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1. FOREWORD

Honorable Speaker

I have the honor to table the Ministry of Defence and National Security's Annual Performance Report for the financial year 2024/2025.

It is my pleasure to report that despite limited financial resources, the Ministry has been able to execute its mandate which is to ensure that the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) is able to defend and protect the sovereignty, integrity and the people of the Kingdom of Eswatini in accordance with the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini and the principles of International Law regulating the use of force by providing strategic direction and administration to the UEDF.

The Ministry is committed to carry out its mandate in an effective and efficient manner and is determined to;

- i. Maintain high level of Military readiness and to transform the Military to current and relevant standards,
- ii. Provide for homeland security by enhancing boarder security
- iii. Provide affordable, effective and efficient health care by maintaining and modifying medical clinics in keeping them to significant standards.

I pray Parliament considers this Performance Report favorably.

Hon. Pholile Shakantu
Hon. Acting Minister for National Defence and Security

2. Executive Summary

The Ministry of Defence and National Security report is a brief highlight of the Ministry's vision, Portfolio Responsibilities, Objectives and Overall Activity Performances.

The ultimate objective of the Ministry of National Defence and Security, embodied in the mission statement is to defend and protect the sovereignty and people of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

It is to be understood that in spite of in-adequate resources such as financial and human resources in various departments of the Ministry, some of the Ministry's goals and objectives were met though under challenging circumstances.

In recent months there has been growing concern regarding fiscal difficulties the country is projected to face in the coming months. As such, the gloomy picture of the economy of the country that has been painted, has brought about even more desire to the Ministry to increase more activity at border lines to ensure proper points of entry are used when exiting and entering the country, especially if there are goods to be declared. This will increase revenue collection of the country on imported goods and reduce criminal infiltration into Eswatini.

The aforementioned however will be executed effectively with the assistance of the relevant stake holders to reduce illegal immigration, cross-border crimes such as stock theft and car smuggling.

The Ministry was allocated a sum of **E 1 506 738 538.00** and **E 70 000 000.00** for recurrent budget and capital project respectively for the 2024/2025 financial year.

SUMMARY FOR BUDGET EXPENDITURE

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET ALLOCATION	BUDGET EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE
RECURRENT	1 506 738 538	1 471 945 477	34 793 061
CAPITAL PROJECT	70 000 000	55 986 476	14 013 525
TOTAL	1 576 738 538	1 527 931 953	48 806 586

3. LIST OF ACRONYMS

CTA	- Central Transportation Authority
ICAP	- International Centre for Aids Care and Treatment Program
IMET	- International Military Educational and Training
ISDSC	- Inter-State Defence and Security Committee
MOH	- Ministry of Health
OLC	- Operation Liaison Committee
PEPFAR	- Presidents Emergency Plan for Aids Relief
SADC	- Southern African Development Community
SANU	- Southern African Nazarene University
SNAP	- Swaziland National Aids Programme
SWACAA	- Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority
TB	- Tuberculosis
UEDF	- Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force
UN	- United Nations
URC	- University Research Co-operation
USDOD	- United States Department of Defence
VIP	- Very Important Person
VMNC	- Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision
WHO	- World Health Organization



4.0. INTRODUCTION

4.1. Ministry's Vision

To direct and administrate the generation, employment, management and the sustainment of high-quality, combat-capable military force through clear strategic objectives.

4.2. Ministry's Mission

To ensure that the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) is able to *defend and protect* the sovereignty and people of the Kingdom of Eswatini in accordance with the Constitution and the principles of international law regulating the use of force by providing strategic direction and administration to the UEDF.

4.3. Ministry's Values

These are based on the following;

- Respect the dignity of all persons,
- Serve Eswatini before self even under life threatening conditions,
- Obey and support lawful authority,
- Conduct oneself in accordance with ethical tenets of integrity, loyalty, courage, honesty, fairness and responsibility.

4.4. Ministry's Objective

The Ministry of Defence and National Security's objective is to serve as a strategic department for National Defence, operating within the

policy guidelines laid down by the King and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Force, Parliament and the Cabinet.

4.5 Ministry's Key Functions

The Ministry functions as the supreme headquarters for the Ubutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF). The Ministry is the administrative authority for the civilian and military departments. The Ministry consists of the office of the Minister (Chief National Defence Officer), the Principal Secretary for Defence and the Chief of the UEDF.

