

## Appendix A: Glossary of Terms

**Allocation Plan:** The various Budget allocations made to the various spending units of government.

**Arrears:** An account is said to be "in arrears" if one or more payments have been missed in transactions where regular payments are contractually required, such as mortgage or rent payments and utility or telephone bills.

**Average Yearly Inflation Rate:** The rate of change in the average Consumer Price Index (CPI) over a period of one year.

**Budget Cycle:** The Budget cycle is a process of preparation and submission, approval, execution, auditing and evaluation within the government financial year.

**Budget Deficit:** A financial situation that occurs when more money is going out than coming in. The term is also known as the national debt.

**Budget:** Government's annual estimates or planned revenue and expenditure.

**Capital Expenditures:** The part of the Budget used to finance one time, investment type expenditures such as construction of roads and schools.

**Constitution of Ghana:** These are the laws that are used to govern the entire country. The preparation and presentation of the Budget is required by this law as stated in Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution.

**Consumer Price Index (CPI):** Measures changes over time in the general price level of goods and services that households consume.