



REPUBLIC OF GHANA

MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF) FOR 2023-2026

JUDICIAL SERVICE



PROGRAMME BASED BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2023

THEME:

**Restoring and Sustaining Macroeconomic Stability and
Resilience through Inclusive Growth & Value Addition**



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JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL SERVICE



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1.5. Appropriation Bill

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

Entity: 036 - Judiciary and Judicial Service

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	GoG				IGF				Funds / Others			Donors			Grand Total
	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	31 - Non financial assets	Total	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	31 - Non financial assets	Total	Statutory	ABFA	Others	Goods and Services	31 - Non financial assets	Total	
03601 - Management And Administration	420,477,944	95,018,329	64,938,500	580,434,773	20,052,562	17,782,910	7,340,000	45,175,471							625,610,244
03601001 - General Administration	157,456,616	95,018,329	64,938,500	317,413,445	20,052,562	17,782,910	7,340,000	45,175,471							362,588,916
03601003 - Human Resource Management	263,021,328			263,021,328											263,021,328
Grand Total	420,477,944	95,018,329	64,938,500	580,434,773	20,052,562	17,782,910	7,340,000	45,175,471							625,610,244

PART A: STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE

1. NMTDPF POLICY OBJECTIVES

The Medium-Term National Development Policy Framework (MTNDPF) for the “Agenda for jobs: Creating Prosperity and Equal Opportunity for All (2023-2026) is the basis for the Medium-Term Budget. The President’s Coordinated Programme of Economic and Social Development Policies 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. VISION

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

3. MISSION

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”

4. GOALS

The strategic goals of the Judiciary are to:

- a. Enhance the judicial process and procedures to improve access and justice delivery
- b. Develop both human and Material capacity of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service 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



5. CORE VALUES

The Judiciary and the Judicial Service are committed to the continuous promotion of professional excellence through the application of technology to ensure 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

6. CORE FUNCTIONS

The core functions of the Judicial Service are to:

- Ensure the 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



7. POLICY OUTCOME INDICATORS AND TARGETS

Outcome Indicator Description	Unit of Measurement	Baseline		Latest status		Target	
		Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	2023
Improvement in case management	Number of cases tried and Judgment delivered/Number of cases filed	2020	98,199/108,231 (90.7%)	2021	101,726/112,142 (90.7%)	2023	198,901/209,369 (95%)
Reduce backlog of cases through ADR	Number of cases Arbitrated/Number of cases referred to ADR	2020	5,455/3,439 (158.6%)	2021	3,500/4,189 (83.6%)	2023	10,525/12,525 (84%)
Justices Improved	Number of ADR connected/ total number of courts	2020	131/375 (34.9%)	2021	131/390 (33.6%)	2023	232/450 (51.5%)

8. EXPENDITURE TRENDS - GOG

ALLOCATION

ITEMS	2020	2021	2022
COMPENSATION	253,486,299.30	285,744,870.80	324,573,725.85
GOODS & SERVICES	67,505,226.00	74,459,146.56	9,492,609.94
CAPEX	34,751,478.20	77,193,047.00	16,553,505.76
TOTAL	356,743,004.10	437,397,064.36	350,619,841.55

EXPENDITURE TRENDS

ITEMS	2020	2021	2022*
COMPENSATION	220,258,681.75	253,055,643.66	310,590,855.39
GOODS & SERVICES	53,591,958.79	18,831,397.87	2,413,686.14
CAPEX	22,237,546.49	233,039.38	20,158,753.87
TOTAL	296,088,187.03	272,120,080.91	333,163,295.40

*Figures as at 30th September 2022



BRIEF EXPENDITURE TREND ANALYSIS

In the year 2020, the approved budget for the Judiciary and Judicial Service of Ghana was GHC 356,743,004.10 (Three Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand, and Four Cedis) made up of GOG- GHC 333,076,145.10; and IGF-GHC 23,666,859.00. At the end of the year 2020, a total of GHC 306,226,445.95 was released for its activities comprising of Compensation of Employees- GHC 234,438,417.06; Goods and Services- GHC 53,591,958.79; and CAPEX-GHC 18,196,070.10. However, the total expenditure/payment for the same budget period was GHC 296,088,187.03 (Two Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Ghana Cedis, Three pesewas).

