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I. INTRODUCTION

This brief presents the analysis of central government expenditure from January 2019 to July 2019. It also aims to inform Senior Management about the composition of total expenditures by different classification, highlighting the absorption capacity of different budget entities (BEs) and giving an indication of expenditure trends compared to the same period a year earlier. It should be noted that all expenditure referred to in this brief is solely Government Local Fund (GLF), and the report does not factor any donor funds (loans and grants), including projects across the country.

II. TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

Total expenditure by Central Government as at end July 2019 amounted to **D8.1 billion** which represents an increase of 17 percent in comparison to the previous year as shown by Table 1.

Table 1: Composition of Central Government Expenditure for End July 2019

Budget Class	Jan-July 2019 Exp.	% of Total Expenditure	Jan-July 2018 Expenditure	% of Total Expenditure	Y-o-Y Growth
Personnel Emoluments	2,308,998,762	28%	1,774,504,304	34%	30%
Goods & Services	2,150,810,222	26%	1,634,075,088	45%	32%
Subventions to Public Corporations	1,222,093,990	15%	998,060,606	15%	22%
Debt Service	2,174,260,015	27%	2,147,166,492	5%	1%
Capital Development	313,793,794	4%	412,952,937	2%	-24%
Total Expenditure	8,169,956,782	100%	6,966,759,429	100%	17%

Personnel Emoluments (PE) and Goods & Services consumed a total of 54 percent of total expenditure. PE has increased from D1.77 billion in July 2018 to D2.3 billion in July 2019 representing a year-to-year increase of 30 percent mainly attributed to the 50 percent increase in salaries.

In comparison to last year, Debt Service slightly increased from D2.14 billion in July 2018 to D2.17 billion resulting to a year-to-year growth of 1 percent. Expenditure on development related activities registered a reduction of 24 percent as compared to the same period last year.

Table 2: Composition of Central Government Expenditure for July 2019 compared to Approved budget, Source: IFMIS

Budget Class	Approved Budget	Jan-July 2019 Exp.	% of Approved Budget Spent
Personnel Emoluments	4,218,569,000	2,308,998,762	55%
Goods & Services	4,256,988,000	2,150,810,222	51%
Subventions to Public Corporations	2,422,365,000	1,222,093,990	50%
Debt Service	4,789,725,000	2,174,260,015	45%
Capital Development	1,411,492,000	313,793,794	22%
Total Expenditure	17,099,139,000	8,169,956,782	48%

Table 2 above compares the different budget classes against the 2019 approved budget highlighting the absorption capacity by budget class. Personnel Emolument is the highest absorbing spending budget class with 55 percent of its budget spent as at end July 2019. Capital expenditure remains the lowest absorbing budget entity with only 22 percent of its budget spent as at end July 2019. The different budget classes have consumed 48 percent of the approved budget as at end July 2019.

Chart 1: Central Government Expenditure for End July 2019 compared to Approved budget, Source: IFMIS

