

# **VOTE: 159 External Security Organization (ESO)**

## **I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide accurate, reliable and timely External Intelligence to support policy making and implementation for sustainable National Security and Socio-economic Stability of Uganda.

## **II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

Strengthen the capacity of ESO to anticipate, prevent, and respond to external security threats

Promote and protect Ugandas security interests abroad

Strengthen ESOs institutional capacity for effective execution of its mandate

## **III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025/26**

Timely and reliable intelligence collected to ensure National Security for all Ugandans.

Detect and counter emerging external security threats and political subversive activities.

Participated in activities and programs by Regional and International Organs such as the Committee of Intelligence and Security Services of Africa (CISSA), the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC Nairobi), the Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), African Union Support and Stabilisation Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM), and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) peace keeping initiatives, the Eastern Africa Fusion and Liaison Unit (EAFLU), Nile Basin Initiative (NBI), and Northern Corridor Integration Center (NCIC), among others.

Supported Ugandas Foreign Policy positions and interests.

Supported diaspora activities, including commercial diplomatic initiatives, monitoring of exported labour force, labour exporting companies and emigration and immigration.

Enhanced intelligence collection components through acquisition of classified assets.

Re skilled its Staff in basic, advanced and specialised training.

Continued to pay salaries and pensions to ESO Staff and pensioners, respectively.

ESO continued to deploy and re deploy Staff in Field Stations, Foreign Missions and Strategic Areas of interest.

Continued to extend medical support to Staff and their immediate families at the Jumbo Medical Facility.

Provided food to Staff and their immediate families.

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	2025/26		2026/27	MTEF Budget Projections				
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Dec	Budget Estimates	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	
<b>Recurrent</b>	Wage	27.043	13.521	34.264	35.978	37.776	39.665	41.649
	Non-Wage	87.489	39.126	92.347	106.199	127.439	152.927	183.512
<b>Devt.</b>	GoU	0.702	0.316	15.702	17.272	20.727	24.872	29.846
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>GoU Total</b>	<b>115.234</b>	<b>52.963</b>	<b>142.314</b>	<b>159.449</b>	<b>185.942</b>	<b>217.464</b>	<b>255.007</b>	
<b>Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)</b>	<b>115.234</b>	<b>52.963</b>	<b>142.314</b>	<b>159.449</b>	<b>185.942</b>	<b>217.464</b>	<b>255.007</b>	
<b>Arrears</b>	34.831	0.000	17.415	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>150.064</b>	<b>52.963</b>	<b>159.729</b>	<b>159.449</b>	<b>185.942</b>	<b>217.464</b>	<b>255.007</b>	
<b>Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears</b>	<b>115.234</b>	<b>52.963</b>	<b>142.314</b>	<b>159.449</b>	<b>185.942</b>	<b>217.464</b>	<b>255.007</b>	

**VOTE: 159 External Security Organization (ESO)****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
<b>Programme:16 Governance and Security</b>	<b>126.612</b>	<b>15.702</b>
<b>Vote Function:01 Strengthening External Security</b>	<b>126.612</b>	<b>15.702</b>
001 Administration and Finance	60.458	15.702
002 Foreign Intelligence Management	66.154	0.000
<b>Total for the Vote</b>	<b>126.612</b>	<b>15.702</b>

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## V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

