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VI: Vote Overview

(i) Snapshot of Medium Term Budget Allocations

Table V1.1: Overview of Vote Expenditures

Billion Uganda Shillings	FY2018/19 Outturn	FY2019/20		FY2020/21 Proposed Budget	MTEF Budget Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent by End Sep		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Recurrent Wage	8.209	16.882	3.365	16.882	16.773	16.773	16.773	16.773
Non Wage	19.004	20.685	3.980	20.685	24.823	29.787	35.744	42.893
Devt. GoU	6.455	5.855	0.014	5.855	5.855	5.855	5.855	5.855
Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	33.669	43.423	7.359	43.423	47.451	52.415	58.373	65.522
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	33.669	43.423	7.359	43.423	47.451	52.415	58.373	65.522
<i>A.I.A Total</i>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Grand Total	33.669	43.423	7.359	43.423	47.451	52.415	58.373	65.522

(ii) Vote Strategic Objective

To guide the criminal investigations and prosecute criminal cases in a just, efficient and effective manner in any court of law in the Country except in the court martial

V2: Past Vote Performance and Medium Term Plans

Performance for Previous Year FY 2018/19

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS SERVICES PROGRAM

ODPP undertook a study to assess public satisfaction towards its services. Results revealed that 75% of the public particularly the vulnerable that is satisfied with prosecution services. Indicating an improvement in public perception towards ODPP services that stood at 62% in FY 2017/18.

This program registered achievements highlighted under each subprogram below:

Gender, Children and Sexual Offences Subprogram

As regards to this, performance was as follows:

- 68% Prosecution-led investigations concluded in average of 44 work days, against the minimum target of 70%,
 - 68% prosecutorial decisions made within 15 business days, against the minimum target of 70%,
 - 80% case files sanctioned within 2 business days, against the minimum target of 80%,
- Performance of cases was affected by delayed responses from DGAL, insufficient evidence, and under staffing at ODPP.

Land crimes Subprogram

In reference to land cases, the following performance was realized; 59% prosecution-led-investigations concluded within 110 business days, against the minimum target of 60%, 64% prosecutorial decisions made within 44 business days, against the minimum target of 70%, 69% of case files sanctioned within 2 work days, against a target of 80%. This performance was affected by inadequate funding, complexity of land cases and delay in acquiring expert opinion reports.

Anti-Corruption Subprogram

A total of 733 cases were perused and handled with the aim of reaching a prosecutorial decision, out of these 369 cases files (50%) were concluded within an average of 50 business days against the target of 55.

During implementation of activities envisaged within this intervention, 4.5% proceeds of crime were recovered out of orders issued. This was against the minimum target of 10%.

Performance was affected by under staffing, few experts, complexity of cases, delays in completion of forensic reports and need for improved coordination with Police. Court appeals affect the executions of recoveries.

International crimes Program

ODPP concluded prosecuting 85% of the registered international and cross border cases, against the target of 70% in the FY 2018/19.

The reasons for this achievement lies in improved skills of the Prosecutors attained through capacity building trainings, use of prosecution led

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investigations and case conferencing & collaboration with other inter-agencies handling these offences.

Out of the 30 registered cases, 16 cases were handled by way of prosecution led investigations. This translates to 53% cases prosecuted.

Investigations were completed in some cases which were taken to court while investigations are still ongoing in others.

performance was affected by; inadequate staff & funding, Police's non-involvement of Prosecutors at the earliest stage of investigations and/or Police not bringing cases to the attention of DPP; Investigations being carried out without the involvement of ODPP and thereafter the files are submitted for perusal and advice.

General Case Work Subprogram

This intervention led the department having 62% prosecutorial decisions made within 20 business days, against the minimum target of 65%, and 73% case files sanctioned within 2 business days, against the minimum target of 80%.

In the reporting period, general casework department among other approaches applied PLI in some of its cases. This led to conclusion of 55% of Prosecution-Led Investigations cases within 60 business days.

