

VOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)

V1: VOTE OVERVIEW

i) Vote Strategic Objectives

To increase capacity for timely analysis of forensic evidence and improved service delivery

To strengthen workforce capacity and sustainable institutional resources

To strengthen collaborations with law enforcement agencies public health organizations and educational institutions

To scale up innovative research in forensic analysis

ii) Snapshot of Medium Term Budget Allocations

Table V1.1 Overview of Vote Medium Term Allocations (Ush Billion)

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	FY2025/26		FY2026/27	MTEF Budget Projections			
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Sep	Proposed Budget	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Recurrent Wage	3.666	0.796	3.666	3.850	4.042	4.244	4.456
Non Wage	13.961	2.502	13.961	16.055	19.266	23.119	27.742
Devt. GoU	22.735	0.000	22.735	25.008	30.010	36.012	43.214
ExtFin	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	40.361	3.298	40.361	44.912	53.317	63.374	75.413
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	40.361	3.298	40.361	44.912	53.317	63.374	75.413
<i>A.I.A Total</i>	0.000	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Grand Total	40.361	3.298	40.361	44.912	53.317	63.374	75.413

Table V1.2: Medium Term Projections by Programme and Vote Function

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	FY2025/26		2026/27	MTEF Budget Projections			
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Sep	Proposed Budget	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
16 Governance and Security							
01 Forensic and General Scientific Services	40.261	3.298	40.261	44.797	53.179	63.209	75.214
Total for the Programme	40.261	3.298	40.261	44.797	53.179	63.209	75.214
19 Administration of Justice							
01 Forensic and General Scientific Services	0.100	0.000	0.100	0.115	0.138	0.166	0.199
Total for the Programme	0.100	0.000	0.100	0.115	0.138	0.166	0.199

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Total for the Vote: 135	40.361	3.298	40.361	44.912	53.317	63.374	75.413
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V2: MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS BY DEPARTMENT AND PROJECT

Table V2.1: Medium Term Projections by Department and Project

Billion Uganda Shillings	FY2025/26		2026/27	MTEF Budget Projection			
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Sep	Proposed Budget	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Programme: 16 Governance and Security							
Vote Function: 01 Forensic and General Scientific Services							
<i>Recurrent</i>							
001 Criminalistics and Laboratory Services	4.455	0.811	4.557	5.200	5.920	6.500	6.900
002 Administrative and Support Services	9.454	1.758	9.103	9.750	10.252	11.644	12.156
003 Quality and Chemical Verification Services	2.330	0.481	2.480	2.840	3.680	4.753	6.780
004 Regional Forensic Laboratories	1.287	0.249	1.387	2.000	3.318	4.300	6.164
<i>Development</i>							
1642 Retooling of Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
1868 Institutional Development for Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory	22.735	0.000	22.735	25.008	30.010	36.012	43.214
Total for the Vote Function 01	40.261	3.298	40.261	44.797	53.179	63.209	75.214
Total for the Programme 16	40.261	3.298	40.261	44.797	53.179	63.209	75.214
Programme: 19 Administration of Justice							
Vote Function: 01 Forensic and General Scientific Services							
<i>Recurrent</i>							
001 Criminalistics and Laboratory Services	0.100	0.000	0.100	0.115	0.138	0.166	0.199
Total for the Vote Function 01	0.100	0.000	0.100	0.115	0.138	0.166	0.199
Total for the Programme 19	0.100	0.000	0.100	0.115	0.138	0.166	0.199
Total for the Vote: 135	40.361	3.298	40.361	44.912	53.317	63.374	75.413

