

# ESWATINI'S NATIONAL BUDGET AT A GLANCE



## HOW MUCH BUDGET TERMINOLOGY DO YOU KNOW?

### THE NATIONAL BUDGET

As there is never enough money to implement all the activities and programmes that Government would like to do for her citizens, the budget acts as a tool to weigh up various needs and decide how to calculate the available resources according to priorities. In February every year, the Minister for Finance announces Government's budget including taxes, planned spending and borrowing for the next three years.

### WHAT IS TOTAL EXPENDITURE?

The total amount that Government plans to spend. It is composed of Recurrent and Capital Expenditure.

- **Recurrent Expenditure:** Refers to the day-to-day spending by Government, including expenditure on wages for civil servants, spending on goods and services and transfers to Government sub-vented entities.
- **Capital Expenditure:** Refers to the total amount spent by Government on investment expenditure such as infrastructure projects like construction of roads, hospitals, schools, dams etc.

### WHAT IS REVENUE?

This refers to the total amount of money Government receives through taxes, collection of fees and fines, sale of Government stamps and SACU receipts (revenue from the Southern African Customs Union).

### WHAT IS A BUDGET DEFICIT/SURPLUS?

The difference between what Government receives (total revenue) and what Government spends (total expenditure). If negative it is called a budget deficit and if positive it is called a budget surplus.

### WHAT IS A FULLY-FINANCED DEFICIT?

A deficit is fully-financed when there are additional sources in excess of revenue that can be used to cover a budget deficit, e.g. through external borrowing or issuance of domestic debt instruments such as T-Bills and Bonds.

### WHAT IS FISCAL CONSOLIDATION?

This is the balancing of revenues and expenditures, managing debt levels, and reducing of arrears.



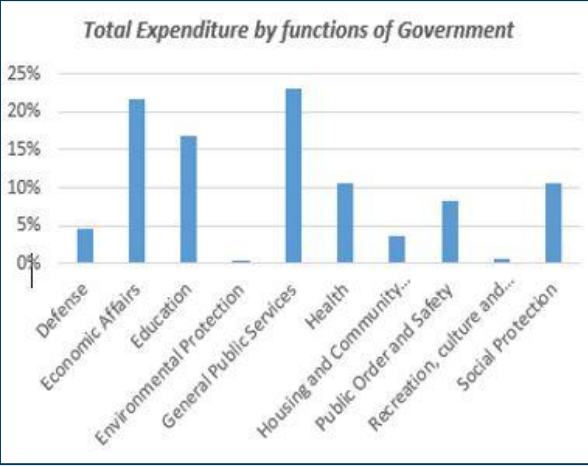
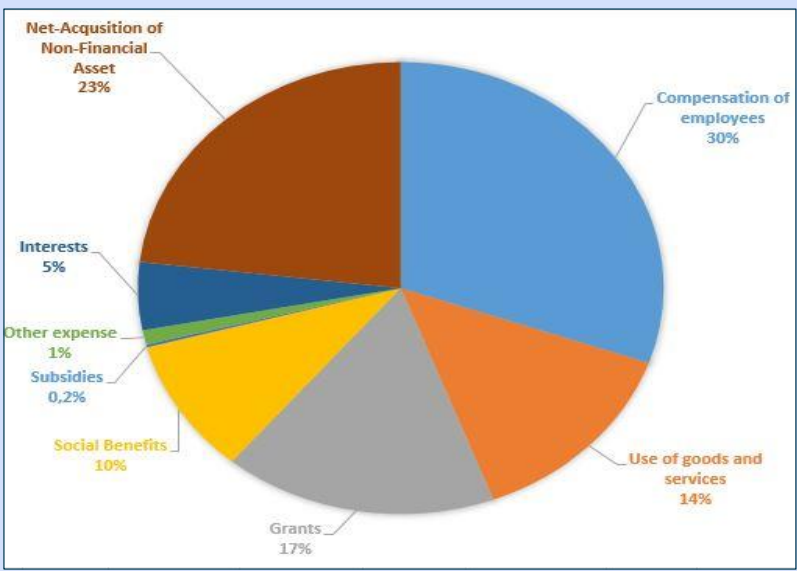
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# OVERALL BUDGET SNAPSHOT



- Total expenditure for the financial year 2022/23 is expected to be E23.2 billion. The appropriated recurrent expenditure is set to be E16.2 billion, an increase of 1.9 percent compared to previous year.
- We have allocated an additional E80m to the Ministry of Works for the maintenance of roads and have re-prioritised an additional E150m to their capital budget to start resurfacing existing tar roads where patching is becoming counter-productive.
- The compensation of employees remains relatively high. This is mainly driven by Health and Education.