The Political authority over the Ministry of National Defence and Security is to be vested in the King and Ingwenyama of the Kingdom of Eswatini who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Ubutfo Eswatini Defence Force. The Commander-in-Chief shall exercise his responsibilities over the Ministry of National Defence and Security through civilian and military staff divisions and offices.

4.6 Ministry's Responsibilities

The broad responsibilities of the civil-military staff include the following;

- a) Advising the Minister on the routine needs and requirements of the Ministry of National Defence and Security,
- b) Providing the Minister with necessary data for policy decisions,
- c) Plan for the growth and funding of the Ministry and the Ubutfo Eswatini Defence Force,
- d) Implement and supervise execution of ministerial and command decisions, and
- e) Provide liaison with other organs of the Government and the public.

5.0. ACTIVITY 10: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF/ CHIEF OFFICER

5.1. This section is headed by the Chief Defence Officer who is the Administrator for the Ministry of Defence and National Security and the UEDF. It is also responsible for the provision of security to the Head of State, The Ingwenyama and Commander-in-Chief, Her Majesty the Indlovukazi and also the Royal household.

ACTIVITY	ACHIEVEMENTS	CHALLENGES/ COMMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provision of Security to their Majesties and Royal household. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Ministry has been able to carry out its function of providing security internally and externally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In-spite of the insufficient budget allocation, the Ministry always tries its level best to facilitate payment of external travel expenses.

6.0. ACTIVITY 11; PRINCIPAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

The Ministry of Defence and National Security has continued to execute its mandate of providing much needed executive directorship and common services to the UEDF with the available financial resources.

6.1. TEXTILE DEPARTMENT

6.1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Textile Department is now a fully-fledged Apparel Sewing Factory located at kaGcina.

The Ministry through Micro Projects constructed the sewing factory with the purpose of having in-house production of all various type of Army uniform to minimize the purchasing cost that was escalating tremendously every year. The project commenced with the purchase of fifty (55) different apparel industrial Sewing Machines, Camouflage fabric and Trims. Currently, the factory is able to sew all kinds of uniform worn by the army personnel such as camouflage, khaki, Jerseys, and badges

6.1.2 PRODUCTION

The Ministry of Defence and National Security is producing the uniform in the sewing factory, after completion it is dispatched to the distribution centre which is called the supply Department in Matsapha Garrison. The supply Department then issues the uniform to Various Barracks as per need.

IN STORES

CAMOUFLAGE

TROUSERS	SKIRT	SHIRTS
851	72	752

TWO PIECE ARMY GREEN COVERALLS

TOP	TROUSER	DUSTCOAT	SKIRT
114	114	15	7

ISSUED TO SUPPLY

S/N	TYPE OF CLOTHING	SUPPLY
1.	CAMOUFLAGE	1615
2.	NO 1	31
3.	NO 2	15
4.	NO 3	147
5.	AIRFORCE BLUE NO 1	3
6.	SCARLET SKIRT	14
7.	SCARLET TROUSER	7
8.	MESS KIT	10

9.	GARBADINE	21
10.	LARNYARD	74
11.	PIPS	102 (51 pairs)

6.1.3 CHALLENGES

The Department is faced with the following challenges:

1. Shortage of Manpower. The shortage of skilled machine operators or Seamstresses is causing a wide range of negative impact in the factory, for instance, delays in delivery dates because of low output.
2. The labour shortage is impeding the economic growth of the factory by limiting the capacity of expansion to manufacture Apparel and Uniform for other Government Security Forces and Ministries.

6.2 AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

6.2.1 INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Defence and National Security has launched two agricultural projects to enhance self sufficiency and food security. The first project involves 50 hectares maize farming initiative in collaboration with National Maize Corporation and Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise, aiming to produce a significant portion of food needs and reduce expenditure. The second project focus on diverse crop and vegetable production including maize, beans and vegetables.

6.2.2 PLANTING

Land preparation for Beans production commenced on the 1st February 2025 and the planting of beans is estimated to be completed in March 2025.

6.2.3 CHALLENGES

- ***Insufficient resources:*** With the available arable land present under the Ministry, it is impossible for the department to utilise all the land due to the limited budget under farming. It is also impossible for the department to diversify into other agricultural practices since they are costly, such practices include livestock production and large scale vegetable production.
- ***Continuous breakdown of machinery:*** the available machinery is old and most of the implements are outdated hence it hinder the farm operations.