Appeals and Miscellaneous Applications Subprogram

During its operations, the department had 71% of appeals prosecuted, against a minimum target of 85%, and 82% of miscellaneous criminal causes and applications handled, against a minimum target of 90%.

Performance was affected by inadequate funding, under staffing, heavy work load, insufficient legal reference materials, complexity of appeals, late service of court papers, incomplete records of court proceedings.

INSPECTION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES PROGRAM

This program performed as follows:

Research and Training Subprogram

Forty (40) members of staff were trained and most of them are about to complete their courses.

Two (02) Research Reports on criminal law, procedure and practice were produced.

A report on public satisfaction of ODPP services was produced.

Inspection and Quality Assurance Subprogram

123 offices (ODPP offices & agencies with delegated functions) out of the 175, and all 123 adhered to set minimum performance standards. This is attributed to monitoring of the offices, mentoring of field officers by HQs and Regional Officers, holding management meetings, performance reviews, intra and inter-agency coordination and trainings. However, performance was affected by inadequate funds and staffing in the department.

04 reports on Inspection of ODPP & delegated Agencies with prosecutorial function produced

A total of 29 public complaints against staff were received and 26 were handled. This represented 90% public complaints attended to against the annual target of 95%. This led to improved public trust in the prosecution services, improved discipline among staff.

Internal Audit Subprogram

During the period under review, adherence to accountability, compliance and internal control procedures were promoted and observed. In addition, four quarterly internal audit reports were produced against the annual target of four.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

This program

Field Operations

This subprogram had only one office opened in Rubirizi (RSA office) due to acute understaffing in the Institution. There were no prosecutors to post to new offices because even the existing stations are understaffed. In addition, insufficient funds to open and operate field offices which require rent, furniture, computers and operational funds among others. However, Sheema and Kaliro were elevated from Resident State Prosecutor offices to Resident State Attorney status. Buhweju RSA office was re-designated to RSP because of relatively low work load.

Information & Communication Technology

This subprogram saw offices equipped and internet worked.

Finance & Administration

Through interventions under this subprogram,

Six (06) Performance Reports were produced,

Two (02) Policy Planning documents produced.

International Cooperation

Under this subprogram,

77% of the registered extradition requests were processed, up from the target of 65%

75 % of the registered MLA requests processed against the annual target of 65%. This is a great improvement from the recorded performance of 59% realized in FY2017/18. The improvement is attributed to the commitment of the ODPP to handle MLA matters on the basis of reciprocity, Comity and International Conventions and other similar regional arrangements despite the absence of a specific law on Mutual Legal Assistance.

Two (02) collaborations in criminal matters participated in regarding MoUs.

Witness Protection & Victim Empowerment

27 witnesses & Victims of crime were protected

90% of public complaints on prosecution services were attended to against a target of 95%. This was mainly due to under staffing and delay in investigation of some cases.

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Performance as of BFP FY 2019/20 (Performance as of BFP)

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS SERVICES PROGRAM

This program registered achievements highlighted under each subprogram below:

Gender, Children and Sexual Offences Subprogram

As regards to this, performance was as follows:

No Prosecution-led investigations were concluded in average of 44 work days, against the minimum target of 70%, 70% prosecutorial decisions made within 15 business days, against the minimum target of 70%, and 80% case files sanctioned within 2 business days, against the minimum target of 80%. Performance was affected by complexity of cases and ongoing investigations for some cases.

Land crimes Subprogram

In reference to land cases, the following performance was realized; 56% prosecution-led-investigations concluded within 110 business days, against the minimum target of 60%, 62% prosecutorial decisions made within 44 business days, against the minimum target of 70%, 80% of case files sanctioned within 2 work days, against a target of 80%. This performance was affected by complexity in investigation of land cases, delays in acquiring expert opinions and voluminous nature of land case files.

