



MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF) FOR 2026-2029

PROGRAMME BASED
BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2026

NATIONAL MEDIA COMMISSION



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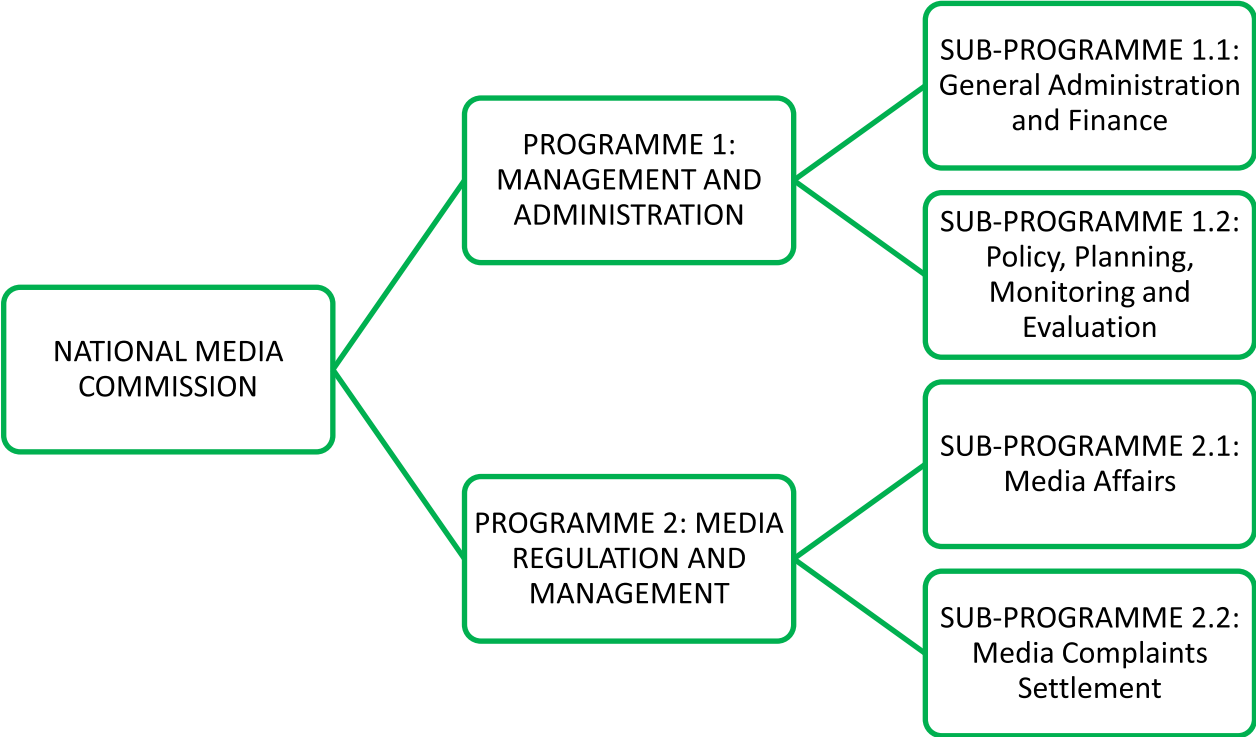


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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE – NATIONAL MEDIA COMMISSION





1.5. Appropriation Bill

Summary of Expenditure by Sub-Programme, Economic Item and Funding

Entity: 030 - National Media Commission
Year: FY26 | Currency: Ghana Cedi (GHS)
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	GoG				IGF				Funds / Others				Donors			Grand Total
	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	31 - Non financial assets	Total	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	31 - Non financial assets	Total	Statutory	ABFA	Others	Goods and Services	31 - Non financial assets	Total		
03001 - Management and Administration	6,527,863	2,136,500		8,664,363											8,664,363	
03001001 - General Administration and Finance	6,527,863	636,500		7,164,363											7,164,363	
03001002 - Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation		1,500,000		1,500,000											1,500,000	
03002 - Media Regulation and Management		863,500	3,000,000	3,863,500											3,863,500	
03002001 - Media Affairs		488,750		488,750											488,750	
03002002 - Media Complaints Settlements		374,750	3,000,000	3,374,750											3,374,750	
Grand Total	6,527,863	3,000,000	3,000,000	12,527,863											12,527,863	