For the year 2021, the total approved budget for the Judiciary and Judicial Service was GHC 437,397,064.36 made up of GOG- 418,277,958.36 and IGF-GHC 19,119,106.00

At the end of the year 2021 under GOG, a total of GHC 457,083,193.62 was released for its activities comprising of Compensation of Employees- GHC 348,713,106.69; Goods and Services- GHC 42,923,081.88; and CAPEX-GHC 65,447,005.05. However, the total expenditure/payment for the same budget period was GHC 428,013,983.01 (Four Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Thirteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three Ghana Cedis, One pesewas).

In the year 2022 the total approved budget for the Judiciary and Judicial Service was GHC 513,626,759.28 (Five Hundred and Thirteen Million, Six Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Nine Ghana Cedis Twenty-Eight Pesewas) made up of GOG- GHC 492,318,383.28; and IGF-GHC 21,308,376.00.

Out of the approved budget under GOG, a total of GHC 335,956,370.14 has been released as at the end of September, 2022. Total expenditure so far is GHC 333,163,295.40 made up of Compensation of Employees- GHC 310,590,855.39; Goods and Services- GHC 2,413,686.14; and CAPEX-GHC 20,158,753.87.



In respect of the IGF Budget of GHC 21,308,376.00 approved, a total of GHC 13,513,406.69 has been released into the Retention Account of the Judicial Service for disbursements and payments of various financial commitments.

The resultant budget performance for the period January –September 2022 is 70.22%.

SUMMARY OF 2022 EXPENDITURE BY ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION AND ALL FUND SOURCES*

CLASSIFICATION	2022 BUDGET (GOG Appropriated) (A)	2022 RELEASES (B)	ACTUAL PAYMENTS (C)	VARIANCE (A-B)	% VARIANCE (A-B)/A*100
Compensation of Employees-Salary	372,746,729.68	341,955,185.47	341,955,185.47	30,791,544.21	91.74%
Compensation of Employees-Allowance	45,209,697.57	1,940,514.42	1,940,514.42	43,269,183.15	4.29%
Goods and Services	68,278,436.45	9,492,609.93	4,816,761.54	58,785,826.52	19.44%
CAPEX	68,866,832.58	13,319,478.88	11,939,152.79	55,547,353.70	28.43%
IGF	21,308,376.00	13,513,406.69	13,513,406.69	7,794,969.31	36.6%
Total	576,410,072.28	380,221,159.39	374,165,020.91	196,188,876.89	

- Figures as at 30th September 2022



9. SUMMARY OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022

COURT ADMINISTRATION:

As at the end of the 2021/2022 legal year, there were 389 Courts in Ghana as against 385 Courts in the previous legal year. The total number of Judges/Magistrates manning these courts are 416, made up of 222 males as against 194 females constituting 53% and 47% respectively.

The Judicial Service through the support of UNICEF, has expanded the Child-Friendly Gender Based Violence concepts by commissioning eight (8) more courts, including the DOVVSU One-stop Centre located at the Police Headquarters in Accra; thus the number of GBV Courts increased from Ten (10) to Seventeen (17) by the end of the 2021/2022 Legal Year.

To enhance efficiency for the Service to effectively manage the reproduction of Appeals as it phases out outsourced vendors, the Chief Justice constituted a committee to supervise the establishment of new reproduction centres in Accra, Koforidua and Kumasi to be manned by staff of the Judicial Service.

In deepening our democratic governance, the Apex Court dispensed with Twenty-Five (25) Constitutional review cases during the 2021/2022 Legal Year.

Out of 91,366 cases filed for the 2021/2022 legal year under review, 86,857 cases were duly tried and judgment delivered.

