

**REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER AND ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL ON THE  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS ON THE CONSOLIDATED FUND FOR THE MONTH OF  
MARCH 2016**

**1.1 INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Mandate**

Section 41(1) (b) of the Financial Administration Act, 2003 (Act 654) (FAA) and Regulation 191 of the Financial Administration Regulations 2004, (LI 1802)(FAR) requires the Controller and Accountant-General to prepare and transmit to the Auditor-General and the Minister of Finance (MoF), the Public Accounts (Financial Statements) on the Consolidated Fund of the Republic of Ghana within 15 days of the preceding month or such other period as Parliament may by resolution determine.

The financial statements which are prepared on government business are regulated by the financial laws. The authorisation to spend and limit on expenditure are stipulated in the Appropriation Act for each financial year as required by Article 179 (2) (a) of the 1992 Constitution.

In addition to the legal requirement, the Financial Statements are meant to provide a summary of government's financial resources and their application for the benefit of the people of Ghana.

**1.1.2 Components of the Financial Statements**

The financial statements comprise:

- A Balance Sheet
- A Statement of Revenue and Expenditure
- A Statement of Receipts and Payments
- A Cash Flow Statement
- Notes to the Accounts

**1.1.3 Scope of financial statements**

In compliance with Articles 175 and 176 of the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana and Section 41 of the FAA, these financial statements known as the Public Accounts of Ghana are prepared on the Consolidated Fund only. It comprises the financial activities of the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and Metropolitan Municipal District Assemblies (MMDAs) funded from the national budget.

The financial statements do not include other public funds established by or under the authority of an Act of Parliament and Retained Internally Generated Funds.

**1.1.4 Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements are prepared on modified accrual basis. Modified accrual accounting recognizes revenues when they become available and lodged into the treasury accounts of Government and with a few exceptions, recognizes expenditures when liabilities are incurred. This system divides available funds into separate entities within the organization to ensure that the money is being spent where it was intended. Fixed Assets are capitalized in order to be written off over the expected life of the asset.

**2 HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH, 2016 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE****2.1 2016 Appropriation**

The amounts appropriated for Government business and reflected in these Financial Statements are regulated by the 2016 Appropriation. Payments made were based on warrants issued on the authority of the Minister of Finance and as at end of March 2016, was within the Appropriation of GH¢50,109.85 million.

A summary report on the appropriation is as below:

	<b>2016</b>
	<b>GH¢ M</b>
<b>Annual Appropriation</b>	50,109.85
<b>Appropriation Utilised as at end of March 2016</b>	(6,982.24)
<b>Appropriation Un-utilised as at 31/03/16</b>	<u><b>43,127.61</b></u>

**3.0 SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

The summary of Receipts and Payments on the Consolidated Fund for the month of March 2016 is as follows:

	<b>MAR-16 Budget</b>	<b>MAR-16 Actual</b>	<b>MAR-16 Variance</b>
	<b>GH¢M</b>	<b>GH¢M</b>	<b>GH¢M</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>4,211.86</b>	<b>4,223.23</b>	<b>11.37</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>4,175.82</b>	<b>2,145.23</b>	<b>2,030.59</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b><u>36.04</u></b>	<b><u>2,078.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,041.96</u></b>

In the month of March, total receipts was above the budget by GH¢11.37 million. Total payments fell below budget by GH¢2,030.59 million giving rise to a net favourable variance of GH¢2,041.96 million.

**4.0 SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE**

The summary of Revenue and Expenditure on the Consolidated Fund for the month of March 2016 is as follows:

	<b>MAR-16 Budget</b>	<b>MAR-16 Actual</b>	<b>MAR-16 Variance</b>
	<b>GH¢,M</b>	<b>GH¢,M</b>	<b>GH¢,M</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>3,045.06</b>	<b>2,582.37</b>	<b>(462.69)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,785.31</b>	<b>2,251.12</b>	<b>534.19</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>259.75</u></b>	<b><u>331.25</u></b>	<b><u>71.50</u></b>

Actual Revenue fell below the budget by GH¢462.69 for the month of March. Actual expenditure also fell below the budget by GH¢ 534.19 million in the same period. This gave rise to a net favourable variance of GH¢71.50.

## 5.0 ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

### 5.1 REVENUE

Total Revenue which is made up of Direct and Indirect Taxes, Grants and other Non-tax revenue was GH¢ 2,582.37 million representing 84.81% of the budget of GH¢3,045.06. Below is the contribution of the various components of the Total Revenue.