PART A: STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL MEDIA COMMISSION (NMC)

1. NATIONAL POLICY OBJECTIVES

The National Medium-Term Development Policy Framework contains Policy Objectives that are relevant to the National Media Commission are:

- Strengthen democratic governance e
- Deepen transparency and public accountability
- Promote attitudinal change and patriotism

2. GOAL

Maintain a stable, united and safe society

3. CORE FUNCTIONS

The core functions of the National Media Commission are to:

- Promote and ensure the freedom and independence of the media for mass communication or information;
- Take all appropriate measures to ensure the establishment and maintenance of the highest journalistic standards in the mass media, including the investigation, mediation and settlement of complaints made against or by the press or other mass media;
- Insulate the state-owned media from governmental control;
- Make regulations by constitutional instruments for the registration of newspapers and other publications, except that the regulations shall not provide for the exercise of any direction or control over the professional function of a person engaged in the production of newspapers or other means of mass communication;



4. POLICY OUTCOME INDICATORS AND PROJECTIONS

Outcome Indicator	Unit of Measurement	Baseline		Latest status		Target			
		Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value
Strengthened institutional capacity for effective media regulation & monitoring	Increased NMC staff strength by 40%	2024	13	2025	14	2026	36	2027	51
Strengthened institutional capacity for effective media regulation & monitoring	Secured sustainable funding mechanism to improve Media WatchApp operations and update guidelines annually to 10,000 copies	2024	4,000	2025	4,000	2026	6,000	2027	8,000
Enhanced complaints settlement mechanism for media accountability	Improved accessibility and efficiency of complaints resolution to about five regions	2024	1	2025	1	2026	3	2027	4
Reformed and re-vitalised State-Owned Media	Reviewed and updated laws governing the State-Owned Media by 2027	2024	-	2025	-	2026	1	2027	2
Improved compliance with newspaper registration regulations	Achieved 80% compliance of newspaper annual returns submission	2024	40%	2025	40%	2026	80%	2027	90%



5. EXPENDITURE TRENDS FOR THE MEDIUM-TERM

In 2023, a total appropriated budget of GH¢ 9,200,970.00 was allocated to the Commission. Out of which GH¢ 6,722,520.00 was allocated to Compensation of Employees (CoE), GH¢1,181,850.00 to Goods & Services (G&S), and GH¢ 1,296,600.00 to Capital Expenditure (Capex). The actual expenditure of GH¢ 9,159,253.03 was incurred, as CoE recorded an amount of GH¢ 7,076,841.04, use of Goods and Services (GH¢ 787,017.86) and Capex (GH¢ 1,295,394.13).

The Commission in 2024 election year was appropriated a total sum of GH¢ 23,542,520.00 from Government of Ghana (GoG). This comprised (GH¢9,522,520.00) CoE, (GH¢10,000,000.00) Goods and Services, and GH¢4,020,000.00 for Capex. Actual expenditure for the period amounted to GH¢ 7,068,755.63.

However, appropriation for 2025 is GH¢ 15,668,348.00 in sum total from Government of Ghana approved budget. As at September 2025, the total amount released was GH¢ 13,671,049.33. This consist of CoE at GH¢ 8,546,549.33, Goods & Services at GH¢ 2,124,500.00; GH¢ 3,000,000.00 for Capex. The Commission has so far expended a total of GH¢ 2,837,220.12, which comprises GH¢1,398,721.73 for CoE, and GH¢1,437,498.39 for Goods & Services.

For 2026, the total Operational budget is GH¢ 13,668,348.00 which includes allocated amount of GH¢ 7,668,348.00 to Compensation of Employees; GH¢ 3,000,000.00 to Goods and Services; and GH¢ 3,000,000.00 to Capex.