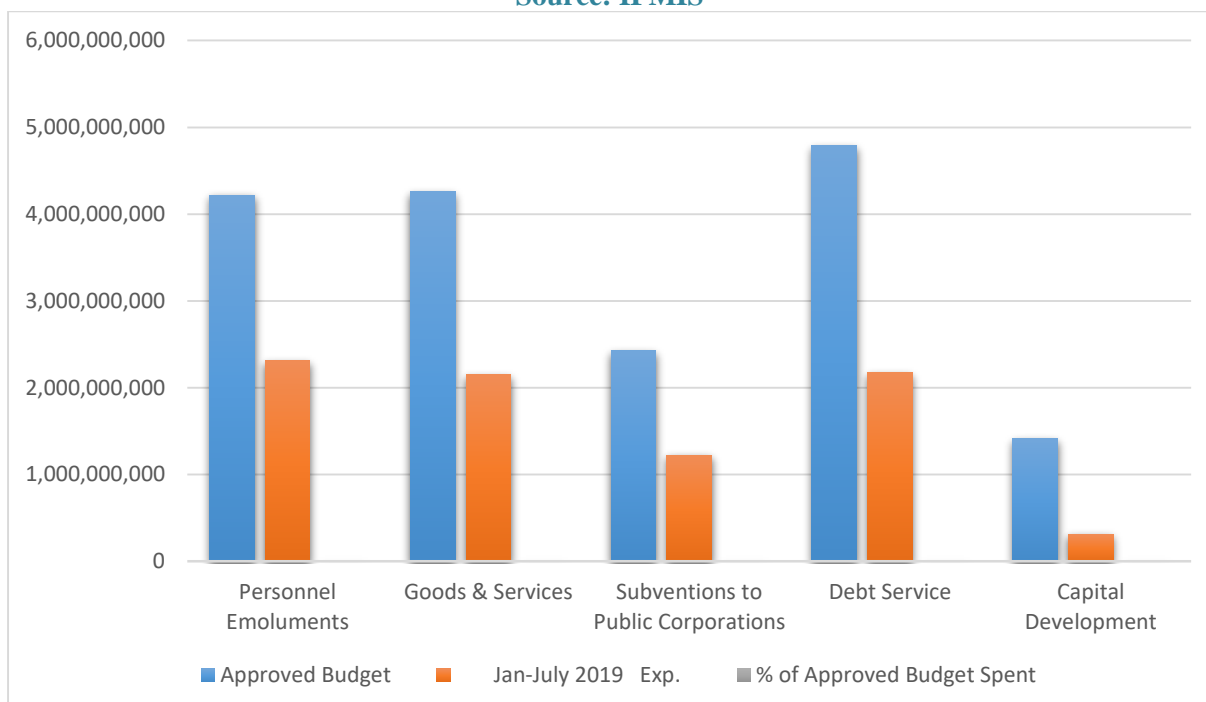


Table 3: Composition of Central Government Expenditure for End July 2019

Personnel Emoluments	Jan-July 2019 Exp.	% of Total PE	Jan-July 2018 Exp.	% of Total PE	Y-o-Y Growth
Basic Salary	1,129,459,954	48.9%	748,259,259	42.9%	51%
Wages	0	0.0%	3,936,667	0.2%	-100%
Allowances	1,008,823,334	43.7%	847,812,273	48.6%	19%
ECA	162,079,816	7.0%	136,300,214	7.8%	19%
Social Security Contributions	8,635,658	0.4%	8,195,891	0.5%	5%
Total PE	2,308,998,762	100.00%	1,744,504,304	100%	32%

Personnel Emoluments increased from D1.74 billion in July 2018 to D2.3 billion in July 2019 showcasing a year-to-year growth of 32 percent. Basic Salary constitutes 48 percent of total PE, which registered a growth of 51 percent, increasing from D748 million in July 2018 to D1.12 billion in July 2019 mostly due to the 50% increment in salaries. Allowances have also increased by 19 percent as compared to the same period last year.

Table 3A: Decomposition of Personnel Emolument for July 2019 compared to Approved Budget

Personnel Emoluments	Approved Budget 2019	Jan-July 2019 Exp.	% of Approved Budget Spent
Basic Salary	2,192,863,000	1,129,459,954	52%
Contingency payroll	15,000,000	0	0%
Allowances	1,601,244,000	1,008,751,334	63%
ECA	404,212,000	162,079,816	40%
Civil Service Staff Loan	5,000,000	0	0%
Social Security Contributions	15,250,000	8,635,658	57%
Total PE	4,233,569,000	2,308,926,762	55%

