

# Vote:102 Electoral Commission

## V1: Vote Overview

### I. Vote Mission Statement

To efficiently organise, conduct and supervise regular, free, fair and transparent elections and referenda to enhance democracy and good governance

### II. Strategic Objective

Free and Fair elections and referenda

### III. Major Achievements in 2020/21

#### Voter Education & Training

- Conducted Voter Education for all General Election activities through Mega phones, Radio, Television and print media;
- Accredited both local and international Election Observers for the 2021 General Elections
- Produced 98,250 polling officials' handbooks
- 700 banners printed to sensitize Voters on polling dates
- 170,000 posters of Authorized mark of choice in English printed
- 237,500 brochures printed in 22 local languages
- 9,500 T-shirts with messages produced
- 15 rig trucks hired to facilitate sensitization of Voters in 12 major regions
- Three (3) newspaper inserts to enhance students in secondary schools, higher institutions of Learning & neighbouring communities to participate in electoral activities

#### Finance and Administration

- Utility bills paid
- Staff remunerated
- Office welfare consumables procured
- Transport Equipment serviced, repaired and maintained Office premises maintained Rent paid Office stationery and office consumables procured Security services provided
- Recruited staff to man the newly created districts and cities that came into operation between July 2018 and July 2020

#### Voter Registration and Conduct of General Elections

- Re-demarcation of constituencies and re-organisation of polling stations countrywide; These include Re-demarcation of Parliamentary Constituencies from 296 to 353, demarcation of electoral areas and re-organisation of polling stations in 168 new Town Councils and Election of Older Persons' Representatives to Parliament;
- Election of Councils and Committees for Special Interest Groups (Youth, PWDs and Older Persons) from village to District level across the country;
- Publicised all election activities through Radio, Television and print media;
- Nominated candidates for Presidential, General Parliamentary and Local Government elections;
- Procured various elections materials for use during the 2021 General Elections;
- Recruited, deployed and remunerated Sub County and Parish Supervisors countrywide;
- Procured the Biometric Voter Verification System (BVVS) for use on polling day;
- Procured the Electronic Results Transmission and Dissemination System (ERTDS);

#### Development

- Procured 8 Trucks for Regional Election offices, 10 Double Cabin Pickups for Presidential escorts, 10 station Wagons, 2 hard top Pickups and 21 Motor Cycles for new districts;

#### National Consultative Forum (NCF)

- Presidential nominations observed
- Two committee meetings held
- One (1) plenary meeting conducted
- Supported and facilitated the National Consultative Forum (NCF) activities; and
- Transferred UGX 15 Billion to Political Parties with representation in Parliament

### IV. Medium Term Plans

- Increase and improve citizen participation in all electoral activities by conducting Continuous Voter Education from 50% to 75%

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- Ensure citizen participation in the governance of their country by registering all eligible willing voters so to ensure their exercise their voting rights.
- Conduct Administrative Units Elections to ensure that all elective posts are filled right from the grassroots to the national level
  
- Ensure representative at all levels and ease accessibility of electorates to by reorganizing and demarcating of polling stations and electoral areas
- Ensuring that all electoral materials are procured on time to ensure all materials are available to ensure a smooth running of electoral activities
- Coordination between Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development and Electoral Commission to ease on the burden that comes with the continuous creation of Administrative units and ensure that such areas and well catered for during n the electoral process
- Lobby and FastTrack early enactment of laws for proper enforcement/implementation during the electoral process:
- FastTrack Amendment of laws to reduce on the stretched timeframe for the election of local council leaders and the presidential elections which causes voter apathy and affects voter participation
- Staff training to equip them all the necessary to ensure a free and fair democratic process
- Ensuring safety and security of Electoral Commission by acquiring a purposely built office for the headquarters and providing decent office accommodation for EC field offices, proving security at all Electoral Commission Offices, promoting and conducive working environment
- Reduce on the occurrence conduct By-Elections by handling election petitions as soon as they arise, ensure that aspirants adhere to the guidelines as stipulated in the electoral laws

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### V. Snapshot Of Medium Term Budget Allocations

Table 5.1: Overview of Vote Expenditures (US\$ Billion)

	2019/20 Outturn	2020/21		2021/22	MTEF Budget Projections				
		Approved Budget	Expenditure by End Dec		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	
<b>Recurrent</b>									
Wage	34.199	37.667	16.134	37.667	39.550	39.550	39.550	39.550	39.550
Non Wage	157.257	478.215	234.895	94.096	94.096	94.096	94.096	94.096	94.096
<b>Devt.</b>									
GoU	27.658	50.715	14.573	6.200	6.200	6.200	6.200	6.200	6.200
Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>GoU Total</b>	<b>219.115</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>265.602</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>
<b>Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)</b>	<b>219.115</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>265.602</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>219.115</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>265.602</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>
<b>A.I.A Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>219.115</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>265.602</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>
<b>Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears</b>	<b>219.115</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>265.602</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>