2025 Budget Expenditure Performance by Economic Classification (Jan-Sept)

Expenditure Item/Funding Source	2025 Approved Budget GH¢ (A)	2025 Released Budget (End-Sept 2025) (B)	Actual Expenditure (C)	Variance 1 GH¢ D=(A-B)	Variance 2 GH¢ E=(B-C)
Compensation of Employees <i>GoG</i>	7,668,348.00	8,546,549.33	1,399,721.73	(878,201.33)	7,146,827.60
Goods & Services <i>GoG</i>	3,000,000.00	2,124,500.00	1,437,498.38	875,500.00	687,001.62
CAPEX <i>GoG</i>	5,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.00	2,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
Total	15,668,348.00	13,671,049.33	2,837,220.11	1,997,298.67	10,833,829.22

Compensation releases was in excess of 11.5 % variance, representing GH¢ 878,201.33 in value. The amount in excess was for the payment of stipend due the 10th Commission members at an amount of GH¢ 856,479.00 as at 2024 financial year



6. SUMMARY OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

In the year under review, the Commission in accordance with Article 168 of the 1992 Constitution and section 2(1)(e) of the National Media Commission Act, 1993 (Act 449), the **National** Media Commission carried out the following:

MEDIA MONITORING

The Commission has scaled up its media monitoring efforts using the recently deployed Ghana Media Watch App as an enabler technology to address hate speech, incitement and disinformation in the media.

TRACKING SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS

The Commission has intensified the tracking of incidences relating to the safety of journalists for action by the Ghana Police Service. So far there are three of incidences with the Ghana Police Service which are under investigations.

REGULATORY ENGAGEMENTS

The Commission has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bank of Ghana, National Communications Authority and other key regulatory stakeholders to monitor and implement regulatory sanctions on juju performers, money doublers and televangelists who perform fake miracles.

The engagement is useful because this will help sanitize the media space and save a lot radio listeners and television viewers are who gullible.

MEDIA, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

The Commission continued and intensified spot monitoring of issues between a number of radio stations and traditional authorities across different regions and continued dialogue with the chiefs and owners of the radio stations miracles.

The engagement is useful because this will help sanitize the media space and save a lot radio listeners and television viewers who are gullible.

VISIT TO STATE-OWNED MEDIA HOUSES

As part of enforcing media standards, members of the Commission visited the State-Owned Media houses to familiarize with their operations, achievements and challenges. The Commission has been doing this regularly in order to enforce standards and guard against ethical violations.





Members of the Commission and some staff of NMC at the Ghana News Agency

MEDIA MONITORING

The Commission has obtained a mobile monitoring system to track the growing incidence of hate speech, incitement and unwarranted insults to help secure a decent information ecosystem that sustains progressive debate, nurtures public dialogue and engenders national development



REVIEW OF THE MEDIA LANDSCAPE

NEWSPAPER REGISTRATION:

Since January 2025, the Commission has registration 40 newspapers, magazines, journals and online news portals.



Radio Stations in Ghana



- 1 ATLANTIS FM
- 2 LIVE FM
- 3 KASAPA FM
- 4 ADOM FM
- 5 HITZ FM



DESPITE COMPANY LIMITED (PEACE FM)

- 7 TOP FM
- 8 ONUA FM
- 9 3 FM
- 10 ACCRA FM
- 11 GLOBAL MEDIA ALLIANCE
- 12 CITI FM
- 13 HOT FM
- 14 CLASS FM
- 15 ASEMPA FM
- 16 OMAN FM
- 17 JOY FM
- 18 ATINKA FM
- 19 NEAT FM
- 20 PRIME FM
- 21 RAINBOW RADIO
- 22 MAX FM
- 23 STARR FM
- 24 RADIO UNIVERS
- 25 IMPACT MEDIA LIMITED

- 1 AHOTOR FM
- 2 ZYLOFON MEDIA COMPANY LIMITED
- 3 AUTHENTIC MEDIA COMPANY LIMITED
- 4 ANGEL FM
- 5 KINGDOM FM
- 6 HASHCOM GHANA LIMITED
- 7 PRESS XPRESS LIMITED



