB-PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: COURT ADMINISTRATION

SUB PROGRAMME 2.2: Appeal Court

1. Budget Sub-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 Sub-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 2018/2019 legal year there were 25 Justices of the Court of Appeal.

Court users are the beneficiaries of this sub programme and funding is from the Government of Ghana



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			
		2018	2019	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Access to quality justice	Number of Civil Appeals filed	502	498	509	659	727	796
	Number of Civil Appeals concluded	391	385	380	384	387	391
	Number of criminal Appeals filed	86	128	121	127	132	137
	Number of Criminal Appeals concluded	70	52	65	66	68	69
	Civil motions	1,055	918	673	461	245	302
	Criminal motions	172	100	147	164	182	200



4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

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

Operations	Projects
Strengthen the implementation of the “ Justice for All” programme with focus on decentralizing the activities under the programme	Continue with the Construction of Kumasi Court of Appeal Complex
Review outdated rules of court procedures	Procure vehicles for newly appointed Court of Appeal Judges
Organise training on E-filing and adjudication for Justices of the Court of Appeal	Provision of 1 No. 450 KVA Generator set for the Kumasi Court of Appeal Complex
	Continue works on the construction of bungalows for Court of Appeal Judges including consultancy fees
	Installation of X-ray scanner and hand held scanners for the Supreme Court Building



BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: COURT ADMINISTRATION

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.3: High Court

1. Budget Sub-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 Sub-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 has 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 85 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			
		2018	2019	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Provide access to justice in specialized areas of the law	Regular High court cases filed	10,230	8,180	8,980	9,780	10,580	11,380
	Commercial and Specialized High Court cases filed	3,480	3,780	4,915	5,842	6,708	7,695
	Land	832	892	867	831	795	759
	Economic Crimes	84	103	101	104	107	110
	Probate and Administration	1154	1130	1312	1425	1539	1653
	Divorce and Matrimonial	401	579	545	550	554	559
Original Jurisdiction in Civil and Criminal Cases	Number of Civil cases filed	11,882	11,920	22,417	23,993	25,570	27,146
	Number of Civil cases concluded	10,508	9,428	14,892	14,664	14,436	14,208
	Number of Criminal cases filed	1,828	1,626	1,135	1,235	1,335	1,435
	Number of Criminal cases concluded	1,499	1,494	1,238	1,338	1,438	1,538
Human Rights	Number. of HR cases filed	516	539	562	585	608	631
	Number of HR cases concluded	496	531	566	601	636	671
Appellate Jurisdiction of the lower courts	Number of civil appeals filed from the lower courts	410	451	492	533	574	615
	Number of civil appeals concluded from the lower courts	357	421	485	549	613	677



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 Judgment Writing and Case Management, Evidence, Disclose, Committal and Coroner's Inquest	Construction of 2 No. bungalow for the Judiciary in Accra Lot 2
Sponsor Judges/Magistrates to the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association	Provision of Solar Energy Phase 2
Organize training on E-filing and adjudication for Justices of the High Court	



BUDGET-SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: COURT ADMINISTRATION

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.4: Circuit Court

1. Budget Sub-Programme Objective

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

2. Budget Sub-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¢50,000.00. 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 High 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¢50,000.00 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¢50,000.00 and jurisdiction in all 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 High Court and in criminal cases to the Appeal Court respectively. Currently, there are 63 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		Projections			
		2018	2019 (June)	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Improved access to quality justice	Number of Civil cases filed	3,419	6,170	8,661	11,552	14,243	16,934
	Number of Civil cases concluded	3,358	5,376	7,394	9,412	11,430	13,448
	Number of Criminal cases filed	7,825	12,940	18,055	23,170	28,285	33,400
	Number of Criminal cases concluded	6,138	10,604	14,890	19,176	23,462	27,748
	Number of gender based violence cases filed	188	202	216	230	244	258
	Number of gender based violence cases concluded	164	187	210	233	256	279



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

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

Operations	Projects
Training on E-filing and adjudication for Justices of the Circuit Courts in the Northern and Southern Sector	Procure vehicles for appointed Circuit Court Judges
Training for appointed Circuit Court Judges	Repainting of Former Land, Commercial and Fast Track Courts
	Re-roofing of former Fast Track High Court Building



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
- Provision of mediation spaces for underserved courts

The ultimate beneficiaries of the sub programme are the litigating public (Court Users). The staff of the programme consists of 35 regular staff and 490 mediators. The Source of funding is GOG



3. Budget 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	Projections					
		2018	2019	Budget Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022	Indicative Year 2023
Extension of CCADR to Courts	Number of courts connected to ADR	108	129	139	200	360	400
Increased number of amenable cases referred to ADR	Number of cases referred to ADR	1,567	4,112 (June)	6,666	9,214	11,762	14,310
Increased number of Cases mediated by ADR	Number of cases mediated by ADR	1,567	3,690 (June)	5,813	7,936	10,059	12,182
Increased number of Cases settled by mediation (No/Percentage)	Number/Percentage of cases settled	975 (62.0%)	2,500 (68.7%)	4,025 (69.2%)	5,550 (70.0%)	7,075 (71.0%)	8,600 (70.5%)
Decreased number of cases relisted	Number of mediated cases relisted	-	Baseline	-	-	-	-
Recruitment and training of new and existing mediators	Number of mediators	735	735	1,075	1,375	1,675	1,975
Judges and Staff trained on ADR	Number of Judges and Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-



4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

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

Operations	Projects
Extension of ADR to 68 Circuit and District Courts	
ADR week activity and tour to selected CCADR by Judge-in-charge of ADR and team from National ADR Unit	
Skilled based training in CCADR for 340 newly recruited Mediators	
Payment for cases settled by Mediators nationwide	







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