Anti-Corruption Subprogram

This sub program had 80% of prosecution led investigations into corruption & money laundering crimes concluded within 66 business days against the target of 75%, 90% of Corruption and money laundering cases prosecutorial decisions made within 55 business days against the target of 75%, and 0.2% proceeds of crime were recovered out of orders issued. This was against the minimum target of 10%. Performance was affected by under staffing, complexity of cases, lengthy investigations in corruption cases, delays by other stakeholders involved in the cases where ODPP has no control.

International crimes Program

This subprogram had 83% of registered cases prosecuted out of the targeted 70%, 75% of the registered international crime cases handled by way of prosecution led investigations, and participated in 9 engagements and meetings out of the targeted 15. The reasons behind these achievements are improved investigations and commitment of officers, and underperformance was due to inadequate staffing.

General Case Work Subprogram

Intervention under this subprogram led 65% prosecutorial decisions made within 20 business days, against the minimum target of 65%, and 80% case files sanctioned within 2 business days, against the minimum target of 80%. In the reporting period, general casework subprogram among other approaches applied PLI in some of its cases. This led to conclusion of 60% of Prosecution-Led Investigations cases within 60 business days.

Appeals and Miscellaneous Applications Subprogram

During its operations, this subprogram had 80% of appeals prosecuted, against a minimum target of 85%, and 82% of miscellaneous criminal causes and applications handled, against a minimum target of 90%. Performance here was due to inadequate staffing.

INSPECTION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES PROGRAM

This program performed as follows:

Research and Training Subprogram

This subprogram had 40 ODPP staff trained out of the targeted 10. This was as a result of continuation of trainings from the previous financial year.

Inspection and Quality Assurance Subprogram

Intervention under this subprogram had 40 ODPP offices & agencies with delegated prosecutions function adhering the set minimum performance standards out of the target of 175 offices, 01 report on inspection of ODPP offices & agencies with delegated prosecutorial function produced out of the target of 4, and 83% of Public Complaints regarding staff conduct attended to. This is against the target of 95%.

Internal Audit Subprogram

This produced 01 audit report.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

This program produced 01 performance report, 14% of the registered extradition requests processed out of the target of 65%, 75% of Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) requests processed out of the targeted 65%. Performance was due to complexity of cases, inadequate staffing, and good performance on the MLA requests' handling was attributed to simplicity of the MLA request. In addition, this subprogram had 02 witnesses protected out of the targeted 01.

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FY 2020/21 Planned Outputs

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS SERVICES PROGRAM

At outcome level, this program intends to have 80% of the public satisfied with prosecution services. As regards output level, the plans are as follows:

Gender, Children and Sexual Offences Subprogram

This subprogram will have 70% Prosecution-led investigations were concluded in average of 44 work days, 70% prosecutorial decisions made within 15 business days, and 80% case files sanctioned within 2 business days.

Land crimes Subprogram

The following performance is intended to be realized by this subprogram; 50% prosecution-led-investigations concluded within 110 business days, 70% prosecutorial decisions made within 44 business days, 70% of case files sanctioned within 2 work days.

Anti-Corruption Subprogram

This sub program will have 65% of prosecution led investigations into corruption & money laundering crimes concluded within 66 business days, 75% of Corruption and money laundering cases prosecutorial decisions made within 55 business days, and 5% proceeds of crime were recovered out of orders issued.

International crimes Program

This subprogram intends to have 75% of registered cases prosecuted, 70% of the registered international crime cases handled by way of prosecution led investigations, and participate in 10 engagements and meetings.

General Case Work Subprogram

Interventions under this subprogram will lead to 60% prosecutorial decisions made within 20 business days, 65% case files sanctioned within 2 business days, and 75% of Prosecution-Led Investigations cases within 60 business days.

Appeals and Miscellaneous Applications Subprogram

This subprogram intends to have 85% of appeals prosecuted, and 90% of miscellaneous criminal causes and applications handled.