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- 8 OKAY FM
 - 9 VISION ONE FM
 - 10 ASAASE RADIO
 - 11 PLAN B FM
 - 12 TRINITY FM
 - 13 CHANNEL 247 MEDIA SERVICES LIMITED
 - 14 SWEET RHYTHMS
 - 15 GOOODLIFE FM
 - 16 BRAVO MULIMEDIA LIMITED
 - 17 DADI FM
 - 18 KINGDOM PLUS FM
 - 19 MAGIC BROADCASTING LIMITED
 - 20 EZZY FM
 - 21 123 FM
 - 22 RADIO GOLD
 - 23 WONTUMI MULTIMEDIA LIMITED
 - 24 XYZ BROADCASTING LIMITED
 - 25 UNIIQ FM





1. GTV
2. GBC NEWS
3. GL TV
4. GTV SPORTS PLUS
5. LS TV
6. CRYSTAL PRIME
7. CRYSTAL XTRA
8. CRYSTAL PLUS
9. TV AFRICA
10. TV3
11. METRO TV
12. NET 2
13. ETV
14. NEW TV
15. KANTANKA TV
16. CTV
17. LIGHT TV
18. GH ONE TV
19. ATINKA TV
20. UTV
21. SOUL TV
22. WONTUMI TV
23. GH POLICE TV

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24. 3MUSIC TV
 25. BRYT TV
 26. 3ABN-GH
 27. CHANNEL 247 TV
 28. CAFDIL TV
 29. ANGEL TV
 30. SECOND CHANCE TV
 31. TV XYZ
 32. PAN AFRICAN TV
 33. OBONU TV
 34. PENT TV
 35. ATV
 36. CASH TV
 37. AKUAFO TV
 38. ADOM TV
 39. ONUA TV
 40. MAX TV
 41. CITI TV
 42. OCEANS TV
 43. MOVEMENT TV
 44. LUCKY TV
 45. STRONG TV
 46. MTA5 AFRICA
 47. GALAXY TV
 48. CNBC AFRICA
 49. POWERLINE TV
 50. ADOA TV
 51. PARADISE TV
 52. JOY NEWS
 53. CHIEF TV
 54. SUPER A1 TV
 55. BEST TV
 56. HOT TV
 57. PHILICO TV
 58. PROPHET 1 TV
 59. OYEREPA TV



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60. NTV
 61. WESLEYAN TV
 62. SAGANI TV
 63. ELEPHANT TV
 64. ATUGUBA TV
 65. JERICHO TV
 66. BENEDICT TV
 67. OGYABA TV
 68. TODAYS TV
 69. CHEERS TV
 70. AGYAPA TV
 71. RUSH TV
 72. SHELTER TV
 73. MARANATHA TV
 74. HENNES TV
 75. ASOMAFO TV
 76. NAZARETH TV
 77. PASSION TV
 78. AKASANOMA TV
 79. AKWASI AWUAH TV
 80. CACI TV
 81. 7DS TV
 82. LOVE REVOLUTION TV
 83. HEALTH TV
 84. NKABOM TV
 85. COSMOPOLITAN TV
 86. SILVER TV
 87. TRINITY TV
 88. BOC TV
 89. BISA NYAME TV
 90. TV MAGIC
 91. BIG TV
 92. FLY TV
 93. STARR TV
 94. AB TV
 95. AMEN TV



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96. DIAMOND TV
 97. MEGYEFO TV
 98. MABESH TV
 99. ANIDASOPA TV
 100. JOY PRIME



Financials 2.6.