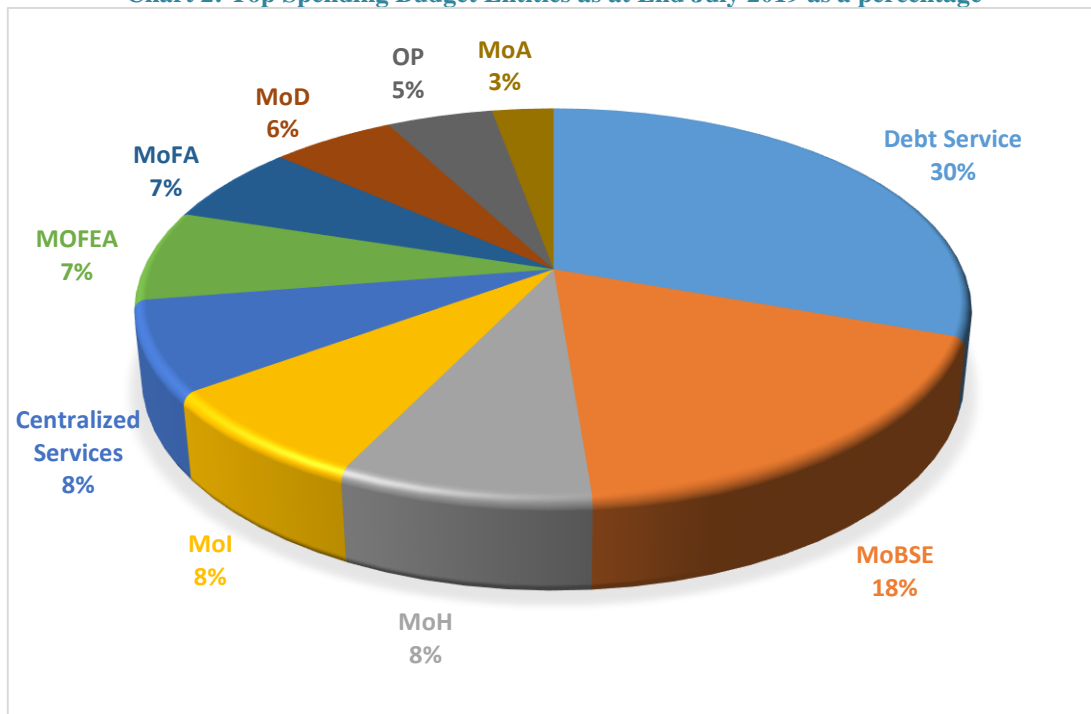
The table above shows the approved budget for P.E as compared to July 2018 expenditure. Allowance is the highest absorbing spending budget line under P.E with 63 percent of its budget spent as at end July 2019.

III. TOP TEN SPENDING BUDGET ENTITIES (BEs)

The top ten highest spending entities consumed 87 percent of the total expenditure as at end July 2019. Debt Service and Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education top the table with compositions of 27 percent and 16 percent respectively as at end July 2019.

Budget Entity	Jan-July 2019 Outturn	% of Total Expenditure
Debt Service	2,174,260,015	27%
MoBSE	1,299,507,089	16%
MoH	601,002,704	7%
MoI	551,745,866	7%
Centralized Services	536,497,461	7%
MOFEA	535,411,485	7%
MoFA	468,176,712	6%
MoD	407,421,272	5%
OP	349,655,492	4%
MoA	202,086,244	2%
Sub Total	7,125,764,341	87%
Total Expenditure	8,169,956,782	100%

Chart 2: Top Spending Budget Entities as at End July 2019 as a percentage



IV. TOP TEN SPENDING BUDGET LINES

Subvention to Public Corporation and Settlement of Confirmed Debt consumed 50.04 percent and 96.37 percent of their budgets respectively. Travel expenses continues to be one of the top ten spending budget lines with 51.06 percent of its budget spent as at end July 2019, however expenditure on travel expenses has decreased by 16 percent when compared to the same period last year.

Table 4: Top ten spending BEs for end July 2019 - Source: IFMIS

Line Item	Approved Budget for 2019	% of Approved Budget spent	Jan - July 2019 Exp.	Jan - July 2018Exp.	Y-o-Y Growth (%)
Subvention	2,442,365,000.00	50.04%	1,222,093,989.54	998,060,606.00	22%
Settlement of Confirmed Debts	440,000,000.00	96.37%	424,008,050.22	149,426,132.00	184%
Travel Expenses	335,510,000.00	51.06%	171,309,417.28	204,582,582.00	-16%
Electricity ,Water & Sewage	238,756,000.00	62.08%	148,217,232.83	50,684,274.69	192%
General Pensions Benefits	300,000,000.00	39.47%	118,410,586.64	25,733,459.71	360%
Operating Costs	135,787,000.00	81.86%	111,155,014.82	130,302,649.00	-15%
School Improvement Grant	190,800,000.00	56.19%	107,213,346.00	118,235,083.00	-9%
Purchase of fuel and lubricants	193,363,000.00	52.48%	101,472,563.26	101,471,723.00	0%
Contribution to International org – Rec	210,039,000.00	45.99%	96,599,276	157,631,534.58	-39%
Rents and Rates	268,313,000.00	35.49%	95,217,664	61,871,639.72	54%
Total for top spending budget lines-January 2019	4,754,933,000	54.59%	2,595,697,140.21	1,997,999,683.70	30%

