

SPAN OF AUDIT

The audit covered nine specific areas and these are:

- a) Budget Execution
- b) Oil Revenue
- c) Non-Oil Revenue
- d) Payroll Expenditure
- e) Operating Expenditure
- f) Procurement and Capital Expenditure
- g) Bank and Cash Accounts
- h) Internal Controls and
- i) Maintenance of Asset Registers

I have provided details for each of these in the reports on individual ministries. The reader is invited to examine the detailed reports for a fuller appreciation of the financial affairs of the Government of Southern Sudan in 2008.

I wish to pronounce a few highlights here as pointers to my opinion.

BUDGET EXECUTION

Audit found no evidence that the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning based the release of funds to spending agencies on approved budget lines. While some institutions were cash starved, others received, on the discretion of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, more funds than were legally authorized. The budget and the Appropriations Act of 2008 were ignored. Examples:

- a) The Ministry of Cabinet Affairs:
 - Received SDG 7,431,039 in excess.
 - Savings of SDG 3,055,087 under certain budget heads were spent on others without approval of the Assembly.
- b) The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology:
 - Spent SDG 20,400,239 in excess.
 - Under spent SDG 3.86 million on Payroll

- c) The Ministry of Health:
 - Received 78 % of its appropriation for the year.
 - Of this, the ministry had a cash balance of SDG 2,044,081 on 31st December 2008.
- d) The Ministry of SPLA Affairs
 - Overspent the budget by SDG 69,597,611
- e) The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning:
 - Overspent by SDG 313 million.
 - Office and General Supplies was over spent by 404%.
 - Overtime was overspent by 149%.
 - Training overspent by 142%.
 - Hospitality & Entertainment overspent by 137%.
 - Donations overspent by 115%.
 - Furniture overspent by 126%.
 - SDG 751,793 did not have details for the transactions.
- f) Ministry of Internal Affairs:
 - Over spent by 165 % on Operating Expenditure.
 - Overspent by 66% (SDG 33 million) on Capital Expenditure.
- g) SSLA had original budget of SDG 83.9 million and Supplementary of SDG 96.2 million. Yet it over spent by SDG 5.1 million.
- h) President's office over spent by SDG 29.2 million and Vice President's office by SDG 4.2 million.

OIL REVENUE

- a) Audit did not receive adequate data on oil production, processing, storage and sales.
- b) Oil revenues received from the Government of National Unity (GoNU) during 2008 was SDG 6.67 billion.
- c) SDG 69.67 million stated to be transferred by GoNU was not recognized in the Financial Statements of GoSS. No explanation was provided.