

Madam Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee,

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Madam Secretary of State and myself are very honored at the moment we find ourselves again before you, illustrious Members of the Finance and Budget Committee of the National Assembly, to table the housing and urban development component of the Government Economic, Financial, Social and Cultural Programme for Fiscal 2019, presented on 21 November 2018, by the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

Permit me at the outset to thank you for the kind words of welcome addressed to me and Madam Secretary of State for Housing at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development as well as to the strong delegation accompanying me.

Before proceeding further, I would like to say how much Madam Secretary of State and I feel proud in the wake of the oath taking by the President of the Republic, here in this House, mainly before the honorable Members of the Upper and Lower Houses, upon his ascension to the helm of State.

This ceremony, which was as a result of the renewed confidence bestowed on His Excellency Paul Biya, reflects the Head of State's resolve to address efficiently and fairly the numerous expectations of Cameroonians both in and abroad who have viewed his Programme, not as a real hope but an assurance in the management of current major security and economic issues that challenge our togetherness.

Also, the 2019 finance bill we are tabling today establishes a new performance framework captured in the "Great Opportunities" Seven-year term that will be a turning point towards Cameroon emergence by 2035 through promotion of a balanced economic and social development for our populations.

Moreover, this draft budget, first of its kinds under the New Seven-year Term is crucial for many reasons. On the one hand, it reflects the will of the Head of State, His Excellency Paul Biya, to meet the legitimate aspirations of prosperity and improved living environment for all his fellow citizens. On the other hand, this will make it possible to implement the commitments made by the President-elect at the national level, and more especially at the international level, towards the organization in Cameroon of the greatest continental football fair.

Madam Chair,

Today's task provides me the right opportunity to report on the use of the resources allocated my ministry for the Fiscal Year now drawing to an end and to seek approval of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's budget for fiscal 2019.

SECTION I

BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL 2018

**Madam Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee,
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The Budget of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal 2018 now drawing to an end stood at **XAF 91 070 000 000 (Ninety-one billion and seventy million)** broken down as follows:

- Recurrent expenditure: **XAF 11 953 000 000**
- Investment expenditure : **XAF 80 117 000 000**

First of all, it should be noted that this budget allocation was executed under difficult circumstances branded with the scarcity of resources resulting in late settlement of payments to successful bidders, which slowed-down the execution pace of projects.

Despite this, this fiscal year was full of activities characterized in MINH DU by the implementation of majors housing construction,

road facilities and drainage projects undertaken within the framework of:

- The Three-Year Emergency Plan to Speed-up Economic Growth;
- The organization of TOTAL AFCON 2019;
- The priority emergency infrastructure projects;
- The emergency urban roads rehabilitation project to be executed all over the national territory;
- The contribution of technical and financial partners.

It should be underscored that the scope of the projects undertaking did require special funding, given that MINH DU's budget allocation was insufficient to address the challenges of urban centres whose associated budget requirements are ever increasing.

Furthermore, MINH DU's 2018 budget allocation enabled implementation of the Plan of actions of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development whose main achievements are as follows:

As regards the Housing Development Programme,

6 (six) planning documents are being prepared for Tubah, Dibombari, Ombessa, Belel, Endom and Mouanko in view of tooling such cities with instruments enabling smooth organization of land use and prevention of proliferation and invasion of slums.

As concerns urban restructuring and refurbishing, the studies conducted by the Urban and Rural Land Development Authority (MAETUR) in Douala, Garoua and Bafoussam are under execution with a **50%** average progress rate.

With regard to construction of new houses aiming at enabling the population access decent houses, major achievements include:

- the implementation of the Government Programme has witnessed significant progress during 2018, more especially the pilot phase, which focuses on 1,675 housing units in Yaoundé (Olembé site) and Douala (Mbanga-Bakoko site). As such, the construction of 700 housing units has been completed and the remaining whose average progress rate stands at 75 % might be completed latest by the end of the second half of the year 2019, subject to financial resources availability;
- completion and acceptance of **100** housing units in Ebolowa in the course of the year, as part of the housing component of the Three-Year Emergency Plan to Speed-up Economic Growth (PLANUT). In addition, the progress rate of works in other cities stands at **30%** in Bamenda and **60%** in average in other cities apart from Yaoundé and Douala;
- completion of 2 model buildings comprised of 80 housing units as regards the project to construct 640 housing units on the Olembé site (Yaoundé) executed by the Cameroon-Suisse COFFOR CEMAC Public Company;
- ongoing realization in Mbankomo of the preliminary studies for the construction of 1 000 housing units under the pilot phase of a set of 10 000 housing units and associated socio-cultural amenities, as well as an industrial base for the prefabrication of housing components with support from the Italian PIZZAROTI Company.