INSPECTION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES PROGRAM

This program intends to have 90% of prosecution offices meeting minimum set performance standards, and 10% of ODPP staff trained in specialized fields.

Research and Training Subprogram

This subprogram will have 40 ODPP staff trained and 01 report on public satisfaction of ODPP services produced.

Inspection and Quality Assurance Subprogram

Intervention under this subprogram will see 175 ODPP offices & agencies with delegated prosecutions function adhering the set minimum performance standards, 04 reports on inspection of ODPP offices & agencies with delegated prosecutorial function produced, and 95% of Public Complaints regarding staff conduct attended to.

Internal Audit Subprogram

This will have 04 audit reports produced.

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This program will ensure that 86% of districts have established ODPP presence, 5% Witnesses and Victims of crime protected and 28% ODPP offices linked to automated management information system.

Field Operations Subprogram

This will have 2 field offices established.

Information & Communication Technology

Under this subprogram, 12 offices will be equipped and internetworked.

Finance & Administration Subprogram

This will see 06 performance reports produced, 5 Land titles for office premises secured, and 2 Policy Planning documents produced.

International Cooperation Subprogram

This subprogram intends to have 65% of registered extradition requests processed, 65% of Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) requests processed, and 02 collaborations in criminal matters participated in regarding MoUs.

Witness Protection & Victim Empowerment Subprogram

This will have 02 witnesses protected and 95% of public complaints on criminal justice process attended to.

Assistance to Prosecutions Project

This targets automation of 10 offices.

Develop a Strategy for implementation of National Prosecution Policy

Enhancing Prosecution Services for All (EPSFA)

Interventions under this project are targeted towards having 01 regional office premises constructed and 04 ODPP staff trained.

Medium Term Plans

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Ensure that in the FY 2020/21, 80%, FY 2021/22, 85%, and FY 2022/23, 90% of the population particularly the vulnerable are satisfied with prosecution services; FY 2020/21, 20%, FY 2021/22, 25%, and FY 2022/23, 30 % victims of and witnesses are protected; FY 2020/21, 28%, FY 2021/22, 32%, and FY 2022/23, 36% of ODPP offices are automated, and FY 2020/21, 83%, FY 2021/22, 86%, and FY 2022/23, 90% of the districts have ODPP presence.

FY 2020/21, 99%, FY 2021/22, 100%, and FY 2022/23, 100% of the ODPP offices and delegated Prosecutorial Agencies meet set minimum performance standards.

Efficiency of Vote Budget Allocations

PLANS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND VALUE FOR MONEY

1. Roll-out of prosecution case management system.
2. Operationalizing regional offices.
3. Procurement of vehicles to facilitate movement of State attorneys to and from court and hard-to-reach areas.
4. Establishing new offices.
5. Construction of office premises.
6. Construction of residential premises in hard-to live areas.
7. Staff recruitment and development.
8. Negotiations for equitable staff remunerations.
9. Improving staff morale by creating clear career growth paths.
10. Ensuring zero tolerance to corruption and corrupt tendencies.
11. Ensuring quality prosecution services.
12. Establishing and operationalising Victims' Rights Desk.
13. Adherence to human rights principles.
14. Mainstreaming crosscutting issues of gender & equity, HIV/AIDS and environment.
15. Fast-tracking implementation of the new structure.
16. Operationalising specialist departments.
17. Maintaining collaboration with regional and international criminal investigating entities.
18. Implementation of the approved structures of ODPP State Attorneys
19. Strengthen Prosecution and representation through appropriate facilitation of ODPP State Attorneys.
20. Undertake specialized legal training of ODPP State Attorneys to enable effective handling of specific cases such as cyber-crime, human trafficking, terrorism etc.