## Breakdown of Government Spending




# Capital Expenditure Highlights



Manufacturing –  
E360.5 Million



Water Resources  
Management –  
E418 Million



General Public  
Services – 1.5 Billion



Public Health  
Infrastructure –  
E274.8 Million



Housing &  
Community  
Amenities – EE105.9  
Million



Public Order &  
Safety – E360.5  
Million



Recreation, Culture,  
Religion – E19.2  
Million



Education  
E79.2 Million

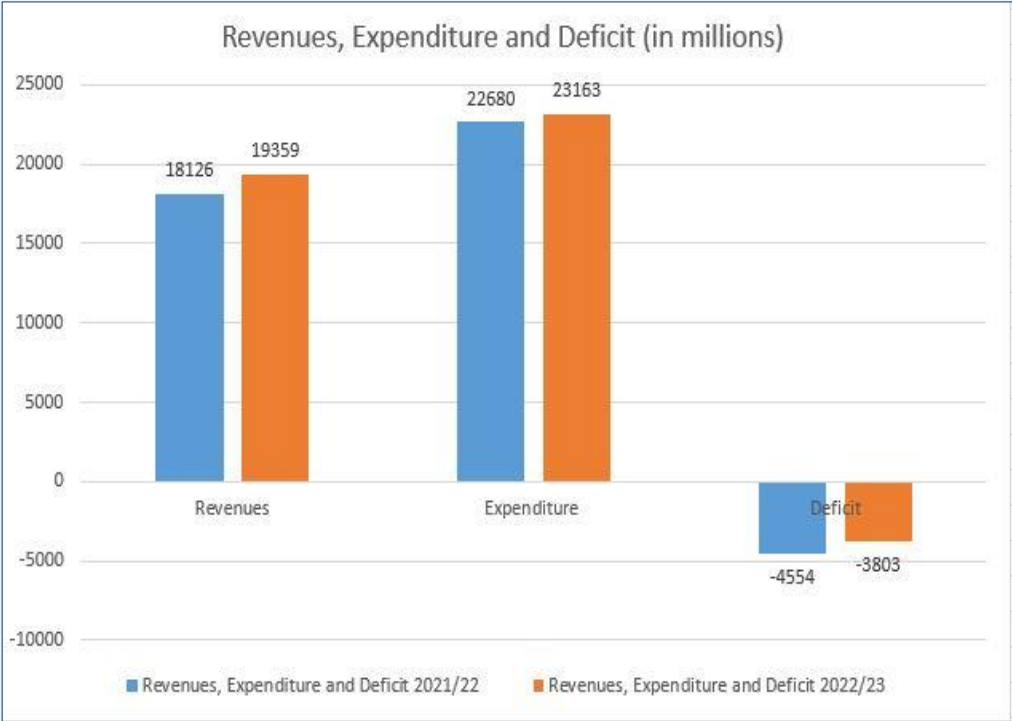


Agriculture,  
Forestry and  
Fisheries E880.5  
Million

A total of E5.4 Billion has been allocated to public investment in capital projects. This is meant to spur economic growth and boost employment as part of Government's economic recovery strategy.

The LUSIP II Main Canal and Secondary Distribution Systems have been completed, under which a net area of 5,273 ha will be developed and irrigated. The project aims to establish 27 farming enterprises, which will create 4500 jobs for EmaSwati this year.

Phase 2 of the Mbabane Government Hospital will begin this new financial year. In an effort to improve access to health services, the construction of 6 new clinics has begun.



Government revenue excluding grants in the 2022/23 fiscal year is projected to reach E18.7 billion, which is 23.8 percent of GDP, a decrease of 2 percent on 2021/22. Of this, SACU receipts declined from E6.4 billion in 2021/22 to E5.8 billion in 2022/23. Non-SACU revenue increased from E12.6 billion to E12.8 billion, a growth of 1.6 percent.

The budget deficit for financial year 2022/23 is projected at 4.8 percent of GDP, amounting to E3.8 billion.





**Mbabane Government Hospital**