The Online Court System “**VIRTUAL COURTS HEARINGS**” was implemented during the 2021/2022 legal year vacation and was very successful. This was as a result of an intensive training conducted for Judges, Lawyers, Court Clerks, Police and Prison Officers to ensure a seamless operation. During the Virtual Hearing sessions, a total of 3,177 cases were listed for hearing, out of which 1,255 applications were heard with 126 cases being disposed-off.

The District Assemblies Common Fund Courts Projects of constructing Ninety-Eight (98) Courthouses with bungalows for Judges and Magistrates across the country, as part of the Judicial Infrastructure Development Agenda progressed steadily. The Construction of the Residential Complex for Court of Appeal Judges at Danyame, in the Ashanti Region, was successfully completed and commissioned on 17th October, 2022 by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana.

Presently, the construction of Fifty (50) out of the Ninety-Eight (98) Courthouses in different locations are ready for inauguration. His Excellency the President inaugurated the first Court building at Toase in the Ashanti Region on the 17th October, 2022.



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR):

During the period under review, the National ADR Directorate under the auspices of the Honourable Chief Justice held two (2) ADR Week celebrations in the of March and July in Ho and Kumasi respectively, under the theme “**Access to Justice: ADR, A Tool for Peace and Stability**”. The ADR Week celebrations were geared towards public sensitization and deepening of the role of ADR in the justice delivery system.

At the end of 2021/2022 Legal Year, a total of One Hundred and Thirty-Two (132) out of Three Hundred and Eighty-Nine (389) Courts had been connected to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) programme.

Out of the total of 6,491 cases referred to ADR, 5,899 cases were mediated upon successfully. The number of cases settled during the period up to September 2022 was 2,613, giving rise to a settlement percentage of 44%. A total of 3,352 cases referred are still pending for settlement.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:

During the 2021/2022 Legal Year, a total of Five Hundred and Fifty-Nine (559) persons were trained, made up of Two Hundred and Thirty-Nine (239) Judges/Magistrates and Three Hundred and Twenty (320) court and administrative staff.

In the course of the same period under review, the Judicial Service appointed Ten (10) High Court Judges; Twenty (20) Circuit Court Judges; Twelve (12) District Magistrates, as well as 2,275 staff employed to fill various vacant positions.

At the end of the 2021/2022 legal year, the Courts Computerization and Automation Programme across the country attained a coverage rate of 62.8% and 36.2% respectively.

In the quest to ensure and maintain the integrity and honesty of our roles, the Public Complaints Unit adopted some austere measures to reduce the bureaucratic delays in the resolution of complaints as well as the use of WhatsApp as a quasi-useful means of communicating with respondents. This made the sending and receiving of responses and documents fast, safe, simple and convenient. At the end of the legal year, a total of 114 petitions/complaints were disposed-off against a total of 120 petitions/complaints registered.

OUTLOOK FOR 2023:

The Judicial Service during the 2022/2023 Legal Year is expected to inaugurate the remaining Forty-Eight (48) courthouses and bungalows being built by the Ministry of Local



Government, Decentralization and Rural Development by the 2nd quarter of 2023. The project was wholly funded by government through the District Assembly Common Fund (DACF).

During the 2022/2023 Legal Year, a total of 142,338 cases are expected to be filed out of which 135,221 cases will be tried and judgment delivered by the Judiciary.

Under Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), a total of 12,525 cases are expected to be referred by the Courts Connected ADR. Out of this, 8,350 cases are expected to be arbitrated/settled successfully at the end of the budget year.

The Judicial Service intends to connect ADR to 171 out of 390 courts across the country at the end of the 2022/2023 Legal Year.

The Virtual Hearings will be held at some fifty-seven (57) selected Courts during the 2022/2023 legal year in view of the success chalked and the positive feedback received from the Ghana Bar Association.

The Judicial Service, will kick start preparation towards the construction of Regional Administration Offices in the newly created Regions and the New Judicial Training Institute in the course of the 2022/2023 Legal Year.