JUSTIFICATIONS OF THE ALLOCATIONS TO SERVICE DELIVERY AND KEY SECTOR OUTPUTS

1. Computerization for easy case information/records retrieval and management.
2. Recruitment of State Attorneys, establishment and operationalization of new offices to improve access to prosecution services and reduce incidence of backlog.
3. Procurement of transport facilities for upcountry stations to reduce risks associated with sharing public transport with suspects while on transit to and from court and or in possession of prosecution case files and related documents.
4. Negotiations for equitable staff remunerations to attract and retain experienced staff, and improve their morale.
5. Staff development to equip officers with skills to cope with new crime trends.
6. Mainstreaming crosscutting issues of gender& equity, HIV/AIDS to avoid discrimination while handling prosecution matters.
7. Promoting an environment that stimulates a friendly climate conducive for mainstreaming crosscutting matters
8. Ensuring quality prosecution services as a means to save government from losing vital resources in form of compensation as a result of suits lost.
9. Establishing and operationalising Complaints and Victims' Rights Desk to improve complaints and victims' handling mechanisms.
10. Adherence to human rights principles.
11. Fast-tracking implementation of the new structure to fill established posts and address prosecution man power gaps.
12. Operationalising specialist departments to ably handle complex cases.
13. Maintaining collaboration with regional and international criminal investigating entities to enable easy handling of criminal cases committed across countries and maintain good working relationship with partner states.

Vote Investment Plans

- Roll-out of PROCAMIS
- Renovation of office premises
- Purchase of ICT equipment

Major Expenditure Allocations in the Vote for FY 2020/21

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Roll-out of PROCAMIS
 Rent for offices accommodation
 Development of a strategy for implementation of the National Prosecutions Policy
 Renovation of office premises

V3: PROGRAMME OUTCOMES, OUTCOME INDICATORS AND PROPOSED BUDGET ALLOCATION

Table V3.1: Programme Outcome and Outcome Indicators

Programme :	60 Inspection and Quality Assurance Services				
Programme Objective :	To promote observance of Prosecution services performance standards at all ODPP areas of jurisdiction (HQs, Regional, District offices & Agencies with delegated prosecutorial functions)				
Responsible Officer:	Deputy Director I & QA				
Programme Outcome:	Prosecution services performance standards observed at all ODPP areas of jurisdiction (HQs, Regional, District offices & Agencies with delegated prosecutorial functions)				
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>					
1. Observance of human rights and fight against corruption promoted					
	Performance Targets				
Programme Performance Indicators (Output)	2019/20 Plan	2019/20 Q1 Actual	2020/21 Target	2021/22 Target	2022/23 Target
• Proportion of prosecution Offices that meet set minimum performance standards	98%	23%	95%	98%	98%
Programme :	61 Criminal Prosecution Services				
Programme Objective :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To critically examine criminal cases before they are registered in court, 2. To direct police to institute criminal investigations in appropriate cases, 3. To take over and continue any criminal proceedings instituted by any other person or authority, 4. To discontinue at any stage before judgement is delivered, an criminal proceedings instituted by him/her. 5. To enhance public confidence in prosecution services 				
Responsible Officer:	Deputy Director Prosecutions				
Programme Outcome:	Enhanced confidence in prosecution services for all				
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>					
1. Commercial justice and the environment for competitiveness strengthened					
	Performance Targets				
Programme Performance Indicators (Output)	2019/20 Plan	2019/20 Q1 Actual	2020/21 Target	2021/22 Target	2022/23 Target
• Proportion of the public satisfied with public prosecution services	60%		80%	85%	90%
Programme :	62 General Administration and Support Services				
Programme Objective :	To enhance access to prosecution services by all dis-aggregated by age, gender, location, physical differences.				
Responsible Officer:	Deputy Director MSS				
Programme Outcome:	Enhanced access to prosecution services by all dis-aggregated by age, gender, location, physical differences, etc				

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Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome

1. Infrastructure and access to JLOS services enhanced

Programme Performance Indicators (Output)	Performance Targets				
	2019/20 Plan	2019/20 Q1 Actual	2020/21 Target	2021/22 Target	2022/23 Target
• Proportion of districts with established ODPP office presence by location	90%		83%	86%	90%
• Proportion of witnesses and victims of crime protected segregated by location, age, crime type, gender	15%		20%	25%	30%
• Proportion of ODPP offices linked to automated management information systems segregated by location	50%		28%	32%	36%

Table V3.2: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by Programme

Billion Uganda shillings	2018/19	2019/20		2020/21	MTEF Budget Projections			
	Outturn	Approved Budget	Spent By End Q1	Proposed Budget	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
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60 Inspection and Quality Assurance Services	1.055	1.964	0.330	1.964	3.101	5.065	7.023	10.172
61 Criminal Prosecution Services	7.612	15.307	2.974	15.307	17.307	19.307	21.307	23.307
62 General Administration and Support Services	22.682	26.152	4.055	26.152	27.043	28.043	30.043	32.043
Total for the Vote	31.349	43.423	7.359	43.423	47.451	52.415	58.373	65.522

V4: SUBPROGRAMME PAST EXPENDITURE OUTTURNS AND PROPOSED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table V4.1: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by SubProgramme

Billion Uganda shillings	2018/19	2019/20		2020/21	Medium Term Projections			
	Outturn	Approved Budget	Spent By End Sep	Proposed Budget	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Programme: 60 Inspection and Quality Assurance Services								
06 Internal Audit	0.058	0.231	0.054	0.231	0.431	0.631	0.426	1.826
18 Inspection and Quality Assurance	0.654	0.980	0.096	0.980	1.580	2.580	4.337	5.086
19 Research and Training	0.342	0.752	0.180	0.752	1.089	1.854	2.259	3.259
Total For the Programme : 60	1.055	1.964	0.330	1.964	3.101	5.065	7.023	10.172
Programme: 61 Criminal Prosecution Services								
11 Land crimes	1.061	2.350	0.510	2.350	2.350	2.350	3.250	4.150
12 Anti-Corruption	2.290	3.240	0.704	3.240	3.811	5.668	3.000	4.900
13 International Crimes	1.900	2.900	0.558	2.900	4.195	4.088	4.200	4.400
14 Gender, Children & Sexual(GC & S)offences	1.391	2.510	0.515	2.510	2.600	2.800	4.276	4.300
15 General Casework	1.100	2.350	0.507	2.350	2.350	2.400	4.250	2.850
16 Appeals & Miscellaneous Applications	1.014	1.957	0.179	1.957	2.001	2.001	2.332	2.707
Total For the Programme : 61	8.755	15.307	2.974	15.307	17.307	19.307	21.307	23.307
Programme: 62 General Administration and Support Services								

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07 Finance and Administration	7.433	8.873	1.573	9.473	9.364	10.473	11.473	10.371
08 Field Operations	6.609	8.270	2.000	7.670	8.670	8.561	9.561	9.011
09 Information and Communication Technology	0.814	0.818	0.063	0.818	0.818	0.818	0.818	1.555
10 Witness Protection and Victims Empowerment	2.093	2.125	0.388	2.125	2.125	2.125	2.125	4.654
1346 Enhancing Prosecution Services for all (EPSFA)	0.600	0.600	0.000	5.855	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600
17 International Cooperation	0.065	0.210	0.017	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.596
Total For the Programme : 62	23.169	26.152	4.055	26.152	27.043	28.043	30.043	32.043
Total for the Vote :133	32.979	43.423	7.359	43.423	47.451	52.415	58.373	65.522

N / A

Table V4.3: Major Capital Investment (Capital Purchases outputs over 0.5Billion)