2.6 Budget by Chart of Account

6.0- Programme, Sub-Programme and Natural Account Summary

Entity: 030 - National Media Commission

Funding: Total Source of Funding

Year: 2026 | **Currency:** Ghana Cedi (GHS)

Version 1

	2026	2027	2028	2029
Programmes - National Media Commission	12,527,863	12,527,863	12,527,863	12,527,863
03001 - Management and Administration	8,664,363	8,664,363	8,664,363	8,664,363
03001001 - General Administration and Finance	7,164,363	7,164,363	7,164,363	7,164,363
21 - Compensation of Employees [GFS]	6,527,863	6,527,863	6,527,863	6,527,863
22 - Use of Goods and Services	577,500	577,500	577,500	577,500
27 - Social benefits [GFS]	59,000	59,000	59,000	59,000
03001002 - Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
22 - Use of Goods and Services	1,450,000	1,450,000	1,450,000	1,450,000
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03002001 - Media Affairs	488,750	488,750	488,750	488,750
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03002002 - Media Complaints Settlements	3,374,750	3,374,750	3,374,750	3,374,750
22 - Use of Goods and Services	374,750	374,750	374,750	374,750
31 - Non financial assets	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000

PART B: BUDGET PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Budget Programme Objectives

- Ensure efficient and effective use of both financial and material resources of the Commission
- Develop quality human resource for efficient and effective delivery of service
- Ensure effective and efficient performance of the Commission through Monitoring and Evaluation of activities of the media

2. Budget Programme Description

The Commission through this programme will;

- Implement training programs to upgrade the skills of staff for effective delivery in the areas of quality assurance, internal controls, and risk management, monitoring and evaluation, administration and revenue generation.
- Ensure effective management of scarce resources to achieve targets of the Commission
- Provide logistics for the smooth administration of the Commission
- Ensure the preparation and implementation of the Medium Term and Strategic Plans,
- Undertake Monitoring and Evaluation of policies and programmes





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BUDGET SUB-PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUB-PROGRAMME 1.1: General Administration and Finance

1. Budget Sub-Programme Objectives

- To effectively manage and coordinate activities of the various Units within the Commission.
- To strengthen the financial and human resource development in the Commission through training and career development.
- To strengthen the Commission's capacity of resource mobilization and financial management
- To develop effective communication between the Commission and the media industry
- To strengthen internal controls, risk management and governance

2. Budget Sub-Programme Description

This sub-programme covers the coordination of activities of the Commission through the office of the Executive Secretary.

The main operations are to:

- Direct, coordinate and ensure efficient as well as effective management of the Commission.
- Provide logistic support for the smooth running of the Commission
- Provide career development for the Commission staff through trainings, seminars and workshops,
- Management of properties of the Commission through periodic assessment, renovations and maintenance.

This sub-programme also includes the activities of the Legal Unit which is responsible for advising the Commission on Legal and Constitutional matters and their implications for the Commission's work and programmes. Through this sub-programme, the Commission liaises with the Attorney General's office and other institutions in respect of legal advice.

In addition, there is a Technical Department which deals with Information Technology and Technical Standards.



3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Commission measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Commission's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections			
		2022	2023	Budget Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026	Indicative Year 2027
Development of procurement plan	Developed by procurement Officer	-	-	30 th November	30 th November	30 th November	30 th November
Update of Asset Register	Updated by procurement Officer	31 January	31 January	30 th September	30 th September	30 th September	30 th September
Preparation of Cash Plan	Prepared by the Head of Accounts	-	-	13 th December	18 th December	16 th December	16 th December
Preparation of financial reports	Prepared by the Head of Accounts	31 st March	31 st March	31 st March	31 st March	31 st March	31 st March
Preparation of internal audit reports	Reports submitted by Internal Auditor	31 st March	31 st March	31 st March	31 st March	31 st March	31 st March
Preparation of annual budget estimates	Annual estimates prepared by Budget	30 th September	30 th September	30 th September	30 th September	30 th September	30 th September



4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub-programme.

Operations		Projects
Internal management of the organization		No Projects
Administrative Expenses		
Workshops and meetings		
Subscriptions and International Conferences		
Local travels/Allowances, Hotel Expenses		





2.8. Budget by Chart of Account

8 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

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BUDGET SUB-PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME1: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUB-PROGRAMME 1.2: Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

1. Budget Sub-Programme Objectives

- Facilitate the preparation of the Commission's strategic plan, medium term monitoring framework, and evaluation plan
- Facilitate monitoring and evaluation of the Commission's programs and policies
- Formulate, coordinate policies and programs of the Commission

2. Budget Sub-Programme Description

This sub-programme seeks to strengthen the capacity of the Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit to support the implementation of the Commission's programs.