7.0. ACTIVITY 12: ARMY COMMANDER (UEDF)

This section performs the following broad functions: -

- a) Military input into defence policy;
- b) Overall command, control, direction and general superintendence of the UEDF;
- c) Development and implementation of the over-all concept of military defence;
- d) Military human resource advice, policies, support programmes and services;
- e) Defence intelligence and information;
- f) Operational planning, force preparation and development;
- g) Logistic and material advice, policies and services;
- h) Corporate support staff services (chaplains, legal, command communication, etc.).

7.1. OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

7.1.1 BORDER SECURITY- The term “border security” entails the following components; border protection, border control, border stabilization and physical control measures.

7.1.2 BORDER PROTECTION is the primary responsibility of the Defence Force, and it entails actions and conduct against illegal infiltration and exfiltration along the country’s boundary. In any other task that may arise from this, the police are in support of the Defence Force, however remain primarily responsible for the application of law in terms of moral police tasks.

7.1.3 BORDER CONTROL is the primary responsibility of the police, immigration, customs and exercise, agriculture, health and other state departments. It primarily implies those aspects that deal with the general application of international and national law, and

other regulatory measures in regards to the borders of the Kingdom of eSwatini in order to apply effective control over border crossings. In this aspect the Defence Force is in support of the other state agencies as its members have to deal with elements of such border crossers on a daily basis in their operational area, and any offender identified and apprehended must be handed over to the police or relevant authorities. The Defence Force has identified and controlled the following activities in its border areas of operations.

7.1.4 INFORMAL BORDER CROSSINGS

Informal border crossings are defined as designated areas by the UEDF along the country's borders for the purpose of permitting communities living along both sides of the boundary to access basic needs and services within their neighboring communities. These are different from illegal border crossings which are conducted by those with criminal intent to break the law. During the year under review the UEDF has recorded the following illegal activities:

7.1.5 LIVESTOCK RUSTLING.

- i. The UEDF managed to control **104 cattle** with an estimated amount of E479 000.00 (Four Hundred and Seventy Nine Thousand Emalangeni). They were as follows:
- ii. The UEDF controlled **257 goats** with an estimated amount of E46 000.00 (Forty Six Thousand Emalangeni). They were as follows:
- iii. UEDF controlled Eight (08) Timpkala, five (05) Tinyala with an estimated amount of E17 000.00 (Seventeen Thousand Emalangeni).

7.1.6 VEHICLE SMUGGLING.

There are seven (7) motor vehicles which were controlled being smuggled. The total value of these motor vehicles is E3, 937, 500.00.

7.1.8 TRADE ITEMS

Trade Items: Trade items which include new and second hand clothing, cigarettes alcohol, electronics and skin lotion were smuggled into the country from Mozambique and RSA. Undeclared trade items worth E916 646.93 were controlled and handed over to Eswatini Revenue Authority for customs duties.

7.1.9 CONTRABAND.

Trade items which include new and second hand clothing, cigarettes, alcohol, electronic gadgets and pharmaceutical lotions were smuggled from neighboring countries. This contraband which is worth E241, 551 was controlled and handed over to Eswatini Revenue Services through the border customs control points around the country.

7.1.10 WEAPONS SMUGGLING.

A total of two (2) 2x24 bore shortguns which were unlicensed, mainly were controlled within the military border operational areas. All these weapons were handed over to the police.

7.1.11 ILLEGAL MINING.

The illegal mining of green chart precious stone within Malolotja Nature Reserve next to the border area has increased dramatically. Our troops have controlled both local and foreign nationals who illegally mine the mineral and smuggled.

7.1.12 CHALLENGES

- a. The state of accommodations at patrol bases is continuing to negatively affect the army operations since it cannot withstand the weather conditions prevailing especially during rainy season.
- b. Shortage of relevant uniform for operations has worsened the existing health hazard due to exposure of our troops to the harsh weather conditions.
- c. There is an increase in assistance provided by border communities to cross-border criminals through hiding the illegal items and providing information on local patrols for a fee.
- d. The army workshop is unable to service most army vehicles due to dilapidated condition and unavailability of spare parts. Being the case, the vehicles are serviced at CTA or Private Repair Centres which compromises the security of the UEDF vehicles.
- e. Most UEDF units have very small diesel fuel storage yet most of their vehicles use diesel as their engine fuel.

