

VOTE: 164 National Council for Higher Education

V1: VOTE OVERVIEW

i) Vote Strategic Objectives

National Council for Higher Education is mandated to guide the establishment of institutions of higher learning as well as delivery of quality education. Below are the objectives:

1. Promote and strengthen the management, inclusive leadership and governance capacity of NCHE.
2. Strengthen licensing and accreditation of higher education institutions and programmes to among others, ensure gender and equity compliance.
3. Advance relevant research and innovation in higher education which include promoting research in gender and equity.
4. Strengthen standards for equating qualifications and recognition for higher education qualifications of all students.
5. Strengthen monitoring, compliance and audit function of institutions, including compliance in gender and equity issues.
6. Promote the use of Information, Communication and Technology in all sectors of the Council and higher education for all students, gender, persons with disabilities and other marginalized students.

ii) Snapshot of Medium Term Budget Allocations

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

Billion Uganda Shillings	FY2024/25		FY2025/26	MTEF Budget Projections			
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Sep	Proposed Budget	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Recurrent Wage	7.792	1.263	7.792	8.182	8.591	9.021	9.472
Non Wage	9.435	0.878	9.257	10.831	12.456	14.947	17.936
Dev. GoU	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ExtFin	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	17.227	2.141	17.049	19.013	21.047	23.967	27.408
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	17.227	2.141	17.049	19.013	21.047	23.967	27.408
<i>A.I.A Total</i>	0.000	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Grand Total	17.227	2.141	17.049	19.013	21.047	23.967	27.408

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

Billion Uganda Shillings	FY2024/25		2025/26	MTEF Budget Projections			
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Sep	Proposed Budget	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
12 Human Capital Development							

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01 Higher Education Quality, Standard and Accreditation	3.245	0.040	2.678	10.831	12.456	14.947	17.936
02 General Administration and support services	13.983	2.101	14.371	8.182	8.591	9.021	9.472
Total for the Programme	17.227	2.141	17.049	19.013	21.047	23.967	27.408
Total for the Vote: 164	17.227	2.141	17.049	19.013	21.047	23.967	27.408

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V2: MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS BY DEPARTMENT AND PROJECT

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

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	FY2024/25		2025/26	MTEF Budget Projection			
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Sep	Proposed Budget	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Programme: 12 Human Capital Development							
Vote Function: 01 Higher Education Quality, Standard and Accreditation							
<i>Recurrent</i>							
001 Quality Assurance and Accreditation	1.666	0.000	1.100	6.000	6.000	7.000	8.000
003 ICT, Research and Innovation	1.278	0.040	1.278	4.000	5.456	6.500	7.000
004 Standards, Recognition and Equation of Qualifications	0.300	0.000	0.300	0.527	0.600	0.600	1.036
Total for the Vote Function 01	3.245	0.040	2.678	10.831	12.456	14.947	17.936
Vote Function: 02 General Administration and support services							
<i>Recurrent</i>							
001 Finance, Planning and Administration	13.983	2.101	14.371	8.182	8.591	9.021	9.472
Total for the Vote Function 02	13.983	2.101	14.371	8.182	8.591	9.021	9.472
Total for the Programme 12	17.227	2.141	17.049	19.013	21.047	23.967	27.408
Total for the Vote: 164	17.227	2.141	17.049	19.013	21.047	23.967	27.408

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V3: VOTE MEDIUM TERM PLANS

Planned Outputs for FY2025/26 and Medium Term Plans

FY2025/26	
Plan	MEDIUM TERM PLANS
Programme Intervention: 120203 Provide early exposure of STEM/STEI to children through innovative science projects in schools	
1. Organize 1 (One) innovative science fairs. 2. 40 (Forty) higher institutions of learning undertaking innovative student-led science based projects.	1. Organize 4 (Four) innovative science fairs. 2. 160 (One Hundred and Sixty) higher institutions of learning undertaking innovative student-led science based projects.
Programme Intervention: 120204 Equipping TVET trainees and higher education graduates with 21st century knowledge and skills	
1. Conduct 1(One) Tracer Study by National Council for Higher Education. 2. Accredite 200 programmes on distance learning by National Council for Higher Education.	1. Conduct 4(Four) Tracer Studies by National Council for Higher Education. 2. Accredite 800 programmes on distance learning in the medium term by National Council for Higher Education in the medium term by National Council for Higher Education.
Programme Intervention: 120211 Provide the required physical infrastructure and equip, instruction materials, human resources and quality assurance mechanism for Higher Education and TVET Institutions including Special Needs Education (SNE)	
1. Conduct 1(one) Higher Education Graduate study. 2. 10 (ten) Higher Education Institutions with ICT enabled infrastructure.	1. Conduct 4(Four) Higher Education Graduate study in the medium term by National Council for Higher Education. 2. 40 (Forty) Higher Education Institutions with ICT enabled infrastructure in the medium term.
Programme Intervention: 120505 Promote gender equality and equity responsive planning, budgeting and implementation	
National Council for Higher Education to build the capacity of NCHE staff and staff from higher education institutions on gender and equity responsive planning and budgeting.	National Council for Higher Education to develop gender and equity planning and budgeting implementation manual for higher education institutions..
Programme Intervention: 120901 Support education service delivery and quality through legal, policy and regulatory reforms	
1. Conduct a sensitization workshop on HIV/AIDS by National Council for Higher Education. 2. National Council for Higher Education to conduct a sensitization workshop on environmental conservation for institutions of higher learning.	1. Develop a workplace HIV/AIDS policy for Higher Education Institutions. 2. National Council for Higher Education to guide institutions of higher learning in the development of a policy on environmental conservation.
Programme Intervention: 120904 Integrate crosscutting issues in the programme	
Gender and Equity Interventions: National Council for Higher Education to mainstream gender capacity building trainings in higher education institutions	National Council for Higher Education to develop minimum standards on gender and equity for higher education institutions.