To date, total **2 400 housing units** have been completed within the framework of the Government Programme, besides the houses constructed with the support of private real estate developers.

As regards the Urban Environment Improvement Programme,

The implementation of the Programme during fiscal 2018 lied globally in the improvement of drainage in urban centres, mainly in our two big metropolises of Douala and Yaoundé. Thus, the Douala storm water drainage project over **39 km linear** whose contract was awarded to the RAZEL and SOGEA SATOM companies is executed satisfactorily with an average progress rate of **57.5%**.

The Second phase under Keep Yaoundé Clean project (PADY 2) over **14 km linear** whose contract was awarded to the RAZEL BEC/RAZEL CAMEROUN consortium (LOT 1) and ANHUI SHUIAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP/CRBC ADDIS ENGINEERING consortium is underway with an execution rate of **93%**.

Still under this Programme, the work to develop urban squares and junctions and construct street lighting equipment are **under execution** in Akonolinga, Mora, Bafut, Tonga, Tignere, Esse, Afanloum and Angossa.

As concerns the Urban Transport Infrastructure Development Programme,

The activities undertaken under the Programme during the fiscal year are geared towards significant improvement of urban mobility in prelude to male football AFCON slated for 2019 with ordinary internal resources and special funding.

As regards the activities falling within MINH DU's PIB, these include urban roads maintenance projects and urban roads refurbishing and construction projects that were initiated in 2017 and that will be completed in 2018 for some and in 2019 for others.

Concerning **the maintenance** of urban roads as part of competencies transferred, related works are completed in Idenau and AKWAYA and are still under execution in 21 towns (Table 1).

As regards **rehabilitation of** the road network, the achievements include:

- completion of road rehabilitation works over **1.1 km** linear in the Soa subdivision;
- rehabilitation works on some road tracks in the Lake neighbourhood ENAM-National gendarmerie Junction and connecting ramps ; ENAM junction-main entrance to the official residence of the Prime Minister with **72%** progress rate ;
- rehabilitation works on the brigade de gendarmerie – hôpital des sœurs road stretch in the Mvog –Betsi neighbourhood with **5 %** progress rate;
- Rehabilitation works on the access road to collège Péniel-école catholique des sœurs and connecting ramps with **27%** execution rate;
- rehabilitation works on an access road to the Nkolfoulou neighbourhood with **56%** execution rate ;
- upgrading of the access road to the housing units constructed with Chinese cooperation in Douala with **53 %** progress rate;
- Rehabilitation of the cow-boy junction-former CUB road stretch in Bamenda with **10%** progress rate. It should be noted that rehabilitation works underway will continue in 2019.

As concerns construction of urban roads, major achievements include:

- continuation of construction works on the Yaoundé-Nsimalen Highway, open country section, with a progress rate of **85%** ;
- works underway to open-up the Golf neighbourhood in Mbankolo, Yaoundé, with an execution rate of **32%**;
- contract award process underway for the upgrading of urban roads in Maroua ;
- start of tarring works on the access road to the Bamenda MAGZI industrial zone over **15 km**.

It should be underscored that works under the “Regional Headquarters” C2D were launched in Garoua, Bafoussam and Bertoua. In Bafoussam, RAZEL Cameroun-Razel BEC Consortium was awarded the contract on the construction/rehabilitation of **19.89 km** of roads and drains. Related works were launched on 4 October 2018. In Bertoua, the SOGEA SATOM-MAG Ltd. Consortium was awarded the contract on the construction/rehabilitation of **14.51 km** of roads and drains. Related works were launched on 26 September 2018. In Garoua, the RAZEL Cameroun-Razel BEC Consortium was awarded the contract on the construction/rehabilitation of **28.49 km** of roads and drains. Related works were launched on 26 September 2018.

