



**CERTIFICATE
OF
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

(Made under Section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act,
2015)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the **The Cotton Development (Amendment) Bill, 2024** has been examined as required under Section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015.

I wish to report as follows:

a) That the Bill has the following objectives:

- i. To enable the merging, mainstreaming and rationalization of the Cotton Development Organization thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- ii. To facilitate efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of government agencies and departments, thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- iii. 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; and
- iv. To restructure and re-organize agency 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;

The Cotton Development Organization abolished and the functions of the Cotton Development Organization transferred to the Ministry responsible for cotton processing and marketing;

c) Funding and Budgetary implications

The Non-Tax Revenue over the Medium Term is as shown in the table below:

Table 1: Non Tax Revenue Projections

Vote	FY 2023/24 (Shs. Billion)	FY 2024/25 (Shs. Billion)	FY 2025/26 (Shs. Billion)
CDO	3.848	4.1	4.2

There is no cost implication relating to terminal benefits for the Cotton Development (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

d) Savings

The Bill is envisaged to result in savings to Government of **Shs 8.18** billion as summarized in the table below:

Table 2: Total savings


Category	FY 2024/25 Shs (Billion)	FY 2025/2026 Shs (Billion)
Wage	2.18	2.18
Non-Wage Recurrent	1.79	1.79
GoU Development	4.21	4.21
Total	8.18	8.18
Costs		
o/w Terminal benefits	0	0
Net Savings	8.18	8.18

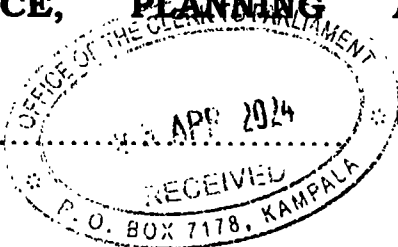
e) Impact on the Economy

The Bill will impact the economy as follows:

- i) **Fiscal Discipline:** Rationalization will help promote fiscal discipline by aligning Government spending at Programme level with strategic priorities and reducing the potential for wasteful expenditure. This can contribute to long-term fiscal sustainability and macroeconomic stability of the sector.
- ii) **Enhanced Service Delivery:** By eliminating resources at national regulatory bodies and redirecting and streamlining the resources at Local Government to support interventions such as agriculture extension services. This will lead to improved farm outputs, leading to improved household incomes, and livelihoods.
- iii) **Improved Coordination and reduced transaction costs at programme level:** By merging these agencies, there will be improved coordination and synergy in the development and promotion of agricultural sector. This could lead to better planning, research, extension services, and market development efforts.
- iv) **Increased Accountability and Transparency:** A leaner and more centralized Government structure will enhance accountability and transparency by clarifying lines of responsibility and improving oversight mechanisms. This can help prevent corruption, inefficiency in the agriculture sector, and mismanagement of public resources, fostering investor confidence and economic stability.

Submitted this 27th Day of March, 2024 under my hand


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