The Judicial Training Institute (JTI) will continue to undertake capacity building training for Justices of the Superior Courts and the Lower Bench on emerging areas of law, corruption cases and election related matters during the budget year.



EDWENASE-KWADASO DISTRICT COURT



OLD TAFO COURT



BOMPATA COURT



ADANSI ASOKWA COURT



BOAMANG COURT



SANTASI COURT



PEKYI No. 2 COURT



TOASE COURT



TWEDIE COURT



JUASO COURT



BONWIRE COURT



WIAMOASE COURT



JUABEN COURT



ABUAKWA COURT



AKUMADAN COURT



DROBONSU COURT



NYINAHIN COURT



JACOBU COURT



MAMPONTENG COURT



DANSOMAN DISTRICT COURT



ACHIMOTA COURT



OFANKOR COURT



NGLESHIE AMANFROM COURT



SOMANYA COURT



NEW ABIREM COURT



KRABOA COALTAR COURT



AKWATIA COURT



ABURI COURT



AKUAPEM MAMPONG COURT



ASESEWA COURT



ADUKROM COURT



TAFO COURT



OSINO COURT



KWESIMINTSIM COURT



BODI COURT



NALERIGU COURT



DAMONGO COURT



VE GOLOKUATI COURT



JUAPONG COURT



DENU COURT



HO COURT



NKONYA COURT



KADJEBI COURT



CHINDERI COURT



AFRANSE COURT



HEMANG COURT



NSABAA COURT



KYEKYEWERE COURT



KASOA-OFAAKOR HIGH COURT



KOFORIDUA COURT



KWABENG COURT



The Chief Justice will designate the above completed courts on their inauguration, aside the ones already done.



**LIST OF BUNGALOWS COMPLETED AND NEAR COMPLETION UNDER
THE DACF PROJECT
EDWENASE BUNGALOW**



OLD TAFO BUNGALOW



BOMPATA BUNGALOW



ADANSI ASOKWA BUNGALOW



BOAMANG BUNGALOW



PEKYI No. 2 BUNGALOW



TOASE BUNGALOW



TWEDIE BUNGALOW



JUASO BUNGALOW



BONWIRE BUNGALOW



WIAMOASE BUNGALOW



JUABEN BUNGALOW



ABUAKWA BUNGALOW



AKUMADAN BUNGALOW



DROBONSU BUNGALOW



NYINAHIN BUNGALOW



MAMPONG BUNGALOW



AMANFROM BUNGALOW



SOMANYA BUNGALOW



NEW ABIREM BUNGALOW



COALTAR BUNGALOW



AKWATIA BUNGALOW



ABURI BUNGALOW



AKUAPEM MAMPONG BUNGALOW



ASESEWA BUNGALOW



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KADJEBI BUNGALOW



CHINDERI BUNGALOW



AFRANSE BUNGALOW



HEMANG BUNGALOW



NSABAA BUNGALOW



KYEKYEWERE BUNGALOW



KASOA DOUBLE BUNGALOW



KOFORIDUA DOUBLE BUNGALOW





2.6 Budget by Chart of Account

6.0- Programme, Sub-Programme and Natural Account Summary

Entity: 036 - Judiciary and Judicial Service

Funding: All Source of Funding

Year: 2023 | Currency: Ghana Cedi (GHS)

Version 1

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Programmes - Judiciary and Judicial Service	625,610,244	625,610,244	625,610,244	625,610,244
03601 - Management And Administration	625,610,244	625,610,244	625,610,244	625,610,244
03601001 - General Administration	362,588,916	362,588,916	362,588,916	362,588,916
21 - Compensation of Employees [GFS]	177,509,177	177,509,177	177,509,177	177,509,177
22 - Use of Goods and Services	108,985,239	108,985,239	108,985,239	108,985,239
27 - Social benefits [GFS]	3,816,000	3,816,000	3,816,000	3,816,000
31 - Non financial assets	72,278,500	72,278,500	72,278,500	72,278,500
03601003 - Human Resource Management	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328
21 - Compensation of Employees [GFS]	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328



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.