FY 2019/20		FY 2020/21	
Appr. Budget and Planned Outputs	Expenditures and Achievements by end Sep	Proposed Budget and Planned Outputs	
Vote 133 Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions			
Programme : 62 General Administration and Support Services			
Project : 0364 Assistance to Prosecution			
Output: 76 Purchase of Office and ICT Equipment, including Software			
15 field offices automated with management information system.	No field office was automated		
ICT equipment to roll-out PROCAMIS procured.			
Total Output Cost(Ushs Thousand):	4.100	0.014	0.000
Gou Dev't:	4.100	0.014	0.000
Ext Fin:	0.000	0.000	0.000
A.I.A:	0.000	0.000	0.000
Project : 1346 Enhancing Prosecution Services for all (EPSFA)			
Output: 72 Government Buildings and Administrative Infrastructure			
Office buildings constructed	60% of completion of construction of Kabale regional office.	1 regional office constructed 3 ODPP owned offices renovated.	
Total Output Cost(Ushs Thousand):	0.500	0.000	0.900
Gou Dev't:	0.500	0.000	0.900
Ext Fin:	0.000	0.000	0.000
A.I.A:	0.000	0.000	0.000
Output: 76 Purchase of Office and ICT Equipment, including Software			
10 field offices automated with management information system 12 offices equipped and inter-networked			

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Total Output Cost(Ushs Thousand):	0.000	0.000	4.100
Gou Dev't:	0.000	0.000	4.100
Ext Fin:	0.000	0.000	0.000
A.I.A:	0.000	0.000	0.000

V5: VOTE CHALLENGES FOR 2020/21 AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Vote Challenges for FY 2020/21

ODPP continues to operate under several challenges including legislative and resource (Human and financial) gaps.

Lack of Mutual Legal Assistance Legislation (MLA). Corruption cases are often committed across borders and some assets that would be recovered can be traced across the borders. However, there is no MLAlawmaking it difficult to recover properties across the border.

Lack of legal and institutional framework for Asset management. Most assets that would be recovered are going-concerns and courts are reluctant to issue restraining orders in such cases due to absence of infrastructure for management of assets. Even where a management order has been issued to the Official receiver, there are challenges due to lack of management structure.

Lack of enabling law for the ODPP makes it hard to define its scope and ably execute its mandate.

Lack of Witness protection lawaffects prosecutions whereby witnesses don't honour summons, other witnesses relocate making it hard to trace them leading to numerous case adjournments. While others don't testify due to personal security concerns when called to testify against colleagues or superiors. Consequently, cases stall in court, others withdrawn leading to lose of government resources (compensations).

The Human Rights (enforcement) Act, 2019 has negative implications on prosecutors and operations as it sets ground for personal liabilities against officers for official decisions they take in the course of duty.

Financial Challenges in Order OfODPP Preference:

Recruitment to address acute understaffing in field offices

Only 41% positions in the establishment are filled.
ODPP has 16 Regional Offices, 85 RSA and 33 RSP stations which are understaffed.

There are more magistrates deployed than prosecutors. There are no full time prosecutors at many courts. Less qualified police prosecutors prosecute in courts that lack full time ODPP prosecutors. There should be more prosecutors than magistrates to peruse police files and attend to the public while others are in court.

Most field work is done by State Attorneys (SAs) and Senior State Attorneys (SSAs).
In the FY 2020/21, ODPP requires funds to recruit at least 40 SAs, 12 ICT Officers, 16 Data Entry Clerks and 1 Principal Statistician. SAs require facilitation to travel and conduct prosecutions at County courts where there are no full time prosecutors. This will improve access to justice for all and timely and effective responses to anticipated election-related offences.

Easy and fast access to criminal justice will ensure complainants are quickly served and let to concentrate on productive activities.

These require UGX.1.738bn (wage), UGX.15.775bn (Non-wage), and UGX. 1.131bn (development).

Funding for Prosecution of Serious and Complex Cases, Innovations for Case Management and Back-log Reduction

ODPP needs funding improvement to support prosecution of such cases, including murder, SGBV, cases involving children, corruption, money laundering, land crimes, human trafficking, international crimes, cases involving the recovery of proceeds of crime and election related offences.