VI. ANNEX

Annex 1: Budget Absorption by BE for End July 2019 - Source: IFMIS

BE	APPROVED BUDGET GLF 2019	July 2019 Expenditure	% of Budget Absorbed	July. 2018 Exp.
BE01 - Office of The President	697,663,751.00	349,655,492.44	50.12%	378,282,691.07
BE02 - National Assembly	139,273,419.00	56,578,735.73	40.62%	65,166,309.91
BE03 - Judiciary	164,091,692.00	56,460,039.45	34.41%	36,708,714.78
BE04 - Independent Electoral Commission	29,800,723.00	10,495,290.00	35.22%	71,042,654.00
BE05 - Public Service Commission	9,900,000.00	3,998,063.29	40.38%	3,634,981.52
BE06 - National Audit Office	59,426,230.00	30,248,597.21	50.90%	31,563,985.04
BE07 - Ministry of Defence	726,557,843.00	407,421,271.53	56.08%	345,145,371.58
BE08 - Ministry of Interior	996,904,978.00	551,745,866.42	55.35%	441,195,506.44
BE09 - Ministry of Tourism and Culture	43,039,165.00	18,202,075.73	42.29%	16,015,924.19
BE10 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs	1,257,882,799.00	468,176,711.69	37.22%	413,867,457.10
BE11 - Attorney General's Chambers & Ministry of Justice	346,162,635.00	179,270,090.99	51.79%	43,634,285.11
BE12 - Ministry of Finance	837,127,837.00	535,411,485.45	63.96%	493,376,211.52
BE13 - Pensions and Gratuities	375,678,000.00	152,872,071.39	40.69%	89,475,658.95
BE14 - Ombudsman	20,241,000.00	11,146,273.06	55.07%	11,574,132.25
BE15 - Centralized Services	1,340,000,000.00	536,497,461.22	40.04%	254,856,332.02
BE16 - Ministry of Local Government and Lands	175,381,997.00	44,171,230.06	25.19%	31,848,367.68
BE17 - Ministry of Agriculture	441,536,840.00	202,086,244.49	45.77%	163,316,238.91
BE18 - Ministry of Works, Construction & Infrastructure	327,949,083.00	96,570,975.77	29.45%	154,233,312.58
BE19 - Ministry of Trade, Industry & Employment	111,062,020.00	45,991,196.24	41.41%	52,835,453.99
BE20 - Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education	2,069,170,828.00	1,299,507,089.07	62.80%	974,732,572.65
BE21 - Ministry of Health and Social Welfare	1,164,067,500.00	601,002,703.51	51.63%	435,211,642.12
BE22 - Ministry of Youth & Sports	141,276,190.00	40,885,831.11	28.94%	48,494,918.26
BE23 - Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Nat. Resources	252,645,495.00	88,262,726.14	34.94%	58,841,848.90
BE24 - Ministry of Comm, Info & Info Tech	63,577,479.00	9,156,866.11	14.40%	12,793,455.38
BE25 - Ministry of Fisheries, Water Res. & NA Matters	62,420,000.00	21,823,037.20	34.96%	12,358,962.34
BE27 - Ministry of Higher Edu., Research, Sci. & Tech.	341,339,522.00	147,629,531.73	43.25%	166,623,150.22
BE29 - Ministry of Petroleum & Energy	56,951,387.00	16,364,238.58	28.73%	12,762,798.24
BE31 - Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare	58,285,475.00	14,065,571.69	24.13%	-
BE50 - National Debt Service	4,789,724,934.00	2,174,260,015.11	45.39%	2,147,166,492.28
Grand Total	17,099,138,822.00	8,169,956,782.41	47.78%	6,966,759,429.03

