INVESTING IN HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Government expenditure priorities:

1. Strengthen Uganda’s competitiveness for sustainable wealth creation, employment, and inclusive growth.

2. Seize opportunities in key primary sectors, market opportunities at both regional and international levels, and requirements for infrastructure development.

3. Address the challenges faced both by the public and private sectors in order to revitalize economic growth, deal with unemployment, and poor service delivery.

FIGURE 1: SECTOR BUDGET SHARES FY 2017/18

- **Works & Transport:** 21.7%
- **Energy & Mineral Devt.:** 13.2%
- **Interest Payments Due:** 12.2%
- **Education:** 10.6%
- **Security:** 8.6%
- **Health:** 5.7%
- **Public Sector Management:** 5.2%
- **Accountability:** 4.6%
- **Justice/Law & Order:** 4.2%
- **Agriculture:** 3.8%
- **Water & Environment:** 3.1%
- **Public Administration:** 2.3%
- **Legislature:** 2.0%
- **Land, Housing & Urban Devt:** 1.0%
- **Social Dev.:** 0.8%
- **Tourism, Trade & Industry:** 0.4%
- **ICT & National Guidance:** 0.4%

KEY FACTS

- Total resource envelope (excluding debt payments and arrears) projected to increase from UGX 25,408.50 Billion in FY 2016/17 to UGX 29,205.74 Billion in FY 2017/18.

- Investments in human capital development expected to account for approximately 20% of the national resource envelope.
**INVESTING IN EDUCATION**

**FIGURE 2: EDUCATION SECTOR NOMINAL ALLOCATIONS**

Education budget 2017/18 priorities include:

- **(Equity)** Achieve equitable access to relevant and quality education and training – ensuring universal primary education, equitable access of post-primary education and training.

- **(Service delivery)** Ensure delivery of relevant and quality education and training – improving literacy, numeracy, basic life skills and retention at pre-primary and primary, and increasing market preparedness of tertiary graduates.

- **(Effectiveness and efficient)** Enhance efficiency and effectiveness of education and sports service delivery at all levels – promoting guidance and counselling, strengthening school inspection and monitoring, continuing with decentralization, and enhancing quality assurance and accountability at the school level.

**INVESTING IN WATER AND ENVIRONMENT**

**FIGURE 3: WATER & ENVIRONMENT SECTOR NOMINAL ALLOCATIONS**

Water and Environment budget 2017/18 priorities include:

- Undertake nationwide tree planting and restoration of degraded natural forests and community forests to regain increased national tree cover for increased household incomes, watershed management, adaptation, and mitigation of climate change effects and disaster risks.

- Provision of safe and clean water supplies as well as improved sanitation facilities to reduce the burden and effects of ill-health at domestic level as well as improve public health.

- Availability of municipal and urban piped water and sewerage systems as crucial input required in manufacturing and modern domestic use.

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“The sector also prioritises providing equal opportunities to eligible students including those from disadvantaged backgrounds to access quality higher or tertiary education.”

“The sector will continue to pursue programmes that promote sustainable management of its water resources to ensure availability in adequate quantity and quality for all uses at all times.”
Heath budget 2017/18 priorities include:

- Provide equitable, safe, and sustainable health services.
- Increase financial risk protection of households against impoverishment due to health expenditures.
- Address the key determinants of health through strengthening inter-sectoral collaboration and partnerships.
- Enhance regional competitiveness of Uganda’s healthcare industry, including establishment of centres of excellence in heart, cancer, renal care domains; and diagnostic services.

Social Development budget 2017/18 priorities include:

- Inclusive/Universal gender mainstreaming in policies, plans and programmes in sectors; establishing and expanding comprehensive social protection programmes for vulnerable groups.
- Strengthening the scope and coverage of social assistance grants to vulnerable groups, and promoting the formulation of gender sensitive policies, plans, and programmes at all levels.
- Promoting access to social care and support services including OVC, PWDs and older persons.
- Protecting and promoting the rights of vulnerable groups – children, PWDs, and older persons against abuse, exploitation, violence, and neglect.
- Preventing and responding to Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting, and strengthening child protection services.
FIGURE 6: SECTOR NOMINAL ALLOCATIONS FY 2017/18 (UGX BILLION)

- Works & Transport, 4,867.50
- Energy & Mineral Development, 2,999.60
- Health, 1,285.80
- Agriculture: 846.70
- Public Sector Management, 1,173.50
- Accountability, 1,027.50
- Justice/Law and Order: 950.00
- Security, 1,944.90
- Interest Payments Due, 2,739.40
- Education, 2,370.00
- Water & Env, 699.10
- Public Admin, 508.10
- Legislature, 442.30
- Others*, 580.6

Others*: Land, Housing & Urban Devt., 217.70; Social Devt., 172.70; Tourism, Trade & Industry, 100.30; ICT, 89.90

FIGURE 7: PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN SECTOR NOMINAL ALLOCATIONS BETWEEN FY 2016/17 & FY 2017/18

- Works, -2.29%
- Energy & Mineral Devt., -2.18%
- Inter Payments Due, -3.62%
- Security, -21.22%
- Health, -28.63%
- Public Sector Management, -7.36%
- Accountability, -6.80%
- Justice Law & Order, -13.92%
- Agriculture, -2.83%
- Water & Env, -1.38%
- Public Admin, -4.35%
- Legislature, -5.89%
- Land, Housing & Urban Devt., 48.10%
- Social Devt., -10.43%
- Tourism Trade & Industry, -3.37%
- ICT, 62.57%