8.0 TRAINING

In the year under review the military personnel attended various courses of training and academic/civilian education courses.

- The Department was able to conduct a Basic Intelligence Course and two Clerk Security Courses comprising personnel from UEDF's various units.
- MTO and MT Sgt attended a transport workshop at Garrison.
- The Department was able to send one officer to attend Strategic Intelligence Course abroad.
- Two Officers were able to attend the SADC Defence Intelligence Standing Committee (DISC) internationally.
- The CDI attended the conference for United Nations Programme to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons internationally.
- Eleven Officers were able to attend Infantry Basic Officers Leadership Course (IBOLC) at Mbuluzi Training Battalion.
- During this period only three (3) courses were conducted under ordinance

8.1 CHALLENGE

- There is a shortage of accommodation to cater for army personnel who have come for training.

9.0 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

9.1. SPIRITUAL SERVICES.

The task of the Chaplaincy service is to support the spiritual, religious, moral and ethical needs of members and families of the Defence Force. This is performed in accordance with Section 23(1) of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini, which provides that “a person has a right to freedom of thought, conscience or religion”. Chaplains have provided prayer and counselling to all ranks in the units of the Defence Force. The most common challenges faced members of the UEDF are social in nature, such as marital issues. The Military Christian Fellowship is a fellowship in community with others of the same Christian belief in various units of the Defence Force. These fellowships have positive impact on the change of character to its members and assisting the chaplaincy service to achieve its objective.

10.0 UEDF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

10.1 GENERAL

The UEDF Military Health Service is a back-up and complimentary service to the National Health Service and as such is geared up to building capacity and scope of services offered by UEDF Health Service.

Through the nine (9) operational Military Health facilities, the Military Health Service provide a comprehensive prevention, care, treatment and support to the military, their families and the general public accessing the military Health facilities.

The report aims at highlighting the performance results, appreciating the government with its partners that through their joint effort has made it possible to improve the facility. It also aims at highlighting activities, achievements and recommendations for the year.

10.2 COLLABORATION

The UEDF continues to have good relations with the Ministry of Health, PSHACC, and NERCHA – who assist in the reduction of HIV/AIDS impact. The HIV/AIDS Program continues to receive support from US DoD and is working well with the implementing partner URC and through this partnership the UEDF has been able to achieve a lot of support.

Through support of our implementing partner URC, the UEDF has been able to construct accommodation facility utilized by 48 medical staff. A change room for the Incinerator has also been built. In addition to that, two (2) Aids clinics have been established at Zombodze unit and Ministry of Defence (MOD).

The support that we receive from the Ministry of Health is overwhelming as they support us greatly in compliance of national guidelines such as that of COVID-19. The MoH has helped greatly in the provision of PPE through the NDMA.

10.3 HUMAN RESOURCE CAPACITY

The medical facility is manned by medical professionals trained in local institutions and outside the country. There are qualified Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacist, Lab Technicians, Ophthalmologist, Dentist, Dermatologist, Psychologist, Radiographers, Councilors and PLWHA champions.

The medical staff continues to attend workshops on invitation from MoH to equip personnel with updated information to improve quality services rendered. One key workshop attended is that called by NDMA whereby 3 our medical staff were equipped on Emergency Response.

URC continues to hire nurses and councillors for community outreach services to help achieve our goal in providing service to the military personnel and the community.

The retirement of two (2) long serving medical staff (1 Maj & 1 WOII) created a huge gap in the Medics unit at a time when needed most.

Five (5) medical personnel resigned from the army.

10.4 HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Wellness department continues to conduct educational lessons on health issues within the military and also distribute condoms in units.

10.5 OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT

The out-patient embraces all diseases diagnosed during general out-patient's visits. The out-patient prescribes medical care or treatment that does not require stay in hospital. Out-patient health care services are offered in all health military facilities.

The influx of patients coming for different treatment at Phocweni and other UEDF Health facilities continues to rise as on average daily basis the facilities receive not less than 200 patients. A total of 89,210 patients were attended in all our facilities during the year under review.

The leading challenges mostly suffered in the Defence is the respiratory diseases, diarrhea, muscle skeletal and skin diseases. These conditions are aggravated by factors reducing the immunity system such as exposure to cold and dust, stresses encountered during the course of duty, behavioral immorality and addictive practices to mention a few.