2.6 Budget by Chart of Account

6.0- Programme, Sub-Programme and Natural Account Summary

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	2023	2024	2025	2026
03601 - Management And Administration	625,610,244	625,610,244	625,610,244	625,610,244
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21 - Compensation of Employees [GFS]	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328



BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME1: 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 favours.
- 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 40 members of staff 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 2023	Project		
		2021	2022		Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Response to correspondence	Number of working days	2	2	2	2	2	2
Management meeting organized	Number of meetings	3	?	12	12	12	12
Legal year organized	Number organized	1	1	1	1	1	1
Procurement plan	Developed by	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
Organise Chief Justice’s Community Education Forum & Sensitization on the Judiciary in 16 regions	Pre-Consultancy Fees - Construction of Regional Administrative Offices in the Six (6) newly created Regions
Organise end of year Best Worker award and Get-Together for all staff nationwide	Rehabilitation of two (2) old Lifts at the Supreme Court
Organise a 2 day sensitisation workshop for Parliamentary Select Committee on Judiciary	Procurement of Motor Vehicles for new Judges and Magistrates
Organise Legal Year Activities for Judges, Staff and Others, including staff durbar	Construction of Police Post
Organise Chief Justice’s Mentoring Programme for 1 st and 2 nd Cycle Schools	Procurement of Office Equipment and Furniture for court houses and offices





2.8. Budget by Chart of Account

8 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

Entity: 036 - Judiciary and Judicial Service

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	2023	2024	2025	2026
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21 - Compensation of Employees [GFS]	177,509,177	177,509,177	177,509,177	177,509,177
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27 - Social benefits [GFS]	3,816,000	3,816,000	3,816,000	3,816,000
31 - Non financial assets	72,278,500	72,278,500	72,278,500	72,278,500



BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME1: 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 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 budgetary matters
- Treasury Unit is responsible for the preparation and submission of Cash Transcript, Bank Reconciliation Statements, Financial Statements and approving Establishment Warrants for employees
- 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.

The number of staff of the Finance Department delivering this programme is fifty-two (52)



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			
		2021	2022	Budget Year 2023	Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Annual Estimates	Annual estimates produced by	30 th September	30 th September				
Financial report	Number of Reports prepared	2	2	2	2	2	2
Appraisal/Validation	Number of Reports	2	2	2	2	2	2
Assets Register	Number of Updates	N/A	N/A	1	1	1	1
Audit reports response	Submitted by	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	120days after receipt of invoice	120days 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
Validation exercise for cashiers in the Southern and Northern Sectors	
Nationwide Monitoring Exercise by Non-Tax Revenue Unit	
Nationwide Monitoring Exercise by Regional Accountants	



BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME1: 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. The staff and Judges of the Judicial Service are the beneficiaries of this sub programme and the number of staff delivering this sub programme are 30.



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			
			2021	2022	Budget Year 2023	Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Staff trained	Number of persons trained	Judges and Magistrates	339	239	369	386	405	410
		Other Staff	1,447	320	60	100	200	300
		Mediators	-	-	110	100	100	100
Judges/Magistrates Appointed	Number of Judges/Magistrates Appointed	Circuit Court	-	20	5	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Districts Magistrates	9	12	101	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Superior Court Judges	-	10	40	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Other Staff	2,775	-	1,049	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 2-day Capacity building for Human Resource Officers	
Organise Capacity Building for Directors, Deputy Directors and Regional Administrative Officers (RAO's)	
Organise a 2- Day capacity Building for Administrative Staff within the Judicial Service	





2.8. Budget by Chart of Account

8 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

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03601003 - Human Resource Management	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328
21 - Compensation of Employees [GFS]	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328	263,021,328



BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME1: Management and Administration