Table 5.2: Budget Allocation by Programme (US\$ Billion)

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2021/22 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
Governance and Security	137.963	0.000	137.963
<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>137.963</b>
<b>Total excluding Arrears</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>137.963</b>

### VI. Budget By Economic Classification

Table V6.1 2020/21 and 2021/22 Budget Allocations by Item

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2020/21 Approved Budget				2021/22 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
<b>Output Class : Outputs Provided</b>	<b>495.881</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>495.881</b>	<b>121.763</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>121.763</b>
211 Wages and Salaries	179.576	0.000	0.000	179.576	57.983	0.000	57.983
212 Social Contributions	7.393	0.000	0.000	7.393	3.767	0.000	3.767
213 Other Employee Costs	5.673	0.000	0.000	5.673	9.508	0.000	9.508
221 General Expenses	232.903	0.000	0.000	232.903	23.751	0.000	23.751
222 Communications	8.438	0.000	0.000	8.438	0.569	0.000	0.569
223 Utility and Property Expenses	8.016	0.000	0.000	8.016	7.205	0.000	7.205
225 Professional Services	2.636	0.000	0.000	2.636	2.636	0.000	2.636

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226 Insurances and Licenses	0.532	0.000	0.000	0.532	0.532	0.000	0.532
227 Travel and Transport	36.731	0.000	0.000	36.731	13.409	0.000	13.409
228 Maintenance	13.790	0.000	0.000	13.790	2.209	0.000	2.209
273 Employer social benefits	0.194	0.000	0.000	0.194	0.194	0.000	0.194
<b>Output Class : Outputs Funded</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>10.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>10.000</b>
263 To other general government units	20.000	0.000	0.000	20.000	10.000	0.000	10.000
<b>Output Class : Capital Purchases</b>	<b>50.715</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>50.715</b>	<b>6.200</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>6.200</b>
281 Property expenses other than interest	1.205	0.000	0.000	1.205	0.000	0.000	0.000
312 FIXED ASSETS	49.510	0.000	0.000	49.510	6.200	0.000	6.200
<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>137.963</b>
<b>Total excluding Arrears</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>137.963</b>

## VII. Budget By Sub-Subprogramme , Department And Project

Table V7.1: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by Sub-SubProgramme,Department and Project

Billion Uganda shillings	FY 2019/20 Outturn	FY 2020/21		2021-22 Proposed Budget	Medium Term Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent By End Dec		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
<b>51 Management of Elections</b>	<b>212.691</b>	<b>546.147</b>	<b>250.506</b>	<b>127.513</b>	<b>129.396</b>	<b>129.396</b>	<b>129.396</b>	<b>129.396</b>
01 Statutory	185.033	495.431	235.933	121.313	123.196	123.196	123.196	123.196
0353 Support to Electoral Commission	27.658	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
1687 Retooling of Electoral Commission	0.000	50.715	14.573	6.200	6.200	6.200	6.200	6.200
<b>54 Harmonization of Political Party Activities</b>	<b>6.424</b>	<b>20.450</b>	<b>15.096</b>	<b>10.450</b>	<b>10.450</b>	<b>10.450</b>	<b>10.450</b>	<b>10.450</b>
03 National Consultative Forum	6.424	20.450	15.096	10.450	10.450	10.450	10.450	10.450
<b>Total for the Vote</b>	<b>219.115</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>265.602</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>
<b>Total Excluding Arrears</b>	<b>219.115</b>	<b>566.597</b>	<b>265.602</b>	<b>137.963</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>	<b>139.846</b>

## VIII. Sub-SubProgramme Performance and Medium Term Plans

Table V8.1: Sub-SubProgramme Outcome and Outcome Indicators

<b>Sub-SubProgramme :</b> 51 Management of Elections				
<b>Objective :</b>	To conduct regular free and fair elections and referenda professionally, impartially and efficiently			
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Secretary Electoral Commission			
<b>Outcome:</b>	Free and Fair Elections and Referenda			
<b>1. Free and Fair elections</b>				
<b>Outcome Indicators</b>			<b>Performance Targets</b>	
			<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>

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	Baseline	Base year	Target	Projection	Projection
• % of election results upheld	100%	2021	100%	100%	100%
<b>Department: 01 Statutory</b>					
<b>Budget Output: 01 Voter Education and Training</b>					
Number of stakeholders consultative meetings conducted			1		
Number of voter education training sessions conducted			5	5	5
Number of voter IEC materials produced and disseminated			10,000	5,000	5,000
<b>Budget Output: 03 Voter Registration and Conduct of General elections</b>					
Percentage of eligible voters in voter registers(%)			95%	95%	95%
Status of update of the National Voter's Registration			100	100	100
Status of Register of Special Interest Groups			100	100	100
<b>Budget Output: 05 Conduct of By-elections</b>					
Number of by-elections concluded at all levels within stipulated period(%)			10	5	3
Number of elections concluded at all levels within stipulated period			10	5	3
Status of update of Administrative units and Electoral Areas			1	1	1
<b>Sub-SubProgramme : 54 Harmonization of Political Party Activities</b>					
<b>Objective :</b>	To promote Political Dialogue,pursuit of consensus and national Cohesion with a view to sustainable socioeconomic development				
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Secretary Electoral Commission				
<b>Outcome:</b>	National Election activities harmonized.				
<b>1. Free and Fair elections</b>					
<b>Outcome Indicators</b>	<b>Performance Targets</b>				
			2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Base year</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Projection</b>	<b>Projection</b>
• Streamlined election program	1	2021	1	1	1
N/A					