10.5.1 EYE DEPARTMENT - The department attended to 420 patients and the conditions attended to are Allergic conjunctivitis, bacterial conjunctivitis, Cataract, Trauma/Injuries, Refractive errors, Foreign bodies in the eye, Style, Ptergium and other common diseases.

10.5.2 SKIN DEPARTMENT - The skin clinic provides curative and supportive health care services to all patients that needs skin care attention. It operates on daily basis except for weekends. The number of patients attended to was 21,002. The most common dermatology cases were that of parasitic infections, viral infections and Bacterial infection. These conditions could be as a result of lowered immunity, environment, and or stress. Therefore, there is a need to address issues of hygiene importance to the general populace.

10.5.3 HTS/ ART - During the year 2024 tests were conducted and the project continued to implement high impact testing modalities with emphasis on target testing using risk assessment and index based testing to identify and reach clients eligible for testing. Patients continued to be initiated on ART in our facility and others were transferred to other facilities. Defaulters are followed up.

10.5.4 TB/HIV - The TB/HIV activities have been on-going at Phocweni Military Clinic and other units whereby HIV testing and Counselling, TB screening, TB diagnosis, GENE X-PERT, TB LAM, ART refills and initiation has been provided to both troops and general population. There has been a high treatment success rate on TB/ART patients compared to the previous years.

The department also received an Electro-Cardio-gram equipment for TB patients at Phocweni from the National TB Program.

10.5.5 VMMC - The UEDF continues to offer and provide VMMC to the military personnel males and surrounding community males regardless of their HIV status as part of the comprehensive, none discriminatory male-friendly clinic service. The total number of VMMC conducted is 256.

10.5.6 DENTAL CARE - The dental unit started operating on 1 march, 2020 and services offered include extractions, scaling and polishing (cleaning), restorations (fillings), and root canal procedures. The service has since been halted due to the resignation of personnel in the department.

10.5.7 X-RAY DEPARTMENT - The department managed to attend to 5 738 cases of which amongst them were the regular TB patients who come for follow-ups. There are also daily patients who come for various examination like Chest X-ray for medical check-up and some are done to trace and diagnose infection based on patient clinical history and presentation. The department also attended to cases of patients complaining of back pain some of which emanate from trauma and road traffic accidents (RTA).

10.5.8 LABORATORY - The laboratory provides Clinical diagnostic, Pathology services at the military and surrounding areas and it attended to 18 722 patients coming for different tests including TB Microscopy, Malaria, Glucose, Gene X-pert, Chemistries, Urine Chemistry, Urine Pregnancy, CD4, TB Culture, HBSAG, Viral Load, Syphilis and Full blood count.

10.5.9 PSYCHOLOGY - The department offers services to military personnel, their families and the community.

10.5.10 PALLIATIVE CARE - Palliative Care services are still going on well. Patients on Home Based Care are visited and given treatment needed. They are also transported to Hospital to specialist care as per their appointments.

10.5.11 PHARMACY - The Pharmacy department offer services to military personnel, their families and member of the community visiting the facilities. The drugs supplied by the Central Medical Stores do not meet the demand of the influx of the civilian patients.

10.5.12 WASTE MANAGEMENT - Total number of diesel used from January to December 2024 is 725 liters and total waste burnt was 17 982.84 kg.

10.5.13 ACHIEVEMENTS - The Military Health Service facilities with the help of our implementing partner URC and US DoD together with the health care personnel was able to achieve the following:

Phocweni Clinic has undergone audit assessment on ISO 9001 Standard Certification set to improve quality management system and it qualified.

The National TB Program donated an Electro-Calibri-gram equipment for TB patients at Phocweni.

The construction of a change room for the Incinerator.

The establishment of Aids clinic for MoD and Zombodze unit.

The medical staff successfully attended Royal Duties such as Buganu, Umhlanga and Incwala ceremony to offer medical services.

Construction of accommodation block for Phocweni medical staff accommodating 48 people.

10.5.14 CHALLENGES

The following are challenges experienced by the Military Health Service of which some of them have been on-going for some while.

Lack of transport in the Military Health facility has remained a challenge which has resulted in failure to the provision of health care services which include conducting home visits, bases transportation of clients to seek medical health to other facilities for further management, collection of drugs and transportation of medical samples and operations related to medical health.

The condition of ambulances with no emergency equipment to accommodate paramedic services has posed a threat to the provision of health emergency care to patients. Lack of maintenance for medical equipment poses a big challenge as there has been no one tendering for that.