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

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 analyse 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 Forty-Two (42) 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 2023	Projections		
		2021	2022		Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Court computerized/ Automation	Percentage of courts computerized	100%	62.8%	70%	75%	80%	85%
	Percentage of Courts Automation	37.15%	36.2%	45%	65%	70%	75%
Record of Caseload Statistics	Number of cases recorded	115,949	91,366	105,070	120,831	138,956	159,799
	Number of cases dispose off	105,420	86,857	99,886	114,869	132,099	151,914
	Average no of days to disposed-off a case*	5 months	5 months	5 months	5 months	5 months	5 months
Annual Reports	Number of Reports published	1	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
Nationwide Monitoring Exercise by Monitoring and Evaluation Officers	



BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME1: 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 Committee (AC), Management, and Auditor General

The Judicial Service is the beneficiary of this sub programme and 66 staff are delivering the sub programme country-wide. Government of Ghana (GOG) funds 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			
		2021	2022	Budget Year 2023	Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Courts Audited	Number of Courts audited and reports issued	249	164	220	236	240	262



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 staff development programme and Audit Training for all Auditors nationwide	Procurement of Video Conference Equipment, Chillers replacements and other office Equipment.
Nationwide Monitoring Exercise by Inspectorate unit and Internal Auditors	



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.

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
- Courts Computerization- The provision of set of computer and printer for each court to enhance processing and printing of orders, rulings and judgments.
- Periodic training of Court Recorders to sharpen their professional skills
- 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, Internally Generated Funds (IGF) and some Donor Funds.



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 fifteen (15) 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			
		2021	2022	Budget Year 2023	Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Improved access to justice	Number of appeals from the National House of Chiefs	4	4	4	4	4	4
	Number of appeals from the Appeal Court	180	112	70	44	27	17
	Number of Constitutional cases concluded	40	21	11	6	3	2
	Number of Supervisory Jurisdiction Cases	151	126	152	181	218	261
Constitutional review cases	Number of reviews	39	25	30	36	43	52

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 Chief Justice's Forum/Community Education & Sensitization on the Judiciary in 16 Regions	Consultancy Fee-Commencement of Construction of Judicial Training Institute (JTI) Building
Sponsor 45 Superior Court Judges on Quinquennial Leave	
Pay Book and Robe Allowances to Judges of the Superior Courts, Lower Bench and Magistrates	
Organise Induction Training for newly appointed Judges of the Supreme Court	
Sponsor Chief Justice and Other Justices of the Superior Courts to overseas trips	



BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: Court Administration

SUB PROGRAMME 2.2: Court of Appeal

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 2021/22 legal year there were Twenty-Three (23) Justices of the Court of Appeal.

Court users are the beneficiaries of this sub programme and funding is mainly from the Government of Ghana (GoG).



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			
		2021	2022	Budget Year 2023	Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Improved access to justice	Number of Civil Appeals	218	509	611	733	880	1,055
	Number of criminal Appeals	47	64	74	86	98	110
	Civil motions	492	1,395	2,333	3,901	6,523	10,907
	Criminal motions	74	132	155	182	211	248

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 the Justice for all programme (JFAP) sittings nationwide	Supply and Installation of 1 no. Lift at Court of Appeal – Kumasi
Justices of the Court of Appeal Sitting in various Regions	



BUDGET SUB PROGRAMME SUMMARY

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. In terms of court technology, the courts are equipped with equipment for Direct Transcription System (DTS) which gives a real time transcription of court proceedings for lawyers of the parties to see and confirm the proceedings for the day.

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 One Hundred and Fourteen (114) 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			
		2021	2022	Budget Year 2023	Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Provide access to justice in specialized areas	Regular High court cases filed-General	13,608	12,371	11,134	10,800	10,260	9,644
	Commercial and Specialized High Court cases filed	4,955	2,389	2,270	2,043	1,880	1,560
Improved access to justice	Number of Civil cases filed	16,255	12,614	11,983	11,384	10,701	10,059
	Number of Civil cases concluded	12,788	10,719	11,041	11,151	10,593	10,010
	Number of Criminal cases filed	2,308	2,146	2,039	1,937	1,840	1,748
	Number of Criminal cases concluded	2,029	1,718	1,838	1,911	1,835	1,743