**Table 5.1: Performance Indicators**

<b>Programme: 16 Governance and Security</b>				
<b>Vote Function: 01 Strengthening External Security</b>				
<b>Department: 001 Administration and Finance</b>				
<b>Key Service Area: 000013 HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming</b>				
<b>PIAP Output: Healthcare services of Security personnel enhanced</b>				
<b>Programme Intervention: 161112 Enhance the welfare of security personnel and veterans</b>				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
% of security personnel and families accessing medical care.	Percentage	2023/24	67%	80%
<b>Key Service Area: 000014 Administrative and Support Services</b>				
<b>PIAP Output: Healthcare services of Security personnel enhanced</b>				
<b>Programme Intervention: 161112 Enhance the welfare of security personnel and veterans</b>				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
% of security personnel and families accessing medical care.	Percentage	2023/24	67%	85%
<b>PIAP Output: Management and Administrative Services coordinated</b>				
<b>Programme Intervention: 169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery</b>				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of financial reports produced and submitted	Number	2023/24	4	4
Value of ICT services enhanced.	Value	2023/24	0.40	2.05
Value of retirement benefits paid	Value	2023/24	4.2320000000000002	13.696
Value of salaries paid	Value	2023/24	1052.24	34.66
Value of utilities, rents, repairs, maintenances and subscriptions paid.	Value	2023/24	6	10.036

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Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Proportion of personnel recruited	Percentage	2023/24	50%	100%
Proportion of personnel trained	Percentage	2023/24	55%	70%

**PIAP Output: External intelligence collection strengthened****Programme Intervention: 167111 Strengthen bilateral and multilateral relationships at both regional and international level**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of foreign missions, field stations and strategic areas of interest supported.	Number	2023/24	87	98

**PIAP Output: Ugandans and Foreigners provided with consular services****Programme Intervention: 167122 Provide diplomatic, protocol and consular services both at home and abroad**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of External intelligence reports prepared and submitted	Number	2023/24	365	365

**Project: 1838 Construction of new External Security Organisation (ESO) Headquarters****Key Service Area: 000002 Construction Management****PIAP Output: Modern security infrastructure developed****Programme Intervention: 161111 Maintain modern and formidable security sector agencies, for security and emergencies**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Proportion of Strategic Headquarters constructed	Percentage	2023/24	0%	20%

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**Vote Function: 01 Strengthening External Security**

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**Project: 1865 Institutional Development for External Security Organization**

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**Key Service Area: 000003 Facilities and Equipment Management**

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**PIAP Output: Technical Capability enhanced**

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**Programme Intervention: 161111 Maintain modern and formidable security sector agencies, for security and emergencies**

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Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Proportion of security equipment acquired	Percentage	2023/24	40%	44%

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## **VI. VOTE NARRATIVE**

### **Vote Challenges**

Delayed implementation of approved Strategic projects such as: Construction of the new ESO Headquarters and Institutional development of ESO projects. These projects are at implementation stage. As per the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development finalisation of the draft estimates for FY 2026/2027, Construction of the new ESO Headquarters project has received an allocation of UGX 15Bn out of the required UGX 77.125 Bn for completion of the project. Institutional development project has so far received UGX 0.316 Bn out of UGX 28.328Bn required for the entire project. These funding gaps and delays have hindered acquisition of advanced technical and transport equipment, assorted medical items, as well as maintenance of privacy and security for both Staff and the current ESO Headquarters.

The fast growing technological developments, coupled with emerging security threats such as Artificial Intelligence and cyber attacks, necessitates the use of advanced and specialised Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment for effective detection and response.

Global terrorism, trans-national organised crime such as human trafficking, smuggling and money laundering have placed increased pressure on the Organisations financial resources through coordination of intelligence operations across foreign, field and strategic stations.

Persistent conflicts with spillover effects like; high refugee influx, proliferation of small arms in the Region and the Ring states (South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo) have increased the risk of insecurity in the country.

The institution also grapples with medical challenges for its Staff.

### **Plans to improve Vote Performance**

Prioritisation of the limited resources to outputs and activities that contribute most towards achieving the Votes strategic objectives.

## **VII. Off Budget Support and NTR Projections**

### **Table 7.1: Off Budget Support by Project and Department**

N/A

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**Table 7.2: NTR Projections(Uganda Shillings Billions)**

N/A

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**VIII. PERSONNEL INFORMATION**

**Table 8.1: Staff Establishment Analysis**

N / A

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**Table 8.2: Staff Recruitment Plan**

N/A