This is achieved through:

- Preparation and review of Strategic Plan, Medium Term Plans, Monitoring framework and evaluation plan
- Collection, collation and compilation of all relevant data in relation to the Commission's functions through effective monitoring and evaluation

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

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Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections			
		2024	2025	Budget Year 2026	Indicative Year 2027	Indicative Year 2028	Indicative Year 2029
Strengthened institutional capacity for effective media monitoring and regulation	Recruited and trained admin staff	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.
	Recruited and trained technical media staff.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.



Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections			
		2024	2025	Budget Year 2026	Indicative Year 2027	Indicative Year 2028	Indicative Year 2029
Revised Medium Term Development Plan	Review completed by	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.
Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan	M&E plan developed by	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.	30 th Sept.

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub-programme.

Operations	Projects
Upgrade and expand media monitoring infrastructure	No Projects
Reruit, train and retain qualified staff	
Secure dedicated funding cross-country vehicles	
Negotiate institutional partnerships or donor funding to sustain Media WatchApp subscription	





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27 - Social benefits [GFS]	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

BUDGET PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: MEDIA REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT

1. Budget Programme Objectives

- To Promote and ensure the freedom and independence of the media for mass communication
- To ensure development, publication and dissemination of monitoring results
- Develop and sustain high journalistic standards in the mass media

2. Budget Programme Description

Chapter 12 of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana titled ‘Freedom and Independence of the Media’ and Act 449 spells out the work of the National Media Commission (NMC).

The Commission takes all appropriate measures to ensure the establishment and maintenance of the highest journalistic standards in the mass media including investigation, mediation and settlement of complaints made against or by the press or other mass media.

Additionally, the programme seeks to insulate the state-owned media from governmental control.

The programme also organizes workshops and has developed series of guidelines to help regulate the media.





2.6 Budget by Chart of Account

6.0- Programme, Sub-Programme and Natural Account Summary

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BUDGET SUB-PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: MEDIA REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.1: Media Affairs

1. Budget Sub-Programme Objectives

- To determine the coverage of issues such as politics, agriculture, culture as well as women and children.
- To determine how skewed the media is towards national/developmental issues
- To determine the calibre of Journalists/Media Practitioners that operate in the media industry
- To determine adherence to professional standards in the media
- To strengthen the autonomy of state-owned media

2. Budget Sub-Programme Description

The Monitoring and Research Unit of the Media Affairs exists to formulate policies and improve upon professional standards.

The main operations include

Standards: Involves setting standards, sensitization and stakeholder consultation on standards as well as review of standards

Monitoring: Acquisition of Monitoring equipment, installation, operation and the conduct of monitoring. The Commission also undertakes stakeholder engagement to solicit input on monitoring results.

Enforcement: This involves use of the various guidelines to enforce the basic ethics of the journalism profession. These guidelines are for both print and electronic media.

For monitoring of standards, Coding Instruments are developed; reports are generated on both the Electronic and Print Media which helps the Unit and the Commission to influence media policy direction and development in the industry.

Constitutional Instrument (CI 39), 2003 mandates the Commission to register newspapers, journals and all other publications for mass communication.

Additionally, each registered publication submits two copies of every edition of the publication to the Commission and its certificate is renewable every year.

The beneficiaries include the general public, research institutions, the media and academia

The Unit is challenged because of logistical constraints and lack of funds to go for regular checks of newsstands. Funding is provided by the Government of Ghana.



3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Commission measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Commission's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections			
		2022	2023	Budget Year 2024	Indicative Year 2025	Indicative Year 2026	Indicative Year 2027
Newspapers, journals and magazines Registered	Number of Newspapers Registered	21	21	50	40	60	80
	Number of Magazines & journals Registered	14	24	20	25	40	45
Monitoring of Media (print and Electronic)	Number of monitoring reports developed	-	-	2	2	2	2



4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub-programme.