## IX. Major Capital Investments And Changes In Resource Allocation

Table 9.1: Major Capital Investment (Capital Purchases outputs over 0.5Billion)

FY 2020/21		FY 2021/22
Appr. Budget and Planned Outputs	Expenditures and Achievements by end Dec	Proposed Budget and Planned Outputs
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<b>Sub-SubProgramme : 16 51 Management of Elections</b>		
Development Project : 1687 Retooling of Electoral Commission		

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Budget Output: 16 51 72 Government Buildings and Administrative Infrastructure			
Warehouse/Storage facility acquired (1 warehouse in Kampala)		Warehouse/Storage facility acquired (1 warehouse in Kampala)	Office premises acquired
<b>Total Output Cost(Ushs Thousand)</b>	<b>4,875,000</b>	<b>4,875,000</b>	<b>6,200,000</b>
Gou Dev't:	4,875,000	4,875,000	6,200,000
Ext Fin:	0	0	0
A.I.A:	0	0	0

## X. Vote Challenges and Plans To Improve Performance

### Vote Challenges

- Some electoral activities came up after the appropriation and approval of the budget making their implementation a challenge. These include Re-demarcation of Parliamentary Constituencies from 296 to 353, demarcation of electoral areas and re-organisation of polling stations in 168 new Town Councils and Election of Older Persons' Representatives to Parliament;
- The incidence of COVID-19 affected the mode of conducting campaigns and at some point led to suspension of the campaign programme in some parts of the country;
- Establishment of offices in the 10 new Cities and Terego District. The Cities are at the level of a district for election purposes and are therefore independent of the mother districts. There was need for offices in the Cities for purposes of conducting nominations and tallying of results;
- Voter Education outreach programmes were halted due to COVID-19; and
- Insufficient budget to cater for the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for control of the spread of COVID-19 during the implementation of General Election activities
- Lengthy Procurement process: This involved administrative reviews for items like the production of ballot papers causing delays in the procurement process. In addition, some items were still under the evaluation process while others were awaiting contract award
- In the quarter under review money meant for Political Parties with representation in Parliament wasn't availed creating delay in the implementation of their activities
- Harmonised and streamlined the political parties' activities including campaigns for all candidates right from Presidential to Local Government elections

### Plans to improve Vote Performance

Allocations are made according to the mandate of the Electoral Commission and priorities in the NDPIII programme of governance and security and ensuring that Citizens are fully engaged in the governance of their areas.

- Comprehensively conduct voter education countrywide to increase citizens' participation (including traditionally marginalized persons) in the electoral process- shs 0.324bn
- Conduct Administrative elections and post general elections evaluation workshops -shs 39.626bn

## XI Off Budget Support

### Table 11.1 Off-Budget Support by Project

N/A

## XII. Vote Cross Cutting Policy And Other Budgetary Issues

### Table 12.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

Issue Type: HIV/AIDS

Objective : improve the productivity of persons living with HIV/AIDS

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<b>Issue of Concern :</b>	Discrimination and Stigmatization of persons living with HIV/AIDS Health complications that come along with Living with HIV/AIDS
<b>Planned Interventions :</b>	Encourage voluntary testing and counselling Provision of medical support to persons living with HIV/AIDS Sensitization of staff on issues of HIV/AIDS
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion) :</b>	0.050
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	Number of staff that have received medical assistance

**Issue Type:** **Gender**

<b>Objective :</b>	Improve the level of participation and representation in the electoral process of all groups
<b>Issue of Concern :</b>	Prevalent gender inequalities that prevent women from successfully competing with men for various political seats
<b>Planned Interventions :</b>	Enhance the effectiveness of voter education by adopting outreach methods and communication channels that ensure all groups including women are not left out due their gender roles
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion) :</b>	0.200
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	Number of outreach programmes conducted Number of Voter Education Spot messages

**Issue Type:** **Environment**

<b>Objective :</b>	Conserve the environment by procuring and using using environmentally friendly election Materials
<b>Issue of Concern :</b>	Use of environmentally dangerous materials
<b>Planned Interventions :</b>	Recycling of electoral materials Refurbishment of some electoral materials
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion) :</b>	0.100
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	Number of materials refurbished Number of electoral Materials that have been recycled

### XIII. Personnel Information

#### Table 13.1 Staff Establishment Analysis

N/A

#### Table 13.2 Staff Recruitment Plan

N/A