

VOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)

I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT

To deliver high-quality forensic and analytical services that empower the justice system, protect public health and safety, and enhance environmental integrity

II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025/26

Reduction of forensic case backlog

A total of 671 backlog forensic cases were analyzed and reported significantly reducing the pending workload and implementing the GAL Case Backlog Reduction Strategy

Analysis of new forensic cases GAL successfully analyzed and reported 892 new forensic cases supporting criminal investigations and the administration of justice

Forensic monitoring for public health and environmental safety

A total of 563 new forensic monitoring cases were analyzed to support safeguards for public health food safety and environmental protection

Analysis of commercial consumer and illicit products

The Laboratory analyzed and reported 523 cases involving commercial consumer and illicit products contributing to consumer protection and regulatory enforcement

Court attendance and expert testimony

GAL responded to 43 out of 49 court summons thereby providing expert forensic testimony in support of judicial proceedings

Gender and equity mainstreaming

GAL strengthened gender and equity mainstreaming through the gender disaggregation of analytical and forensic reports enabling improved monitoring and reporting of cases affecting different population groups A Gender and Equity Focal Person was also designated to spearhead mainstreaming of Gender and Equity issues

Operationalization of the DNA workflow at the Gulu Regional Laboratory with case analysis currently underway to support the investigation of Sexual and Gender Based Violence SGBV cases in the Northern Region thereby improving access to timely forensic services and strengthening the administration of justice

Revenue Performance

The Government Analytical Laboratory GAL collected UGX 281915000 in Non Tax Revenue NTR from services including DNA paternity testing quality and chemical verification tests and questioned document examinations against a half year target of UGX 325000000

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VOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)**IV. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS****Table 4.1: Overview of Vote Expenditure (Ushs Billion)**

	2025/26		2026/27	MTEF Budget Projections				
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Dec	Budget Estimates	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	
Recurrent	Wage	3.666	1.596	4.897	5.141	5.398	5.668	5.952
	Non-Wage	13.961	6.217	15.204	17.484	20.981	25.177	30.213
Devt.	GoU	22.735	3.688	22.735	25.008	30.010	36.012	43.214
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	40.361	11.501	42.835	47.633	56.389	66.857	79.378	
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	40.361	11.501	42.835	47.633	56.389	66.857	79.378	
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Total Budget	40.361	11.501	42.835	47.633	56.389	66.857	79.378	
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	40.361	11.501	42.835	47.633	56.389	66.857	79.378	

VOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)**Table 4.2: Budget Allocation by Department for Recurrent and Development (Ushs Billion)**

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	Draft Budget Estimates FY 2026/27	
	Recurrent	Development
Programme:16 Governance and Security	18.100	22.735
Vote Function:01 Forensic and General Scientific Services	18.100	22.735
001 Criminalistics and Laboratory Services	3.392	0.000
002 Administrative and Support Services	10.563	22.735
003 Quality and Chemical Verification Services	2.718	0.000
004 Regional Forensic Laboratories	1.427	0.000
Programme:19 Administration of Justice	2.000	0.000
Vote Function:01 Forensic and General Scientific Services	2.000	0.000
001 Criminalistics and Laboratory Services	2.000	0.000
Total for the Vote	20.100	22.735

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V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

Table 5.1: Performance 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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of crime scenes processed	Number	2023/24	3184	8

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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
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

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
No. of staff trained	Number	2023/24	41	01

VOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)**Vote Function: 01 Forensic and General Scientific Services****Department: 002 Administrative and Support Services****Key Service Area: 000004 Finance and Accounting****PIAP Output: Management and Administrative Services coordinated**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
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	07
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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
No. of Procurement Reports Produced and Submitted	Number	2023/24	12	04
Number of capacity building interventions undertaken	Number	2023/24	14	02

VOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)**Vote Function: 01 Forensic and General Scientific Services****Department: 002 Administrative and Support Services****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**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of capacity building interventions undertaken	Number	2023/24	14	02
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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
% 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

Key Service Area: 000063 Quality Assurance Systems**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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of capacity building interventions undertaken	Number	2023/24	14	01

Department: 003 Quality and Chemical Verification Services**Key Service Area: 460126 Quality and Chemical Verification Services****PIAP Output: Increased innovation, Research & Development (IR&D)****Programme Intervention: 161111 Maintain modern and formidable security sector agencies, for security and emergencies**

VOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)**Vote Function: 01 Forensic and General Scientific Services****Department: 003 Quality and Chemical Verification Services****Key Service Area: 460126 Quality and Chemical Verification Services****PIAP Output: Increased innovation, Research & Development (IR&D)**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
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**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of commercial and illicit products verified through forensic and scientific analysis	Number	2023/24	480	1400
Number of forensic monitoring cases of contaminants in the environment and selected foods	Number	2023/24	360	1600

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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of scientists trained in scientific analytical skills	Number	2023/24	0	16

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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of scientists trained in scientific analytical skills	Number	2023/24	0	06

VOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)**Vote Function: 01 Forensic and General Scientific Services****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	Performance Targets
				2026/27
% 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: Expert Opinion rendered in courts of law****Programme Intervention: 191121 Strengthen case management**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
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: Case backlog reduction measures enhanced**Programme Intervention: 192113 Strengthen measures to reduce case backlog**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
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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VI. VOTE NARRATIVE

