



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

## **CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

(Made under S.76 of the Public Finance and Management Act, 2015,  
as amended)

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that **The Children (Amendment) Bill, 2024** has been reviewed in accordance with S.76 of the Public Finance and Management Act, 2015, as amended.

I wish to report as follows:

**a) That the Bill has the following objectives:**

- i) To enable the merging, mainstreaming and rationalisation of Secretariats of the National Children Authority thereby, inter alia, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure.
- ii) To promote coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments; enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and enforcing accountability.
- iii) To restructure and re-organise agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

**b) That it is expected to achieve the following major outputs:**

- i) The National Children Authority dissolved and its functions mainstreamed into the Ministry responsible for children.

- ii) The National Secretariat for Special Interest Groups established and staffed in accordance with the public service rules and regulations, in the Ministry responsible for special interest groups (women, youth, older persons, persons with disability).

**c) Funding and Budgetary Implications**

The costs for the implementation of the Bill will be accommodated within the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework ceiling for the Ministry of Public Service.

**d) Expected savings and/or Revenue to Government:**

The Bill is envisaged to result in savings to Government through rationalizing of the wage bill and personnel related costs arising from merging the National Children Authority into National Secretariat for Special Interest Groups. The savings breakdown is shown in the table below.

<b>Category</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2025/26</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>0.375</b>	<b>0.375</b>
<i>o/w Wage</i>	<i>0.375</i>	<i>0.375</i>
<i>o/w NWR</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.000</i>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>0.064</b>	
<b>No. of Staff affected</b>	<b>6</b>	
<i>o/w Terminal Benefits</i>	<i>0.064</i>	
<b>Net savings</b>	<b>0.311</b>	<b>0.375</b>

**e) Impact of the Bill on the Economy**

The Bill is expected to have a positive impact of the economy through improved efficiency and effectiveness of Government administration. The notable positive impacts for merging the National Children Authority into the National Secretariat for Special Interest Groups include: Cost Savings through reduced administrative costs associated with managing multiple entities. This can free up resources that could be redirected towards more productive uses like actual council operations.

Increased Collaboration and Synergy: Merging the secretariats will foster greater collaboration and synergy among stakeholders. With a

unified platform for engagement, stakeholders will find it easier to align their interests, share best practices, and pursue a common goal of advocacy for the National Children Authority.

Overall, the long-term positive impacts on the economy will include cost savings, streamlined communication, increased collaboration, enhanced advocacy, simplified regulatory compliance, and improved industry reputation. These factors can contribute to a more competitive, innovative, and resilient economy.

Submitted to Parliament under my hand this <sup>27<sup>th</sup></sup> day of March, 2024.

  
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**MINISTER FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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