Regarding the projects under special funding instructed by the Head of State, they include priority works in AFCON 2019 host towns, emergency urban road rehabilitation work all over the national territory and works under the road component of the Three-Year Emergency Plan to Speed-up Economic Growth (PLANUT).

- **PRIORITY WORKS IN AFCON 2019 HOST TOWNS FUNDED WITH AFCON SPECIAL BUDGET**

These works funded with the AFCON special budget are geared towards rehabilitation of **114 040 ml** of access roads and construction of **386 800 m²** of parking lots in Yaoundé, Bafoussam, Bandjoun, Foumban, Bangou, Bangangté, Garoua and Douala. Globally, all projects are under execution and will reach their peak after the heavy rain season. Works are due to be completed latest in March 2019. Annex I provides a summary of all projects.

- **PRIORITY WORKS IN 2019 AFCON HOST TOWNS FINANCED WITH ROAD FUND RESOURCES**

These works are aimed at rehabilitating the main roads (access roads to stadia, hotels and health facilities) in Garoua, Bafoussam, Douala, Yaoundé, Bandjoun, Foumban, Bangou and Bangangté. This includes rehabilitation of **18 467 lm** of roads

in the above mentioned towns to the tune of total **XAF 5 945 231 002, inclusive of all taxes**. To date, the average execution rate stands at about **70%**. The completion of work is slated for December 2018. (Annex I).

- **EMERGENCY URBAN ROADS REHABILITATION WORKS ALL OVER THE NATIONAL TERRITORY.**

The emergency works instructed by the Head of State to the tune of total **XAF 50 billion** lie in the rehabilitation of urban roads in some of the ten Regions in Cameroon. More specifically, this includes rehabilitation of:

- **16 240 km** of roads in the Centre Region (Yaoundé, Eséka, Bafia) ;
- **14 357 km** of roads in the Littoral Region (Douala, Nkongsamba and Yabassi) ;
- **16 792 km** of roads in the Western Region (Bafoussam, Bafang, Foumban, Bangangté);
- **8 700 km** of roads in the Far-North Region (Maroua, Kousséri and Yagoua) and construction of the second bridge over Mizao River in Maroua ;
- **6 024 km** of roads in the Eastern Region (Bertoua, Abong Mbang, Yokadouma, Batouri) ;
- **5 485 km** of roads in the Adamaoua Region (Ngaoundéré, Tignère and Banyo) ;
- **17 250 km** of roads in the Northern Region (Garoua, Poli, Tcholiré and Guider) ;
- **6 100 km** of roads in the North-West Region (Bamenda, Kumbo and Nkambé) ;
- **4 238 km** of roads in the Southern Region (Ebolowa, Sangmélima and Ambam) ;
- **7 500 km** of roads in the South-West Region (Kumba).

Thus, total **102 685 km** of roads will be rehabilitated in the ten Regions of Cameroon. To date, the companies have been mobilized on the field and the average execution rate is nearly **15%**, (Table 2).

- **THREE-YEAR EMERGENCY PLAN TO SPEED-UP ECONOMIC GROWTH**

The Road Component of the Three-Year Emergency Plan lies in the rehabilitation of **116 381 km** of secondary roads in Douala and Yaoundé, broken down into 2 (two) phases:

Phase I: rehabilitation of **32 411 km** of roads, for a global amount of XAF 31 942 111 069. To date, works are entirely completed.

Phase II: rehabilitation of **84 301.5 km** of roads, for a global amount of XAF 92 056 897 955. Works are under execution and the progress rate stands nearly at **75%**, (Table 3).

The Urban Sub-Sector Governance and Institutional Support Programme enabled monitoring and implementation of the plan of action of my Ministry through rehabilitation of MINHDU's external services in some Delegations, continuation of construction of the buildings that will host the Regional Delegation for Adamaoua and the Divisional Delegations for Ndé and Nyong and Kellé.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to dwell on the various components of the budget allocation assigned my ministry by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, as well as the major outputs per programme that will ensue from the implementation of the activities identified under MINHDU's 2019 Pre-performance Report.

