

STATEMENT BY THE TOWN COUNCIL DIRECTOR

In this current financial year **2017/18**; Njombe Town Council has collected a total of **18,448,814,431.62 Tshs** from its various sources and spent **11,977,864,587.98 Tshs**. which is equivalent to **65%** of the total collection as at **December 2017**. Specifically, the council has received **476,439,555 (55%) Tshs** for other charges (OC) and **9,105,755, 151.52 (40%)** for personnel emolument grants. Similarly, to date the council has received **6,947,032,675.72 Tshs** equivalent to **106%** of the total approved budget for development grants while a total of **1,201,795,000.33 (50%)** have been collected from the council's own sources' proper (**300,529,574.43 Tshs** for **development projects**; **18,918,602.00** for **PE** and **808,188,765.32** for **recurrent** expenditures). During the same period the council has also received a total of **510,851,000 Tshs** out of budget from Global fund and CANADIAN Gvt. for **Ihalula HC**). Either the current collected Community contribution reaches a total of **249,941,049.05** which is **74%** of the estimated. The delayed remittances of LGDG has been a major challenge as it spread much on many sector projects which are directly linked to services provision. Similarly; Being Uncertain on whether it will be remitted also affects project planning as to whether projects planned in the current year should get funding or not. Should they be repeated in the next year?

This Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) for 2018/19 to 2020/21 has been prepared using the improved PlanRep system which links with other software systems used by the councils. The plan envisages to work on the key issues identified in every sector with emphasis on adhered to the cash budget so as to avoid creation of debts. For the coming financial year 2018/2019, Njombe Town Council plans to spend a total of **30,819,670,624 Tshs** for Recurrent and Development activities. This includes **27,342,039,500 Tshs** from block grants while a council's own source and community contribution is **3,477,631,124 Tshs**. specifically; The Government block grants' expenditure estimates composition includes **21,672,095,000 Tshs** for Personnel Emoluments (PE); **858,521,000 Tshs** for other charges (OC); and **4,508,416,803 Tshs** for development projects (**1,680,431,000 Tshs - Local** and **3,130,992,500 Tshs - Foreign**). The council; from its own sources (proper), plans to spend **1,225,672,450 Tshs** for development projects (40%) while the remaining **1,838,508,674 Tshs (60%)** will be spent for recurrent activities (OCs and PEs). The community is estimated to contribute **413,450,000 Tshs** the amount which will add on the councils' own source collection (CHF; User fees; NHIF and other sources). The council also submit a separate request for strategic project funding with a total sum of **501,394,375** so as to invest on a potato pack and marketing centre project.

The focus/priority of the council is converged on completion of on-going/uncompleted projects in health, water and education sectors, supporting women and youth groups, cross-cutting issues and other national and council's priority sector projects. The management fully commits itself to take thorough measures to ensure adherence to the financial expenditures norms, procedures and regulations so as to ensure the projects and programs are executed according to the planned targets while strengthening collaboration with all development partners, stakeholders as well as the entire community in the Council. The council will guarantee conformity to the Local Government Authority Financial Memorandum, Local Government Finance Act No. 9 of 1982; The Budget act number 11 of 2015 and Procurement Act (2004) in the all process of executing this budget.



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