



WHISTLEBLOWERS' CRIES HEARD? A DEEP DIVE INTO THE JUNE 2023 AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The long-awaited Auditor General's Report for June 2023 is finally here, and as expected, it paints a mixed picture of Uganda's financial health and public resource management. While there are glimmers of positive progress, deeply concerning trends, some echoing long-standing grievances of civil society, also demand immediate attention. Let's delve into the key findings

and what they mean for our collective fight for accountability and good governance in Uganda.

public projects persist. The report highlights issues like incomplete infrastructure, shoddy workmanship, and inflated procurement costs. Such practices not only drain vital resources but also jeopardize essential services meant to benefit citizens. We urge the government to adopt stringent procurement reforms, prioritize project feasibility studies, and implement robust monitoring mechanisms to ensure maximum value from every shilling spent.

Weak Internal Controls: The report reveals widespread weaknesses in internal controls across various government agencies, leading to vulnerabilities for corruption and fraud.

Wasteful Expenditure: The report exposes instances of wasteful expenditure, including inflated procurement costs and unnecessary travel allowances. These practices not only deplete vital public resources but also undermine the effectiveness of government programs and services.

Weak Project Management: Several government projects were found to suffer from poor planning, inadequate supervision, and delayed implementation. This results in wasted resources, unmet needs, and ultimately, a disservice to the Ugandan people.

Hope Beyond the Headlines: While the report exposes challenges, it also underscores positive developments. Notably, increased tax revenue collection and improved financial reporting in some government agencies are encouraging signs. We commend these efforts but emphasize the need for sustained progress and greater transparency in resource allocation and utilization.

Beyond the Report: Our Collective Action: As a civil society organization, we believe the Auditor General's report is not just a document to be passively received but a springboard for action. We call upon all Ugandans – citizens, media, activists, and parliamentarians – to actively engage with the report's findings. Demand accountability from our leaders, scrutinize government spending, and support initiatives that promote transparency and good governance. Remember, a vigilant citizenry is the cornerstone of a thriving democracy.

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CSO's presenting the position Paper on the NBFP FY 2024/25 the committee of Gender and social development



UDN's Christine Byirigiro presenting the CSO Position on the NBFP to the Committee of Gender, Labour and Social Development.



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Speaker Anitaah Among receives audit reports for the financial year 2021/2022 from the Auditor General, John Muwanga. PHOTO PARLIAMENT MEDIA

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