It should be specified that the said budget allocation for fiscal 2019 stands at XAF **143 155 779 000**, with a significant

increase of XAF 50 981 000 000. Such budget allocation is broken down as follows:

Recurrent expenditure:	11 986 000 000
- Permanent personnel emoluments:	1 591 000 000
- Personnel emoluments outside gross pay:	583 000 000
- Scholarships and training courses:	467 000 000
- Other goods and services:	9 345 000 000

Investment expenditure:	131 169 779 000
- Resources transferred to RLAs:	3 468 779 000
- Counterpart Funds in taxes and customs duties:	1 000 000 000
- Counterpart Funds in actual spending:	1 657 000 000
- External resources:	45 000 000 000
- AFCON :	50 000 000 000
- C2D resources :	6 500 000 000
- Ordinary internal resources:	23 440 000 000

The strategic framework of the budget allocation broken down per programme for Fiscal 2019 is as follows:

STRATEGIC GOAL	PROGRAMME	GOAL	INDICATORS	COST IN XAF (MILLION)	MAJOR OUTPUTS EXPECTED
Controlling urban development and improving the living conditions and environment of urban dwellers in order to scale up the economic, social and environmental competitiveness and efficiency of towns	496 : DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING	Rationalizing urban land use and significantly reducing the percentage of indecent houses in urban centres	Number of additional households with access to a decent house	37 234 206	15 planning documents prepared; 771 ha developed ; 2000 housing units constructed ;
	497 : IMPROVEMENT OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT	Improving the urban environment and establishing good urban governance	Number of additional households with access to a drainage system	26 178 316	54 km of drains constructed ; One sewage treatment plant constructed; 670 street lighting points constructed; 16 400 m ² of public space developed;
	498 :	Improving	Linear of	72 657 325	30.5 km of earth

	DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	urban mobility	road networks constructed, maintained or rehabilitated		road maintained; 64.841 km of surfaced road maintained; 319 502 ml rehabilitated; 386 000 m ² of parking lots upgraded; 9.8 km of road constructed; 2 bridges constructed.
	499 : URBAN SUB-SECTOR GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	Improving service coordination and ensuring efficient implementation of MINH DU's programmes	Completion rate of budgeted activities	7 100 732	1 text drafted ; 2 delegations constructed ; 150 members of staff trained.
TOTAL				143 155 779	

This increase in MINH DU's budget allocation is due the display of the counterpart fund in taxes and customs duties (XAF 1 000 000 000), AFCON (XAF 50 000 000 000) and C2D resources (XAF 6 500 000 000), which did not feature in the 2018 budget.

Madam Chair,

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I would like to state that during fiscal 2019, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development intends to give practical shape to the resolve reiterated before the National Assembly by the President-elect to organize the male AFCON 2019 in Cameroon. In this regard, His Excellency Paul BIYA contended in his

inaugural speech that he “will provide the sports sector with the support it deserves, in the hope that the efforts made to host AFCON 2019 will be rightly rewarded”. The contribution of my ministry will be geared towards completion, without undue delay, of all projects related to construction of access road to sport, health and hotel facilities in AFCON 2019 host towns.

Moreover, as the President of the Republic underscored in this brilliant inaugural speech, emphasis will be laid on the development of road infrastructure, notably on roads. Thus, the year 2019 will see acceleration and completion of construction works on the Yaoundé-Nsimalen Highway, open country section, as well as completion of multi-year road rehabilitation/construction projects under implementation.

In the same vein, others major structuring projects, including construction works on drainage facilities in Yaoundé and Douala as well as construction of the first 1 675 housing units under the Government Programme will be fast tracked.

Moreover, the execution pace of road drainage works in Bertoua, Garoua and Bafoussam, as part of the “Regional Headquarters I”, urban C2D will be improved.

Ultimately, the draft budget, we submit for your approval includes priority projects whose implementation will have a significant impact on the economic growth. This budget is in line with the ultimate commitment by the Head of State, His Excellency Paul BIYA, to significantly improve the living conditions for all his fellow citizens who elected him by an overwhelming majority during the 7 October presidential election.

The draft budget comprises the following salient projects aligned on relevant programmes.