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 Induction Training for newly appointed Judges of the Superior Court	Consultancy Fees – Construction of Cape Coast High Court
	Construction of Wa High Court Complex Building



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, other than treason offences and triable by indictment. In civil cases where relief sought by litigants does not exceed GH¢5,000,000.00. 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¢5,000,000.00, 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¢5,000,000.00 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 Appeal and in criminal cases to the High Court. Currently, there are Ninety-One (91) 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			
		2021	2022	Budget Year 2023	Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Improved access to justice	Number of Civil cases filed	19,345	19,284	20,248	21,261	22,324	23,440
	Number of Civil cases concluded	6,885	6,135	6,442	6,764	7,102	7,457
	Number of Criminal cases filed	31,085	33,498	35,173	36,932	38,778	40,717
	Number of Criminal cases concluded	12,368	16,586	17,415	18,286	19,200	20,160

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

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

Operations
Organise Training on enforcement of judgments, Orders and Knowledge in the Labour Act for Registrars across the country

Projects
Re-roofing of High Court Annex Building housing the circuit courts



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¢ 500,000.00

The District court has the responsibility to:

- Handle/Hear both civil and criminal cases
- Hear 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 Fifty-six (156) Magistrates at post. Eighty-two (75) of them are Professional Magistrates while Eighty-One (81) are 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		Projections			
		2021	2022	Budget Year 2023	Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Improved access to justice	Number of Civil cases filed	67,923	73,826	74,564	76,055	77,576	79,903
	Number of Civil cases concluded	37,814	41,464	43,447	49,817	49,817	53,344
	Number of Criminal cases filed	53,616	64,850	68,093	72,178	76,509	80,334
	Number of Criminal cases concluded	31,032	40,420	43,647	51,764	61,391	72,808

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 of Bailiffs on generating documents for execution, notices and proof of service	Furnishing of selected Courts and Offices



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 an 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 new 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

The beneficiaries of the sub programme are the litigating public (Court Users) who are in court but are referred to ADR for settlement. The agreed decision by the parties to the court becomes the Consent Judgment of the court which is binding on the parties.

The staff of the programme consist of Twenty-two (22) administrative staff and Eight-hundred and Thirty-five (835) mediators. The sources of funding for this programme is from GOG and Internally Generated Funds (IGF).



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			
		2021	2022	Budget Year 2023	Indicative Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026
Court connected to ADR	Number of courts connected to ADR	131	132	172	192	212	232
Cases referred to ADR	Number of cases referred to ADR	4,189	5,230	12,525	18,700	25,875	28,305
Cases mediated by ADR	Number of cases mediated by ADR	3,500	4,638	10,525	16,200	24,000	27,100
Cases settled	Number of cases settled	1,830	1,875	8,350	14,025	20,700	24,970
Settlement Percentage	Percentage of cases settled	52.3%	40%	79%	86%	86%	92%

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 Annual ADR Week Celebrations	
Organise 2 day Basic training for newly recruited ADR Mediators to be attached to District Courts	





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 - Judiciary and Judicial Service	420,477,944	95,018,329	64,938,500	580,434,773	20,052,562	17,782,910	7,340,000	45,175,471							625,610,244
03601 - Judiciary -Parent	148,539,765	73,376,329	62,290,736	284,206,830											284,206,830
0360101 - Superior Courts Administration-Parent	148,539,765	73,376,329	62,290,736	284,206,830											284,206,830
0360101001 - Supreme Court	148,539,765	73,376,329	62,290,736	284,206,830											284,206,830
03650 - Gen. Admin	271,938,179	21,642,000	2,647,764	296,227,943	20,052,562	17,782,910	7,340,000	45,175,471							341,403,414
0365003 - Finance	271,938,179	21,642,000	2,647,764	296,227,943	20,052,562	17,782,910	7,340,000	45,175,471							341,403,414
0365003001 - Finance Office	271,938,179	21,642,000	2,647,764	296,227,943	20,052,562	17,782,910	7,340,000	45,175,471							341,403,414



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