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V3: VOTE MEDIUM TERM PLANS

Planned Outputs for FY2026/27 and Medium Term Plans

FY2026/27	
Plan	MEDIUM TERM PLANS
Programme Intervention: 163111 Enhance capacity and coverage of rule of law institutions for social economic transformation	
Analyse and report 1,640 backlog forensic cases to reduce the existing backlog and improve turnaround time.	Fully operationalize Regional Forensic Laboratories to enhance access to forensic services and support the administration of justice nationwide.
Analyse and report 2,400 new forensic cases to ensure timely, reliable services supporting justice and national security.	Complete construction of the National DNA Databank Infrastructure to strengthen national capacity for DNA profiling, data banking, and investigative support.
Conclude and report 600 cases involving commercial, consumer, and illicit products to strengthen public health protection, trade compliance, and consumer safety.	Undertake regional and international inter-laboratory collaborations to improve the quality, accuracy, and reliability of analytical and forensic results.
Conclude and report 500 forensic monitoring and investigation cases to enhance safeguards for public health, food safety, and environmental protection.	Acquire new scientific and forensic equipment and replace obsolete instruments to enhance service delivery, support advanced investigations, and strengthen the Poison Information Center.
Complete construction of Phase II of the National DNA Databank Infrastructure to expand national capacity for DNA profiling and investigative support.	Construct a Regional Forensic Laboratory in Hoima District to expand access to timely, reliable forensic services in the western region and support efficient investigations.
Complete Phase II of digitizing DGAL records and information systems to improve efficiency, data integrity, and information retrieval.	Fully operationalize and equip Regional Forensic Laboratories to expand nationwide access, reduce case backlogs, improve turnaround times, and support justice in line with NDP IV priorities.
Train scientists in digital forensics, scientific analysis, and management to strengthen capacity for addressing emerging digital and financial crimes, improve result quality, and enhance operational efficiency and leadership.	Conduct land surveys for Regional Forensic Laboratory sites to establish boundaries, support land titling, and facilitate planned DGAL infrastructure development.
Acquire specialized modern equipment to support backlog reduction and strengthen forensic response to SGBV.	Establish a centralized chemical waste incineration facility to ensure safe disposal of laboratory and hazardous waste, protect public health, and prevent environmental pollution in line with national and international standards.
Implement phased operationalization of Mbale, Mbarara, and Gulu Regional Forensic Laboratories to expand regional access and reduce workload at headquarters.	Continue implementing the Quality Management System to maintain ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation and ensure the accuracy, reliability, and credibility of forensic and analytical results.
Service, maintain, and calibrate laboratory equipment as scheduled to ensure accuracy, reliability, and quality of results.	Leverage LIMS, EDMS, and the Case Statistics Dashboard to streamline case receipt, improve accuracy and accessibility of case statistics, and enhance efficiency and transparency of laboratory processes.
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Maintain the DGAL Quality Management System in compliance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017 through internal audits, documentation review, proficiency testing, and method validation.	

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Programme Intervention: 169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery

<p>Strengthen the mandate of the Government Analytical Laboratory (GAL) through the enactment of the Forensic and Scientific Analytical Services Act to effectively manage and regulate forensic and scientific services, including the National Poison Information Management.</p> <p>Review and finalize the Draft Forensic and Scientific Analytical Services Policy to provide a clear policy framework for guiding the delivery of forensic and scientific services.</p>	<p>Strengthen the mandate of the Government Analytical Laboratory (GAL) through the enactment of the Forensic and Scientific Analytical Services Act to effectively manage and regulate forensic and scientific services, including the National Poison Information Management.</p> <p>Review and finalize the Draft Forensic and Scientific Analytical Services Policy to provide a clear policy framework for guiding the delivery of forensic and scientific services.</p> <p>Develop regulations and guidelines to operationalize the Forensic and Scientific Analytical Services Act, 2025, ensuring compliance, standardization, and effective implementation of the law.</p> <p>Enhance gender and equity mainstreaming within GAL by integrating gender-responsive practices and equity considerations across programs, policies, and operations.</p> <p>Strengthen planning, budgeting, monitoring, and evaluation processes to improve organizational performance, accountability, and evidence-based decision-making within GAL.</p>
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Programme Intervention: 191121 Strengthen case management