#### 5.1.1 Direct Tax

Direct tax revenue for the Consolidated Fund for the month ended as detailed in Note 2 was GH¢1,709.43 million as against the expected amount of GH¢1,006.00 million. This indicates a favourable variance of GH¢703.43 million or 69.92% above budget.

Direct tax contributed 66.20% of total revenue for the month of March.

#### 5.1.2 Indirect Tax

Indirect tax as shown in Note 3 was GH¢819.56 million against a budget of GH¢1,304.27million. This resulted in an unfavourable variance of GH¢484.71 million or 37.16% below the budget.

Indirect Tax contributed 31.74% of total revenue for the period. Tax exemptions are excluded from the indirect tax budget.

#### 5.1.3 Grants

There were no Grants received for the month of March as indicated in Note 5.

#### 5.1.4 Non - Tax Revenue

Non - Tax Revenue as detailed in Note 6 for the month of March was GH¢ 53.39 million as against a budgeted amount of GH¢600.81million, resulting in an unfavourable variance of GH¢ 547.42 million or 91.11% below budget. Non Tax Revenue contributed 2.07% of total revenue for the period.

### **5.1.5 Loans Received**

There were no Loans received for the month of March as indicated in Note 8.

## **5.2 EXPENDITURE**

Expenditure is made up of Compensation of Employees, Use of Goods and Services, Consumption of Fixed Capital, Interest, Subsidies, Grants, Social Benefits and Others. The total expenditure on accrual basis for the month amounted to GH¢ 2,251.12 million as against the budget of GH¢ 2,785.31 million. This resulted in a favourable variance of GH¢534.20 million or 19.18% below budget.

### **5.2.1 Compensation of Employees**

Compensation of Employees including arrears incurred for the month as detailed in note eleven (11) was GH¢ 1,226.75 million as against the budgeted figure of GH¢1,187.40 million. This gives a favourable variance of GH¢39.35 million. Compensation of Employees represents 54.50% of total expenditure for the month.

### **5.2.2 Use of Goods and Services**

Expenditure on Goods and Services incurred for the month as detailed in note twelve (12) was GH¢217.21 million as against the budgeted figure of GH¢617.65 million resulting in a favourable variance of GH¢400.44 million. Goods and Services represent 9.65% of total expenditure for the month.

### **5.2.3 Interest**

Interest for the month as detailed in note fourteen (14) was GH¢ 731.03 million as against the budgeted figure of GH¢874.22 million, giving rise to a favourable variance of GH¢32.47 million. This represents 32.47% of total expenditure for the month.

### **5.2.4 Government Subsidies**

Government Subsidy for the month as detailed in note fifteen (15) was GH¢36.00 million as against the budgeted figure of GH¢4.17 million, giving rise to an unfavourable variance of GH¢31.83 million. This represents 1.60 % of total expenditure for the month.

**5.2.5 Social Benefits**

Expenditure on Social Benefit incurred for the month as detailed in note sixteen (16) was GH¢0.02 million as against the budgeted figure of GH¢4.50 million resulting in a favourable variance of GH¢4.49 million. Social Benefit represent 0.001% of total expenditure for the month.

**5.2.6 Other Expenses**

Other Expenditure incurred for the month as detailed in note seventeen (17) was GH¢40.11 million as against the budgeted figure of GH¢97.38 million resulting in a favourable variance of GH¢57.27 million. This represents 1.78% of total expenditure for the month.

**5.3 PUBLIC DEBT REPAYMENTS**

Public Debt is made up of Domestic and External Debts principal repayment made in the month as detailed in Note 18. Loan repayment made for the month of March was GH¢ 285.44 as against a budget of GH¢305.35 million, resulting in a favourable variance of GH¢19.91 million.

**6 CONCLUSION**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Hon Minister, Hon Deputy Ministers and staff of MoF and CAGD and other public officers for the immense contribution made towards the preparation of the Public Accounts on the Consolidated Fund for the month of March, 2016.

I also wish to sincerely thank all staff of the Department who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we put various systems in place for an improved service delivery to our clients.

In compliance with Section 41(1) (b) of the Financial Administration Act, 2003 (Act 654) and Regulation 191 of the Financial Administration Regulation, 2004 (LI 1802), therefore, I hereby present the Report and the Public Accounts on the Consolidated Fund for the month ended March 31, 2016.

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**Date:**