V4: Highlights of Vote Projected Performance

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Table V4.1: Key Service Areas and Indicators

Programme:	12 Human Capital Development			
Vote Function:	01 Higher Education Quality, Standard and Accreditation			
Department:	001 Quality Assurance and Accreditation			
Key Service Area:	320035 Quality, Standard and Accreditation			
PIAP Output:	Employer led TVET and Higher education curriculum management system implemented			
Programme Intervention:	120204 Equipping TVET trainees and higher education graduates with 21st century knowledge and skills			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2025/26
				Proposed
Number of distance learning higher education programmes accredited	Number	2023/24		200
Number of graduate tracer studies conducted	Number	2023/24		1
Department:	003 ICT, Research and Innovation			
Key Service Area:	320010 E-Learning, and innovation services			
PIAP Output:	Increase Student Participation in STEM/STEI activities and projects			
Programme Intervention:	120203 Provide early exposure of STEM/STEI to children through innovative science projects in schools			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2025/26
				Proposed
Number of innovative science fairs organized	Number	2023/24		1
Number of schools/institutions undertaking innovative Student-led innovative science based projects	Number	2023/24		40
Department:	004 Standards, Recognition and Equation of Qualifications			
Key Service Area:	320039 Standards, Recognition and Qualifications services			
PIAP Output:	Physical infrastructure, human resources and quality assurance improved for for Higher Education and TVET Institutions			
Programme Intervention:	120211 Provide the required physical infrastructure and equip, instruction materials, human resources and quality assurance mechanism for Higher Education and TVET Institutions including Special Needs Education (SNE)			

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Vote Function:	01 Higher Education Quality, Standard and Accreditation			
PIAP Output:	Physical infrastructure, human resources and quality assurance improved for for Higher Education and TVET Institutions			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2025/26
				Proposed
Number of Higher Education Graduates tracer studies conducted by NCHE	Number	2023/24		1
Number of Public Higher Education institutions with ICT enabled infrastructure	Number	2023/24		10
Vote Function:	02 General Administration and support services			
Department:	001 Finance, Planning and Administration			
Key Service Area:	000013 HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming			
PIAP Output:	laws, Policies and regulatory reforms developed and implemented for Education			
Programme Intervention:	120901 Support education service delivery and quality through legal, policy and regulatory reforms			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2025/26
				Proposed
Research to support strategic and operational interventions in quality education and training conducted	Text	2023/24		One sensitisations workshop on HIV/AIDS conducted.
Key Service Area:	000089 Climate Change Mitigation			
PIAP Output:	laws, Policies and regulatory reforms developed and implemented for Education			
Programme Intervention:	120901 Support education service delivery and quality through legal, policy and regulatory reforms			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2025/26
				Proposed
Research to support strategic and operational interventions in quality education and training conducted	Text	2023/24		One sensitization workshop conducted on Environmental conservation.
Key Service Area:	320035 Quality, Standard and Accreditation			

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Vote Function:	02 General Administration and support services			
PIAP Output:	laws, Policies and regulatory reforms developed and implemented for Education			
Programme Intervention:	120901 Support education service delivery and quality through legal, policy and regulatory reforms			
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	FY2025/26
				Proposed
Research to support strategic and operational interventions in quality education and training conducted	Text	2023/24		Provide support to other departments to support regulation of Higher Education Institutions.

V5: NTR Projections(Uganda Shillings Billions)

Revenue Code	Revenue Name	FY2024/25	Projection FY2025/26
142202	Other fees e.g. street parking fees	0.000	4.700
142225	Other Licence fees	4.700	0.000
Total		4.700	4.700