<p>Ensure full attendance to all court summons received at DGAL to provide expert forensic opinions in courts of law throughout the medium term.</p> <p>Train DGAL forensic experts through moot sessions, and evidence presentation workshops to enhance their courtroom skills, improve the clarity and credibility of forensic testimony, and strengthen their overall effectiveness in supporting legal proceedings.</p> <p>Improve response to crime scenes by ensuring timely deployment of forensic teams, with same-day response whenever required, to support investigations and evidence preservation.</p>	<p>Ensure full attendance to all court summons to provide expert forensic opinions, strengthen the administration of justice, and support timely and effective legal proceedings over the medium term.</p> <p>Enhance digital case management systems—LIMS, EDMS, and the Case Statistics Dashboard—to automate case tracking, minimize delays, and improve the accuracy and availability of reports.</p> <p>Strengthen human resource capacity through targeted recruitment, training, and retention of forensic scientists, analysts, and support staff to ensure adequate staffing for timely case handling, alongside continuous professional development in forensics, evidence management, and legal procedures.</p> <p>Optimize laboratory workflows by implementing standard operating procedures and best practices for case handling—from sample receipt to reporting—to reduce turnaround time and enhance result reliability.</p> <p>Implement case prioritization mechanisms by developing clear criteria to address cases based on urgency, risk, or impact on justice, ensuring prompt handling of high-priority cases.</p> <p>Strengthen inter-agency collaboration with law enforcement, the Judiciary, regulatory bodies, and other laboratories to improve evidence sharing, case tracking, and overall investigative efficiency.</p> <p>Improve reporting and performance monitoring by establishing dashboards and periodic reporting systems to track case progress, backlog reduction, and turnaround time improvements, enabling informed and timely decision-making.</p>
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V4: Highlights of Vote Projected Performance

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Table V4.1: Key Service Areas and Indicators

Programme:	16 Governance and Security			
Vote Function:	01 Forensic and General Scientific Services			
Department:	001 Criminalistics and Laboratory Services			
Key Service Area:	460052 Criminalistics and Laboratory Services			
PIAP Output:	Capacity and capability of duty bearers built			
Programme Intervention:	163112 Strengthen the rule of law and governance service delivery systems			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Number of scientists trained in scientific analytical skills	Number	2023/24	0	15
PIAP Output:	Crime Prevention and response Strengthened			
Programme Intervention:	163112 Strengthen the rule of law and governance service delivery systems			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Number of crime scenes processed	Number	2023/24	3184	12
Department:	002 Administrative and Support Services			
Key Service Area:	000001 Audit and Risk Management			
PIAP Output:	Management and Administrative Services coordinated			
Programme Intervention:	169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
No. of staff trained	Number	2023/24	41	01
Number of Internal Audit reports produced and submitted	Number	2023/24	4	04
Key Service Area:	000004 Finance and Accounting			
PIAP Output:	Management and Administrative Services coordinated			
Programme Intervention:	169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery			

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Vote Function:	01 Forensic and General Scientific Services			
PIAP Output:	Management and Administrative Services coordinated			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
No. of staff trained	Number	2023/24	41	01
Number of capacity building interventions undertaken	Number	2023/24	14	01
Number of financial reports produced and submitted	Number	2023/24	4	04
Key Service Area:	000006 Planning and Budgeting services			
PIAP Output:	Management and Administrative Services coordinated			
Programme Intervention:	169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
No. of performance reports submitted	Number	2023/24	4	04
No. of statistical abstracts produced	Number	2023/24	1	01
Number of capacity building interventions undertaken	Number	2023/24	14	04
Number of Monitoring and evaluation reports produced	Number	2023/24	4	04
Number of performance reviews conducted	Number	2023/24	4	02
Key Service Area:	000007 Procurement and Disposal Services			
PIAP Output:	Management and Administrative Services coordinated			
Programme Intervention:	169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
No. of Procurement Reports Produced and Submitted	Number	2023/24	12	04
Number of capacity building interventions undertaken	Number	2023/24	14	02
Key Service Area:	000013 HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming			
PIAP Output:	Management and Administrative Services coordinated			
Programme Intervention:	169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery			

