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**STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS)  
ON THE PREPAREDNESS OF MANDELA NATIONAL  
STADIUM, NAMBOOLE FOR THE FORTHCOMING  
CHAMPIONSHIP OF AFRICAN NATIONS (CHAN) AND THE  
AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS 2027 (AFCON) TOURNAMENTS**

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**Rt Hon Speaker and Honorable Members**, you may recall that in 2020, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) inspected Mandela National Stadium in preparation for the World Cup Qualifier matches and issued a report thereafter recommending that we renovate the stadium in order to comply with international standards to be able to host the National Team matches for the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) World Cup and Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers and competitions.

The Parliament of Uganda approved and appropriated Ugx.97bn for the construction of a boundary wall and renovation and upgrade of Mandela National Stadium in Financial Year 2021/2022.

In March 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Education & Sports, Mandela National Stadium and the Ministry of Defense and Veteran Affairs (MODVA) for the renovation & upgrade of Mandela National Stadium by the UPDF Engineers Brigade and the contractor commenced works on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022. The expected date of completion is 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Briefly, the scope works includes;

1. Preliminaries comprising site surveys and assessments, mobilization, bush clearing, construction of temporary site offices, stores, and other general items,
2. Stadium works comprising demolitions and removal works, doors, windows, finishes, fittings and fixtures for ground, first, second and third floors and arena.
3. Construction of garbage collection centre, removal and provision of new athletes' warm-up area with world-class facilities.
4. Renovation of the Sports Hotel.

5. Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing works completely with installation, External works and other facilities.

Details of funding are as follows:

Contract sum – Ugx 97,900,678,182

Fund received – Ugx 80,136,938,512 (80%)

Outstanding – Ugx 17,763,739,670

In 20 months, the contractor has completed **90%** of the works and this includes; most of the civil, mechanical, and plumbing works, key installations i.e, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), electronic access control (turnstiles), sanitary appliances, spectator seats, pitches, dressing rooms, doors, windows and the equipment for the maintenance of the pitches and running track was procured and delivered. We are upgrading the Sports Hotel of 72 rooms to a three-star standard.

The contractor is currently fixing furniture and equipment for the match officials, media facilities, medical and anti-doping rooms.

With a shortfall totaling to ***Ugx 17,763,739,670 (17.7bn)*** of contract sum, the contractor has encountered challenges to complete the works which include the following; delivery and installation of the floodlights, LED screens, technical benches, bleachers for people with disabilities (PWDs), the second batch of the public address system, some of the civil and mechanical works.

The Ministry of Education and Sports has repeatedly appealed to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MOFPED) to release the funds for the completion of works and on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, the Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury (PPST) communicated additional expenditure limits for the second quarter of FY 2023/24 among which was Ugx.17.76bn for completion of works at Mandela National Stadium.

While the Ministry warranted and invoiced these funds by 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, to date, no funds have been credited on bank account for Mandela National Stadium.

Once the Ministry of Education and Sports receives the requisite funding, our priority shall be to work on areas that were highlighted as a necessity during the recent inspection by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) so that we comply with requirements to host the upcoming World cup qualifiers in June 2024 and African Nations Championship (CHAN) in September 2024.

**Rt Hon Speaker**, this is the current status of works at Mandela National Stadium as we prepare for the forthcoming Championship of African Nations (CHAN) and the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) tournaments.

I beg to submit.



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