**Annex 2: Salaries and Allowances by Budget Entity for July 2019 compared to End June 2018 -
Source: IFMIS**

BE	Basic Salaries (BS)		BS Variation	Allowances		Allowance Variation
	Jul-19	Jul-18		Jul. 2019	Jul. 2018	
BE01 - Office of The President	32,244,655.73	20,496,239.03	49%	26,073,499.57	24,380,651.19	6.94%
BE02 - National Assembly	12,227,138.14	8,191,728.76	36%	22,157,425.29	20,885,796.67	6.09%
BE03 - Judiciary	14,809,395.55	10,912,481.29	23%	34,421,783.65	21,297,946.72	61.62%
BE04 - Independent Electoral Commission	3,420,000.00	2,776,327.00	34%	2,867,016.00	2,712,327.00	5.70%
BE05 - Public Service Commission	974,941.87	726,836.94	-20%	764,433.67	678,100.05	12.73%
BE06 - National Audit Office	4,179,054.68	5,204,823.81	52%	4,925,650.04	4,123,804.38	0.00%
BE07 - Ministry of Defence	127,489,294.21	83,965,088.87	39%	159,815,464.09	151,283,494.32	5.64%
BE08 - Ministry of Interior	222,994,737.49	160,013,682.44	49%	169,172,025.56	141,612,696.35	19.46%
BE09 - Ministry of Tourism and Culture	1,131,837.94	761,318.56	27%	793,316.89	821,416.32	-3.42%
BE10 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs	93,853,432.24	73,772,894.86	143%	90,168,520.63	78,086,600.72	15.47%
BE11 - Attorney General's Chambers & Ministry of Justice	7,010,277.20	2,879,260.34	60%	5,016,254.04	5,387,400.87	-6.89%
BE12 - Ministry of Finance	11,332,808.09	7,104,321.49	54%	13,794,015.65	12,509,870.54	10.27%
BE14 - Ombudsman	2,858,276.67	1,852,660.50	44%	4,851,421.41	3,253,130.75	49.13%
BE16 - Ministry of Local Government and Lands	17,157,430.65	11,931,351.72	47%	8,214,102.82	5,822,702.42	41.07%
BE17 - Ministry of Agriculture	26,438,843.13	17,946,511.57	43%	17,050,719.29	15,185,843.47	12.28%
BE18 - Ministry of Works, Construction & Infrastructure	3,590,287.71	2,502,910.67	65%	2,552,523.18	3,183,330.16	-19.82%
BE19 - Ministry of Trade, Industry & Employment	3,716,186.33	2,251,667.11	59%	2,543,679.28	2,078,407.06	22.39%
BE20 - Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education	441,099,087.40	277,085,121.79	67%	329,402,779.07	266,653,359.42	23.53%
BE21 - Ministry of Health and Social Welfare	78,642,397.20	47,088,426.47	45%	95,310,348.30	68,470,156.90	39.20%
BE22 - Ministry of Youth & Sports	2,066,910.07	1,423,193.08	278%	1,203,895.05	1,097,119.78	9.73%
BE23 - Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Nat. Resources	10,389,609.51	2,750,749.00	56%	10,218,097.67	11,838,023.58	-13.68%
BE24 - Ministry of Comm, Info & Info Tech	2,403,342.91	1,543,793.13	60%	1,592,672.38	1,398,885.58	13.85%
BE25 - Ministry of Fisheries, Water Res. & NA Matters	3,151,185.66	1,971,098.59	128%	2,151,051.22	1,961,526.45	9.66%
BE27 - Ministry of Higher Edu., Research, Sci. & Tech.	3,444,919.29	1,514,157.50	77%	1,589,358.81	1,467,266.32	8.32%
BE29 - Ministry of Petroleum & Energy	2,833,904.60	1,599,614.18	51%	2,101,280.08	1,622,416.26	29.52%
BE31 - Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare				72,000.00		
Total	1,129,459,954.27	748,266,258.70		1,008,751,333.64	847,812,273.28	18.98%

Annex 3: Subvention by Budget Entity for End July 2019 compared to End July 2018 Source: IFMIS

BE	Jul-19	Jul-18	Variation
OP	71,068,764.79	80,377,601.53	13%
MOD	1,750,000.00	1,464,064.50	-16%
MOI	66,612,592.16	53,894,200.00	-19%
MOTC	10,500,000.00	10,500,000.00	0%
MOJ	10,976,249.34	8,672,510.00	-21%
MoFEA	341,600,000.00	282,092,109.00	-17%
MOA	27,825,880.60	23,885,030.44	-14%
MOTWI	27,057,210.00	15,962,000.00	-41%
MOTRIE	25,564,053.00	26,025,866.84	2%
MOBSE	266,248,692.75	185,856,317.47	-30%
MOHSW	287,915,906.65	231,317,838.56	-20%
MOYS	21,492,973.25	25,835,086.33	20%
MECCNAR	14,000,000.00	15,737,981.80	12%
MOHERST	49,481,667.00	36,440,000.00	-26%
Total Subventions	1,222,093,989.54	998,060,606.47	-18%