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Vote Function:	01 Forensic and General Scientific Services			
PIAP Output:	Management and Administrative Services coordinated			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Number of HIV/AIDS mainstreaming interventions undertaken	Number	2023/24	4	04
Key Service Area:	000014 Administrative and Support Services			
PIAP Output:	Management and Administrative Services coordinated			
Programme Intervention:	169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
% of staff appraised on performance	Percentage	2023/24	1%	100%
No. of Staff recruited	Number	2023/24	7	07
No. of staff trained	Number	2023/24	41	3
No. of Top management meetings held	Number	2023/24	4	2
Department:	003 Quality and Chemical Verification Services			
Key Service Area:	460126 Quality and Chemical Verification Services			
PIAP Output:	Capacity and capability of duty bearers built			
Programme Intervention:	163112 Strengthen the rule of law and governance service delivery systems			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Number of scientists trained in scientific analytical skills	Number	2023/24	0	15
PIAP Output:	Increased innovation, Research & Development (IR&D)			
Programme Intervention:	161111 Maintain modern and formidable security sector agencies, for security and emergencies			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Percentage expenditure on R&D	Percentage	2023/24	16.7%	1.4%
PIAP Output:	legal and procedural safeguards to ensure equity and rule of law/due process enforced.			
Programme Intervention:	163111 Enhance capacity and coverage of rule of law institutions for social economic transformation			

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Vote Function:	01 Forensic and General Scientific Services			
PIAP Output:	legal and procedural safeguards to ensure equity and rule of law/due process enforced.			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Number of commercial and illicit products verified through forensic and scientific analysis	Number	2023/24	480	560
Number of forensic monitoring cases of contaminants in the environment and selected foods	Number	2023/24	360	480
Department:	004 Regional Forensic Laboratories			
Key Service Area:	460127 Regional Forensic Laboratories services			
PIAP Output:	Capacity and capability of duty bearers built			
Programme Intervention:	163112 Strengthen the rule of law and governance service delivery systems			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Number of scientists trained in scientific analytical skills	Number	2023/24	0	06
Project:	1868 Institutional Development for Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory			
Key Service Area:	000003 Facilities and Equipment Management			
PIAP Output:	Institutions Retooled			
Programme Intervention:	169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
% of planned retooling outputs achieved	Percentage	2023/24	1%	100%
% of retooling budget implemented	Percentage	2023/24	1%	100%
Programme:	19 Administration of Justice			
Vote Function:	01 Forensic and General Scientific Services			
Department:	001 Criminalistics and Laboratory Services			
Key Service Area:	610023 Forensic Scientific Services			
PIAP Output:	Case backlog reduction measures enhanced			
Programme Intervention:	192113 Strengthen measures to reduce case backlog			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Number of case weeding out exercises conducted	Number	2023/24	4	01
Proportion of disposed of cases that are backlog	Percentage	2023/24	41%	40%

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Vote Function:	01 Forensic and General Scientific Services			
PIAP Output:	Expert Opinion rendered in courts of law			
Programme Intervention:	191121 Strengthen case management			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Number of Forensic/criminal cases concluded	Number	2023/24	2000	1800
Proportion of cases requiring expert opinion attended to in Court of courts of law	Percentage	2023/24	100%	100%
Proportion of cases requiring expert opinion attended to in Court of law	Percentage	2023/24	56%	20%
PIAP Output:	Justice delivery systems automated and integrated			
Programme Intervention:	192111 Increase efficiency and effectiveness of justice delivery processes			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2026/27
				Proposed
Management information systems in place	Number	2023/24	0	02

V5: NTR Projections(Uganda Shillings Billions)

Revenue Code	Revenue Name	FY2025/26	Projection FY2026/27
142215	Agency Fees	0.650	0.700
Total		0.650	0.700