Additionally, funding should consider ODPP's innovations in case management & backlog reduction like prosecution-led investigations, pre-trial witness interviews, witness protection, out-reach programmes in major cases, continuous case review and weeding-out, recovering proceeds of crime, plea-bargain, pre-trial disclosure, case conferencing, field inspections, and anti-corruption measures against field staff.

There is need to equip Asset Recovery; Land Crimes; Gender Children and Sexual Offences; Environment and Wildlife; Plea-Bargain; and International Crimes Departments.

Funding required includes:

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- a) Reduction of case backlog, weeding-out and Plea-bargain.....1.500bn
- b) Pre-trial witness interviews1.820bn
- c) Prosecution of serious criminal offenses including corruption and money laundering....2.552bn
- d) Handling of Sexual and Gender Based Violence and Children cases...0.530bn
- e) Operations of International Crimes Department...1.000bn
- f) Operationalization of Land Crimes Department....0.100bn
- g) Operational funds for field stations...2.900bn
- h) Coordination, collaboration, sensitization, supervision, communication and information technologies, and inspections...0.760bn
- i) Equip Victims Assistance Desk & Empower and Protect Victims and Witnesses of crime....1.500bn
- j) Equip Asset Recovery Department....1.500bn

The above priority requires a total of UGX 15.192bn.

Computerization to strengthen service delivery at regional offices will support processing of case data and information, documents, legal research, printing, disclosure, provide alternative power backup, software and security systems. This requires computer workstations, Establishment of LAN and Wide Area Networks (WAN), UPSs, Application software licenses, Internet Availability, alternative power (Solar systems), Anti-virus software security, Multi-functional printers, Heavy scanners, online library subscriptions, Alarm security systems, CCTV security surveillance systems and access control systems to roll-out PROCAMIS to 16 regional offices.

This activity requires UGX 4.030bn.

Security needs for ODPP officers and assets

ODPP Prosecutors, buildings and assets continue facing high security risks requiring purchase and deployment of security equipment, vehicles and personnel and their work facilitation. ODPP requires the following equipment to cater for HQs and the 16 regional offices:

- a) 20 security walk through metal detectors @UGX 50m = 1bn
- b) 50 security hand held metal detectors @UGX 0.850m = 42.5m
- c) 100 walkie-talkies @UGX 1m = 100m
- d) Frequency booster @UGX 20m = 20m
- e) 3 Security backup pickups vehicles @UGX 200m = 600m
- f) 60 Vehicle trackers @UGX 3m = 180m
- g) 40 Guard houses @UGX 25m = 1bn
- h) 4 Training, sensitization sessions on security awareness and protection @UGX 100m = 400m
- i) Allowances for 3 guards on duty per day @UGX12,000 per guard per day for 137 offices = 1.778bn
- j) Allowances for security supervision and risk assessment of ODPP stations, residences @UGX = 72m
- k) Fuel for security supervision = 75m
- l) 10 Motorcycles patrols and coordination @10m = 100m

Total required funding for this activity is UGX 5.367bn.

Establishment of Field Offices to match the Judiciary and Police establishments to improve prosecution service delivery

ODPP plans to open additional Regional Offices to match the Judiciary's plans to operationalize new High Court circuits of Luwero, Hoima, Iganga, Tororo, Rukungiri, and Moroto.

ODPP is absent in more than 30 Districts and needs to increase coverage to match the Judiciary's planned increase of High Court Judges from 52 to 82, Chief Magisterial areas to 82, and Grade I Magisterial areas to 402. This will involve;

- a) Establishment and operationalizing 6 regional offices (2 Regional Offices per year)....6.660bn
- b) Establishment of 5 new field offices in 2019/20....0.300bn.

Establishment requires UGX 6.960bn.

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