Operations	Projects
Develop content rights and licensing policy to protect the State-Owned from unauthorized content re-use.	No Project
Accelerate the enactment of the broadcasting law to regulate the broadcasting space in Ghana.	
Draft a new LI to establish ADR Complaints Procedures	
Review and update all media guidelines in consultation with stakeholders	
Review of the Complaints Settlement Law	
Strengthen the implementation of the NMC Act, (Act 449) to promote and maintain journalism standard	
Support the State-Owned Media to review the laws establishing their operations	
Introduce electronic platform for submission and payment of annual returns	
Establish regional desks for the registration of newspapers	





2.8. Budget by Chart of Account

8 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

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BUDGET SUB-PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME 2: MEDIA REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.2: Media Complaints Settlement

1. Budget Sub-Programme Objective

To Settle Complaints through investigations and mediation.

2. Budget Sub-Programme Description

The sub-programme considers both documentary and oral evidence provided by the parties and shall rule on the issues as it considers just in all circumstances.

Its rulings make any or all of the following orders:

- A retraction and an apology with equal prominence as the original offensive material
- Publication of a rejoinder
- Direct disciplinary action for breach of code of ethics

Additionally, before a ruling is made, a complaint is usually lodged by an aggrieved person. The Committee then invites the Editor of the Newspaper, Radio or Television Station for an amicable settlement.

- It serves as avenue for any person aggrieved by a publication or by the act or omission of any journalist, newspaper proprietor, a publisher or any person in respect of any publication in the media to lodge a complaint to the Commission.
- It serves as an Alternative Dispute Platform for the amicable resolution of disputes between parties.

Funding of activities of this sub-programme is provided by the Government of Ghana. The direct beneficiaries are aggrieved individuals and the media itself.

Challenges that the sub-programme face are that many editors when invited to settlement meetings refuse to appear before the Complaints Settlement Committee but the National Media Commission has no power to subpoena any editor who infringes or refuses to honour an invitation.

There is also the challenge of many media practitioners not having any training in journalism so they turn to violate the fundamental principles of the profession.



3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Commission measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Commission's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections			
		2024	2025	Budget Year 2026	Indicative Year 2027	Indicative Year 2028	Indicative Year 2029
Media complaints settled	Number of cases received	30	35	35	45	60	60
	Number of cases resolved	12	3	12	14	20	25

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub-programme.

Operations	Projects
Establish regional complaints settlement offices	No Project
Amend Article 167 to explicitly empower the NMC investigate, issues directives and take action to protect media freedom	





2.8. Budget by Chart of Account

8 - Sub-Programme and Natural Account

Entity: 030 - National Media Commission

Funding: Total Source of Funding

Year: 2026 | **Currency:** Ghana Cedi (GHS)

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	2026	2027	2028	2029
03002002 - Media Complaints Settlements	3,374,750	3,374,750	3,374,750	3,374,750
22 - Use of Goods and Services	374,750	374,750	374,750	374,750
31 - Non financial assets	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000



1.6. Appropriation Bill

Summary of Expenditure by Cost Center, Economic Item and Funding

Entity: 030 - National Media Commission
Year: FY26 | Currency: Ghana Cedi (GHS)
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	GoG				IGF				Funds / Others				Donors			Grand Total
	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	Compensation of employees	Goods and Services	Capex	Total	Statutory	ABFA	Others	Goods and Services	Capex	Total		
030 - National Media Commission	6,527,863	3,000,000	3,000,000	12,527,863											12,527,863	
03001 - Gen. Admin	6,527,863	3,000,000	3,000,000	12,527,863											12,527,863	
0300101 - Media Relations		3,000,000	3,000,000	6,000,000											6,000,000	
0300101001 - Media Relations Office		3,000,000	3,000,000	6,000,000											6,000,000	
0300102 - Finance and Administration	6,527,863			6,527,863											6,527,863	
0300102001 - Admin Office	6,527,863			6,527,863											6,527,863	



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