As Concerns Programme 496 “Development of Housing” amounting to total **XAF 37 234 206 000**, emphasis will be laid on the:

- **Completion** of construction of 1 675 housing units entrusted to local SMEs;
- **Completion** of construction of 700 housing units in Regional Headquarters other than Douala, Ebolowa and Yaoundé, as part of the Three-Year Emergency Plan to Speed-up Economic Growth (PLANUT) ;
- **Actual start** of construction of the 1,000 housing units under the pilot phase of the set of 10, 000 housing units with associated socio-cultural amenities as well as an industrial base for the prefabrication of housing components with support from the Italian PIZZAROTI Company;
- **Actual start** of construction of 120 low-cost houses with local materials in Yaoundé/Olembé ;
- **Speed-up** of construction works under the first phase of the Douala Fiftieth Anniversary housing complex and effective start of related works in Yaoundé.

With regards to Programme 497 “Improving the Urban Environment” to the tune of **XAF 26 178 316 000**, special attention shall be on the:

- **Completion of** construction works on storm water drainage facilities in Douala over 39 km linear;
- **Completion** of works under the second phase of Keep Yaoundé Clean project (PADY II), over 14 km linear ;
- **Start** of construction works for the Mendong waste water treatment plant in Yaoundé ;
- **Construction** of **670** public lighting equipment in Mokolo, Batcham, Bazou, Bangangté, Idénau, Garey;

- **Execution** of works to develop **16 400 m² of plot** in Mbalmayo, Yagoua, Bangangté, Dschang, Foumban and Edéa.

As concerns Programme 498 "Development of Urban Transport Infrastructure" to the tune of XAF 72 597 325 000, special attention will be paid to operations to fast track the preparation of AFCON 2019 and major structuring projects, namely:

- **Completion of construction works on the** Yaoundé-Nsimalen Highway, open country section ;
- **Completion** of works to rehabilitate/construct access roads to stadia, health and hotel facilities in Douala, Limbé, Buea, Bafoussam, Garoua, Mbouda and Bandjoun ahead of the organization of AFCON 2019;
- **Completion** of emergency urban roads rehabilitation works all over the national territory as instructed by the Head of State ;
- **Completion** of construction works on access roads and parking lots around the new Olembé stadium in Yaoundé;
- **Start of** construction works on the intersection Yaoundé-Nsimalen highway, urban section- Carrefour Palais des Sports - Derrière Combatant simplified interchange;
- **Completion of** second group projects as part of implementation of PLANUT roads component;
- **Continuation of** roads and drainage works in Bafoussam, Bertoua and Garoua within the framework of the "Regional Headquarters I" Urban C2D;
- **Finalization** of urban services and various equipment infrastructure projects in Bamenda and

Maroua, as part of the "Regional Headquarters II" Urban C2D;

- **Start** of studies on the construction of roads infrastructure in Yaoundé within the framework of the "Yaoundé Heart of City" Urban C2D.

In addition, under this programme, my ministry will spare no effort to upgrade the urban transport infrastructure in about thirty towns through rehabilitation of the road network with 2019 Road Fund resources.

In the same vein, a budget allocation to the tune of XAF 3.4 billion will allow us to support the policy of gradual transfer of competencies to Decentralized Local Authorities (DLAs), within the framework of decentralization, in view of crafting planning documents, constructing waste water treatment plants, constructing street lighting equipment, developing urban squares and junctions, and maintaining earth roads in about twenty councils, (Table 4).

As regards **the Urban Sub-sector Governance and Institutional Support**, focus will be laid mainly on the improvement of the staff's working conditions through:

- ❖ Completion of construction works on the MINHDU's Regional Delegation for Adamaoua, Ngaoundéré;
- ❖ Continuation of construction works on MINHDU's Divisional Delegation for Nyong and Kellé;
- ❖ Start of construction works on the Regional Delegation for West, Bafoussam ;
- ❖ Purchase of rolling stock for improved monitoring of projects.

Complying with the Head of State's commitments in his new Seven-Year Term requires mobilization of financial resources. Therefore, kindly allow me to conclude by calling upon you to

lend all needed support to the Government of the Republic by adopting this budget.

I am now at your disposal to bring adequate answers to your questions and to take due note of your remarks and suggestions.

Thank you for your kind attention./.