PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE

First Quarter 2026 Budget Execution Brief

Government Local Fund (GLF) — 1 January to 31 March 2026

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Executive Summary

- Government executed 21.4% of the approved FY2026 GLF budget in the first quarter, against a standard quarterly benchmark of 25%, indicating a slightly slower-than-expected overall disbursement pace.
- Personnel Emoluments remained on track across almost all Budget Entities (28 of 30), consistent with regular salary payment cycles.
- Capital expenditure was the weakest-performing category: 25 of 30 Budget Entities (83%) were under-executing their capital budgets, while only 4 recorded high execution.
- Significant frontloading of Q1 releases occurred in five ministries: Information, Environment, the Office of the President, Agriculture, and Higher Education, well above their expected first-quarter ceilings.
- Input Subsidy, Roads and Bridges, and School Improvement Grants were among the largest expenditure items in the quarter.

This brief is based on official Government financial data as at 31 March 2026. It presents an impartial, descriptive assessment of budget execution and does not attribute responsibility for expenditure patterns. It is intended to support informed parliamentary scrutiny, fiscal transparency, and public accountability.

1. Overall Execution Snapshot

Indicator	Amount (GMD)	Share
Total Approved Budget (FY2026)	43,490,961,954	100%
Total Q1 Execution	**9,286,283,292**	**21.4%**
of which: Operational Expenses	7,885,255,013	84.9%
of which: Financing Expenses	1,401,028,279	15.1%

Note: Q1 execution of 21.4% is below the 25% pro-rata benchmark for a quarter of the fiscal year, notwithstanding pronounced frontloading in specific ministries (Section 3).

2. Execution Performance by Category

Across the 30 Budget Entities, execution performance varies markedly by expenditure category:

Expenditure Category	On Track	Under-Executing	High Execution
Personnel Emoluments (30 BEs)	**28**	**1**	**1**
Recurrent Expenditure (30 BEs)	**18**	**10**	**2**
Capital Expenditure (30 BEs)	**1**	**25**	**4**

- Personnel Emoluments: On track in nearly all entities, reflecting stable payroll disbursement. The Independent Electoral Commission is under-executing; the Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources is over-executing.

  Attached is the table below;
- Recurrent Expenditure: One-third of entities (10 of 30) are under-executing, including the Judiciary, National Audit Office, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, among others.
- Capital Expenditure: The majority of entities (25 of 30) are under-executing their capital budgets in Q1, a pattern consistent with typical procurement and implementation lead times early in the fiscal year, but one that warrants continued monitoring to ensure planned capital programmes are not falling behind schedule.

3. Frontloaded Ministry Allocations

Five ministries received Q1 releases substantially above their expected quarterly ceiling. The table below sets out the reported drivers where available.

Ministry	Reported Driver	Amount Allocated Above the Projected Quarter Ceiling
Ministry of Information	Additional allocation for GRTS	D20,000,000.00
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Nat. Resources	Additional allocation to OMVG	D110,000,000.00
Office of the President	Vehicle procurement; Electricity Project Inauguration Tour and nationwide road stone-laying tour; payments to Niro Company	D173,704,196.00
Ministry of Agriculture	Additional Allocation for Input subsidy and groundnut subsidy	D627,425,000.00
Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science & Technology	Partial payment of UTG arrears and open scholarship tuition/stipend	D62,441,989.00
Ministry of Transport, Works and Infrastructure	Payments of outstanding IPCS for road constructions and allocations for Governor's Residence in URR	640,374,937.00

A ministry's budget is expected to be spent evenly across the year, roughly 25% each quarter. "Frontloaded" means a ministry received and spent significantly more than that 25% share in Q1 alone

4. Top-Spending Budget Lines (Q1)

The following budget lines recorded the highest levels of expenditure in the first quarter, providing insight into Government's near-term spending priorities.

Budget Line	Approved 2026 (GMD)	Spent Q1 (GMD)	% Executed
Input Subsidy	900,000,000	627,425,000	**70%**
Roads and Bridges	1,575,187,000	476,647,218	**30%**
Food and Food Services	538,188,000	154,607,986	**29%**
Travel Expenses	576,639,000	125,954,417	**22%**
School Improvement Grant	352,352,000	104,521,219	**30%**
Electricity, Water & Sewage	366,604,000	98,249,809	**27%**
Application Software, Systems & Licenses	159,983,000	87,559,053	**55%**
Purchase of Fuel and Lubricants	416,484,000	82,984,591	**20%**
Stationery	198,086,000	82,871,135	**42%**
Operating Cost	825,695,000	73,331,034	**9%**

Full listing of budget lines is available in the underlying PBO working data.