In line with the shift from Sector Based Budgeting to Programme Based Budgeting, the Human Capital Development programme is a new programme that covers sectors of Water and Environment Sector, Education, Health, and Social Development. This brief therefore assesses FY 2021/22 budget allocation to the HCD programme with a focus on the four highlighted sectors. In the FY 2021/22, in line with the NDP III, the Government will pursue resource-led industrialization, anchored on increasing production, expansion of the industrial base for value addition and exports for viable agricultural and mineral commodities. This will be achieved through:

- Increasing production and productivity in the productive sectors of the economy
- Enhancing private sector competitiveness
- Consolidation and increasing of the infrastructure stock and regional/rural economic
- Improving social service provision and regional equity
- Improving the effectiveness of governance
- Maintaining peace and security

**FIGURE 1: FY 2021/22 PROGRAMME BUDGET SHARES**

- Agro-industrialisation: 4.4%
- Mineral Development: 0.2%
- Sustainable Development of Petroleum Resources: 0.7%
- Tourism Development: 0.5%
- Climate Change, Natural Resource & Water Management: 1.7%
- Private Sector Development: 1.9%
- Manufacturing: 0.2%
- Integrated Transport Infrastructure & Services: 17.3%
- Sustainable Energy Development: 4.7%
- Digital Transformation: 0.3%
- Sustainable Urbanisation & Development: 1.7%
- Human Capital Development: 20.4%
- Innovation Technology Development: 0.8%
- Community Mobilization & Mind Set Change: 0.1%
- Governance & Security: 22.4%
- Public Sector Transformation: 0.4%
- Regional Development: 4.2%
- Development Plan Implementation: 3.5%
- Interest Payment: 14.4

**KEY FACTS**

- National budget is projected to increase by 18% from UGX 30.2 Trillion in FY 2020/21 to UGX 34.5 trillion in FY 2021/22 in nominal terms
- The Human Capital Development (HCD) programme accounts for 20.4% of the total budget allocation in FY 2021/22
**INVESTING IN EDUCATION**

**FIGURE 2: EDUCATION SECTOR NOMINAL ALLOCATIONS (UGX BILLION)**

**EDUCATION BUDGET 2021/22 PRIORITIES INCLUDE::**

- Providing an appropriately knowledgeable, skilled and ethical labour force (with a strong emphasis on STEM and STEI)
- Delivering equitable, good quality access to Business Technical Vocational Education and Training education (BTVET)
- Providing high impact research, innovation and entrepreneurship
- Creating a conducive teaching and learning environment for nurturing students in the higher institutions
- Enhancing the access to opportunities and meet the Higher Education requirements at national and international levels
- Initiating new syllabuses and revise existing ones, carry out curriculum reform, research, testing and evaluation, bring up-to-date and improve syllabuses for schools and college courses
- Advocating for support and promote the development of the private sub-sector in education to supplement

**INVESTING IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**FIGURE 3: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR NOMINAL ALLOCATIONS (UGX BILLION)**

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MEDIUM TERM SECTOR POLICY OBJECTIVES**

The sector’s objectives address gender, equity, social inclusion and participation through

- Enhancing effective mobilization of families, communities and citizens for National development
- Reducing harmful cultural practices and attitudes
- Promoting increased labour productivity, decent employment, stable and peaceful industrial relations
- Building the productive capacity of the poor and vulnerable persons to respond to social, economic and other shocks across the lifecycle
- Promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment in the development process of Uganda


INVESTING IN WATER & ENVIRONMENT

WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR 2021/22 PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

- Ensuring the availability of adequate and reliable quality freshwater resources for all uses
- Increasing incomes and employment through sustainable use and value addition to water, forests and other natural resources
- Increasing forest, tree and wetland coverage, restore bare hills and protect mountainous areas and rangelands
- Promoting inclusive climate-resilient and low emissions development at all levels
- Maintaining and restore a clean, healthy, and productive environment
- Increasing incomes and employment through sustainable use and value addition to water, forests and other natural resources
- Coordinating and monitor implementation of Uganda’s Climate Change Policy and the respective international agreements for increased resilience of Uganda’s population to climate change and disaster risks
- Enhancing institutional engagement in national, regional and international programmes on the environment

INVESTING IN HEALTH

HEALTH BUDGET 2021/22 PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

- Offering quality primary health care services and evidence-based integrated curative services to the people of Uganda
- Researching natural products and traditional medicine systems to treat and manage human diseases and justify their therapeutic claims
- Strengthening the health infrastructural system (buildings, medical equipment, and emergency transport), laboratory services and the pharmaceutical supply chain system
- Promoting policy development, planning, implementation, coordination oversight of public health services and creating scientific knowledge for the application of evidence-based health policies and interventions to improve healthcare
- Improving sector partnerships, quality of health care and patient safety

FIGURE 5: HEALTH SECTOR NOMINAL ALLOCATIONS (UGX BILLION)

DECREASE IN ALLOCATION (UGX BILLION)

2020/21* - Refers to Approved Budget for FY 2020/21

FIGURE 4: WATER & ENVIRONMENT SECTOR NOMINAL ALLOCATIONS (UGX BILLION)

DECREASE IN ALLOCATION (UGX BILLION)

2020/21* - Refers to Approved Budget for FY 2020/21
STRATEGIC LEVERAGING POINTS FOR GOVERNMENT

Generally, all the social sectors of health, education, water and environment, JLOS and social development registered a decline in the budget allocation in the FY 2020/21 as summarized below. Notably, the Education Sector allocation has reduced by -0.9%, Health Sector by 9.3%, social development by 10.8%. To attain economic growth, Uganda needs to increase investment for Human Capital Development in the National budget. Some areas to consider include:

- Increase funding to all the social sectors to build the resilience of households and communities amidst the COVID 19
- Integrate cross-cutting issues into the budget process, particularly for sanitation, nutrition and refugee planning
- Scale up the school feeding programme to provide food to learners especially to the remote low quality schools given the impact of COVID 19 on the households
- Provision of the facemasks and protective gears to mitigate the spread of COVID 19 among learners and teachers in School
- Provision of the social grant to the people with disability (PWDs) just like SAGE for the case for the elderly to cushion them from the economic hardships presented by COVID 19

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