The shortage of drugs also remains a challenge in the facilities. Certain drugs are out of stock for too long at CMS and also due to the economic status of the country.

Stationery is always a problem thus affecting the printing out of lab results.

10.5.15 DEATHS - The Defence like any organization is facing challenges of losing their personnel whilst undergoing treatment for different ailments. The total number of army personnel that died during the period of April to December 2024 is twenty-eight (28). The causes of deaths are of natural ailments whilst others are unknown. In addition, two (2) retired medical staff died and 1 in active service within the medical department.

10.5.16 CONCLUSION

In conclusion; the government, UEDF and partners locally and abroad may be commended for the tireless effort in improving the lives of the military personnel and civilians. It is a result of the partnership and collaborative input with US DoD, URC and MoH that the achievements are numerous. These achievements form the bases of further investment to this facility and it has proven without reasonable doubt that it would not be wasteful measures to pump more resources to improve its capability.

Despite the many challenges mentioned and those not mentioned the UEDF still pushes to have health for all by 2030. The Military Health Service have achieved high coverage of quality life-saving HIV/AIDS prevention of care, treatment, services and intervention to this effect,

the UEDF Military Health Services would like to extend its gratitude to the Commander UEDF, and the UEDF as a whole for their unwavering support to the health sector in UEDF. The UEDF Military Health Service is looking forward to improve Phocweni Clinic into being a Health Centre Facility assisted by Ministry of Health in following all the necessary procedures.

11.0 AIR-WING DEPARTMENT

11.1 OPERATIONS

The mandate of Air-Wing Department includes the following;

- a) To safeguard the National Airspace both in peace and war time.
To accomplish that, two (2) officers are deployed at the tower as Air Traffic Controllers (ATC).
- b) Provide Air security when there are VIP movements.
- c) Provide both security and CASEVAC during national events.
- d) Provide security in the International Airports i.e. KMIII and Matsapha.
- e) Provide ground handling services when there are VVIP movements.
- f) Provide VVIP aerial escort.
- g) Provide air support to the fighting Battalions.
- h) Provide security for all National events.
- i) Provide security patrols on boarder line.
- j) Trade fair exhibition show.

11.2 ACHIEVEMENTS

- a) Five (5) + 1 students completed course in India.
- b) Four (4) personnel promoted to Cadets.
- c) All ranks personnel attend SIMPA courses.
- d) All ranks personnel attend military courses inside and outside the country.

e) Structures

New Hanger for Bel-UH1 helicopters.

f) Aircraft

006 UH-1H helicopter is serviceable.

12.0 LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT

12.1 RATIONS & SUPPLIES:

During the period under review, rations were adequately supplied / delivered by various Suppliers Contracted by Tibiyo Taka Ngwane.

12.2 TRANSPORT

Generally, Transport in the entire Defence Force Establishment remains a very big challenge. The Ministry is currently replacing the old fleet with new vehicles sourced via the Central Transport Administration (CTA).

12.3 TRANSPORT COURSES CONDUCTED IN 2024

The Department conducted the following transport courses:

- ❖ Government driving authorities, which were issued in April to 40 drivers after a test from C.T.A
- ❖ Government driving authorities, which were issued in June to 43 drivers after a test from C.T.A
- ❖ Government driving authorities, which were issued in July to 4+8 drivers after a test from C.T.A
- ❖ Government driving authorities, which were issued in October to 39 drivers after a test from C.T.A Mbabane.

12.4 TECHNICAL STORES:

The following Technical Stores were procured in 2024:

- Procurement of Phocweni Unit Security Fence
- 40 x Gas Cylinders – which were evenly, distributed to all UEDF Units & Sub- units.
- 03 x 530L Freezers which were distributed to:
DHQ Security Troops, Ka - Gcina Youth Camp and
Zombodze Military Police Camp

12.5 ENTERTAINMENT OF UEDF MILITARY GUESTS:

During the period under review, the UEDF Logistics Department was able to facilitate Administrative Support to the following UEDF Military Guests;

-Zambian Defence Services & Staff College Students on Study Tour from 29/09/2024 – 06/10/2024

-American Staff Officers

-Hosting of the SADC Defence Intelligence Security Meeting From 28/11/2024 to 05/12/2024