Vote Challenges

Inadequate Laboratory Reagents Chemicals and Consumables which require an additional UGX 1.23Bn The Laboratory currently receives an average of approximately 150 cases per week largely driven by increased demand for DNA analysis and pesticide residue testing to support agricultural exports in compliance with European Union regulatory requirements Case volumes have continued to rise due to increased utilization of forensic services as well as DGALs accreditation and growing international recognition

Inadequate Funding for Construction of the National DNA Databank Infrastructure Building There remains a funding gap of UGX 25Bn for the FY towards the establishment and construction of the National DNA Databank Infrastructure building This is a critical intervention for strengthening national security improving criminal identification, and supporting intelligence led investigations Once operational the databank will reduce reliance on mass arrests by enabling evidence based identification of suspects thereby lowering costs associated with detention prosecution and case management

Staff Recruitment Inadequate Staffing for Regional Laboratories The regional laboratories remain grossly understaffed which continues to constrain laboratory analysis timely handling of exhibits and service delivery across the regions Delayed clearance for recruitment has further exacerbated this challenge limiting GAL's capacity to fully operationalize regional laboratories and extend forensic services closer to users This staffing gap affects turnaround time quality assurance processes and response to increasing case volumes

Plans to improve Vote Performance

Strengthening the Legal and Institutional Framework The Government Analytical Laboratory will pursue the enactment of a comprehensive legal framework to formalize and strengthen its mandate in the regulation and management of forensic and scientific analytical services

Construction of the National DNA Databank Infrastructure and Establishment of a Forensic DNA Database Government will prioritize the construction of the National DNA Databank Infrastructure Building and the establishment of a national Forensic DNA Database to support intelligence led policing criminal investigations and human identification thereby enhancing national security and public safety

Operationalization of Regional Forensic Laboratories GAL will operationalize regional forensic laboratories to decentralize forensic services improve accessibility across the country and strengthen the administration of justice through timely and reliable forensic analysis

Enhancement of the Quality Management System GAL will strengthen its Quality Management System through participation in regional and international inter laboratory collaborations and proficiency testing schemes to improve the reliability accuracy and credibility of forensic and analytical results

Acquisition and Modernization of Scientific Analytical and Forensic Equipment GAL will acquire modern analytical and forensic equipment and replace obsolete instruments to enhance laboratory capacity improve service delivery and strengthen the operations of the Poison Information Centre

Promotion of Forensic and Scientific Research GAL will undertake forensic and scientific research to support crime prevention and detection contribute to policy formulation and promote innovation in forensic science and analytical services

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VII. Off Budget Support and NTR Projections

Table 7.1: Off Budget Support by Project and Department

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

NOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)**VIII. PERSONNEL INFORMATION****Table 8.1: Staff Establishment Analysis**

Title	Salary Scale	Number of Approved Positions	Number of filled Positions
Asst. Commissioner	U1E	2	0
Commissioner	UISE(SC)	2	2
Director	UISE(SC)	1	1
Driver	U8	6	2
Economist	U4	1	0
Government Analyst	U4SC	32	20
Inventory Management Officer	U4	1	1
Laboratory Assistant	U7	9	8
Laboratory Technician	U5	9	8
Office Attendant	U8U	6	4
Personal Secretary	U4	2	1
Principal Government Analyst	U2	11	8
Principal Laboratory Technician	U3	2	1
Procurement Officer	U4	1	1
Senior Accountant	U3U	1	1
Senior Accounts Assistant	U5U	1	1
Senior Counsellor	U3	1	1
Senior Government Analyst	U3	17	7
Senior Laboratory Technician	U4	11	6
Senior Prin. Laboratory Technician	U2S	1	1
Stenographer Secretary	U5	4	0

VOTE: 135 Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL)**Table 8.2: Staff Recruitment Plan**

Post Title	Salary Scale	No. Of Approved Posts	No. Of Filled Posts	No. Of Vacant Posts	No. Of Posts Cleared for Filling FY2026/27	Gross Salary Per Month (UGX)	Total Annual Salary (UGX)
Asst. Commissioner	U1E	2	0	2	2	13,000,000	156,000,000
Driver	U8	4	0	4	4	474,138	11,379,312
Government Analyst	U4SC	21	9	12	12	4,000,000	576,000,000
Laboratory Assistant	U7	6	5	1	1	1,421,634	17,059,608
Laboratory Technician	U5	6	5	1	1	2,200,000	26,400,000
Office Attendant	U8U	2	0	2	2	419,718	5,036,616
Personal Secretary	U4	1	0	1	1	798,535	9,582,420
Principal Government Analyst	U2	3	0	3	3	4,500,000	162,000,000
Principal Laboratory Technician	U3	2	1	1	1	4,250,000	51,000,000
Senior Government Analyst	U3	17	7	10	10	12,750,000	510,000,000
Senior Laboratory Technician	U4	11	6	5	5	4,400,000	132,000,000
Stenographer Secretary	U5	4	0	4	4	1,447,736	34,745,664
Total					46	49,661,761	1,691,203,620