



GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA
Ministry Of Finance and Development Planning



FACT SHEET OR SHORT CITIZEN'S GUIDE
TO THE FY2016/17 DRAFT NATIONAL BUDGET

The National Budget is the one of the most important government policy documents in any nation. It shows how the Government expects to raise money from the economy and how it wants to spend this money on public goods and services. The Budget also identifies ways in which the Government wants to change the economy and to and develop the country. Since the National Budget is so important; there is a serious need to make sure that every Liberian has all the necessary information they need to so they can know the value of this budget. This **Budget Fact Sheet (or Short Citizen's Guide)** provides some of the most important information that everyone should know about the FY2016/17 Draft National Budget that is currently before the National Legislature.

1. REVENUE SUMMARY

The total amount the Government has planned to collect in FY2016/17 is **US\$555,993,000**, which would be a decline of almost 11% compared to the original approved budget of US\$622,743,420 that was passed for FY2015/16. This reduction is mainly because of difficult situations the Liberian economy is facing. The world market demand has fallen for iron ore and rubber which are the top two raw materials that Liberia sells to the rest of the world. At the same time, the world economy is not growing as fast as before. This means those countries that buy raw materials from Liberia for their factories will not buy as much as before. In addition, budget support from donors will be much less than previous years because most of the money that was planned to be received at this time was given in advance to handle the Ebola problem in 2014 and 2015.

Even with the decline in the total resource envelope, the Government will continue to deliver critical public goods and services, in addition to providing funds for projects designed to keep on implement the country's development plan, as set out in the *Agenda for Transformation (AfT)*.

The total resource envelope is comprised of:

- US\$495.6 million in revenue raised from domestic sources (taxes and non-tax revenue);
- US\$30.2 million in grants;
- US\$30.1 million in contingent revenue;

Table 1: Domestic Revenue

Revenue Source	FY2015/16 Approved Budget	FY2015/16 Projected Outturn	FY2016/17 Draft Budget
TOTAL (Core Revenue + Loans + Contingent)	622,743,420	552,765,451	555,993,000
CORE REVENUE + GRANTS	554,137,716	494,159,451	525,832,000
CORE REVENUE (Tax+Non-Tax Revenue +Carry Forward)	497,907,035	440,488,451	495,572,000
TAX REVENUE	412,336,087	372,905,000	398,696,000
Taxes On Income & Profits	162,303,563	140,140,000	162,303,563
Taxes On Property	7,054,802	4,691,000	7,054,802
Taxes On Goods And Services	53,778,819	51,866,000	53,778,819
Taxes On International Trade	176,141,101	176,141,101	176,141,101
Other Taxes	13,058,000	67,000	13,058,000
NON-TAX REVENUE	61,391,948	43,404,000	96,876,000
CARRY FORWARD	24,179,000	24,179,451	0
GRANTS	56,230,681	53,671,000	30,260,000