12.6 SUMMARY OF LOGISTICS ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024:

The following were recorded as Logistics administrative support in 2024:

- ❖ Defence Force Day 2024
- ❖ Graduation Ceremony held at Mbuluzi on 29th November, 2024.
- ❖ 11/11 Umsizi Remembrance Day 2024 held at Nokwane Cemetery.
- ❖ Benchmarking Tour to Asia (Pakistan/Malaysia) in September, 2024 to explore various Uniform Material and Badges.
- ❖ Procurement of **35** x Canvas tents for UEDF Admin & Operations.
- ❖ SADC Virtual meeting for Logistics Working Group on 26th November, 2024
- ❖ Outreach Programme to all UEDF Fuel Depots

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2024/25- TOTAL ACTIVITY

Item Code	Description	Allocated Budget (E)	Released Budget (E)	Expenditure & Commitments	Variance	Percentage (%)
00	CTA Charges	30,702,319	31,094,119	53,378,619	-22,230,722	-71%
01	Personnel Costs	1,153,331,740	835,954,453	1,048,833,000	-212,878,547	-25%
02	Travel & Communication	21,454,458	46,111,226	44,011,750	2,099,476	5%
03	Drugs & Medicines	3,679,745	2,559,808	1,070,677	1,486,131	58%
04	Professional & Special Services	69,329,015	77,476,744	79,226,301	-1,749,557	-2%
05	Rental of Land	50,000	37,500	0	37500	100%
06	Consumable Supplies	224,813,261	240,278,746	236,041,643	4,237,103	2%
07	Durable Materials	3,000,000	11,090,000	9,267,058	1,822,942	16%
11	External Grants & Subsidies	378,000	378,000	115,686	262,314	69%
P286	Project	70,000,000	55,843,883	55,986,476	-142,593	0%
TOTAL		1,576,738,538	1,300,878,257	1,527,931,953	-227,052,953	-17%

NOTES

ITEM 00 – CTA CHARGES

This item shows an over-expenditure of -71%. This budget item includes the general maintenance of the ministry's motorized vehicles, refuelling charges and vehicle hire. The over-expenditure is a result of high maintenance costs of the ministry's old fleet and rental charges.

ITEM 01 – PERSONNEL COSTS

Currently this item shows an over-expenditure of -25% due to an insufficient budget allocation. Supplementary budget has been requested to rectify this anomaly.

ITEM 02 – TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATION

This budget line item needs to be adequately budgeted for to cater for the extensive external travel undertaken by the Ministry's officials. This item shows an under-expenditure of 5%. This is caused reallocations made from other items to cater for external travel.

ITEM 03 – DRUGS AND MEDICINES

Funds under this item show a slow spending pattern, an under-expenditure of 58% due to delays in billing of drugs and medicine by Central Medical Stores. This budget will be expended as the year progresses.

ITEM 04 – PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES

This item code caters for utilities, professional services which include issues of national security. Budget allocated to this item code is insufficient and the ministry cannot even clear its long outstanding utility bills. The ministry is not able to adequately carry out its mandate of national security.

ITEM 05 – RENTAL OF LAND

This item shows a 100% under-expenditure as the contract for the estate agent had expired and it has not been renewed yet.

ITEM 06 – CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES

The bulk of this budget item goes to the procurement of food supplies for the Army and consumables for the day to day running of the ministry. Currently the budget stands at an under expenditure of 2% due to the full release of the budget in this item code.

ITEM 07 – DURABLE SUPPLIES

There is an under expenditure of 16% in this item. Funds under this item are used to cater for office furniture and computers. The increase in personnel in the ministry has necessitated the purchase of new office furniture and computers.

CAPITAL PROJECTS 2024/25

Under head 08, the Ministry has been allocated a capital budget of E70 000 000.00 for the financial year 2024/25.

Projects Outline 2024/25

PROJECT CODE	PROJECT NAME	ALLOCATION	ACHIEVEMENTS/ACTIVITIES	CHALLENGES/COMMENTS
P286	Replacement of Army Barracks.	E70 000 000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of semi-permanent structures for five barracks. • Purchase of a Compound (Hangar, Offices and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sites acquired, ➤ Designs were finalized, ➤ Costing completed, ➤ Company hired for Zombodze Barracks, ➤ Work is smoothly ongoing and is 95% complete ➤ This was seen as a quick and cost-effective alternative solution to address the Hangar (Aircrafts garage)

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