

# KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

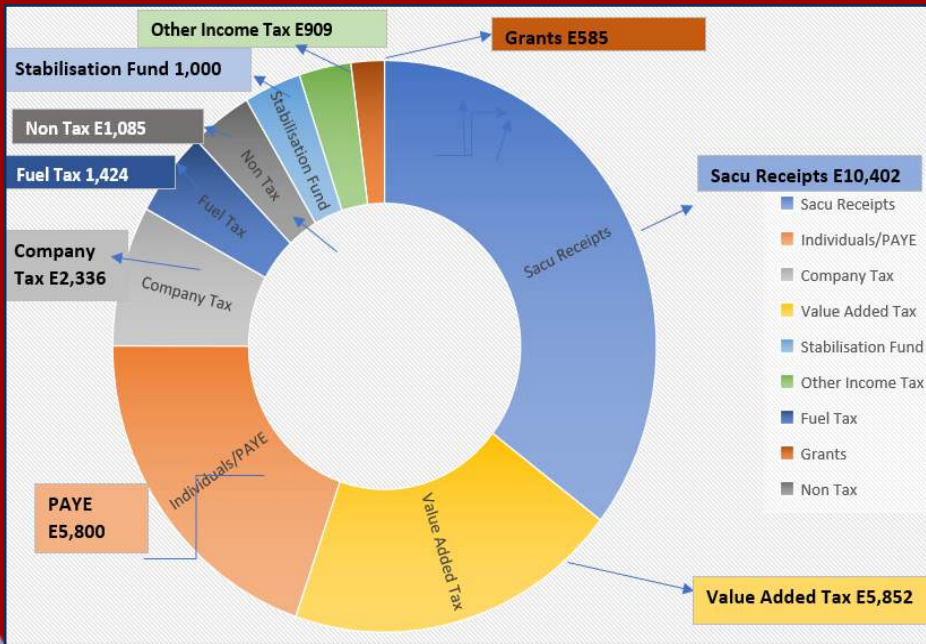
## BUDGET AT A GLANCE

2025/26

**THEME: "Transformation for Growth"**

### RESOURCE ENVELOPE FOR 2025/26 BUDGET

### MACROECONOMIC OBJECTIVES



To build economic resilience and improve the livelihoods of our people, Government has set the following macroeconomic objectives for 2025/26:

- ✓ Attain a real GDP growth rate of 8.3 percent;
- ✓ Maintain inflation to the 3-6 percent target band in the medium-term;
- ✓ Attain the target of 3 months imports cover on international reserves;
- ✓ Increase domestic revenue to at least 17 percent of GDP;
- ✓ Maintain the fiscal deficit to below 3.0 percent of GDP; and
- ✓ Limit Public Debt Stock to below SADC threshold of 60 percent of GDP.







2025/26 MINISTRY ALLOCATIONS

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS BY MINISTRY (E'000)			
MINISTRY	RECURRENT	CAPEX	TOTAL
Parliament	139,829	-	139,829
Private and Cabinet Offices	85,639	41,770	127,409
Ministry of Tourism & Environmental Affairs	106,525	15,504	122,029
Royal Eswatini Police	1,365,331	86,446	1,451,777
Deputy Prime Minister's Office	1,044,677	24,900	1,069,577
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation	697,015	41,400	738,415
Ministry of Defence	1,734,100	50,000	1,774,100
Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration & Development	475,266	57,438	532,704
Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy	119,398	1,451,741	1,571,139
Geological Surveys, Minerals and Mines	27,532	-	27,532
Ministry of Agriculture	406,187	1,247,484	1,653,671
Ministry of Economic Planning & Development	295,363	1,972,045	2,267,408
Ministry of Housing & Urban Development	431,184	63,000	494,184
Fire and Emergency Services	132,541	3,200	135,741
Ministry of Commerce Industry and Trade	162,408	161,046	323,454
Ministry of Education & Training	4,174,369	315,091	4,489,460
Ministry of Finance	954,649	90,201	1,044,850
Treasury and Stores	55,078	-	55,078
Internal Audit	15,124	-	15,124
Ministry of Labour and Social Security	815,960	5,800	821,760
Ministry of Public Service	276,287	-	276,287
Ministry of Information, Communication & Technology	296,528	58,000	354,528
Elections & Boundaries Commission	34,191	-	34,191
Ministry of Health	2,875,231	130,452	3,005,683
Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs	109,564	1,471	111,035
Anti - Corruption Commission	25,785	-	25,785
Judiciary	120,160	-	120,160
Correctional Services	727,260	29,945	757,205
Ministry of Home Affairs	221,969	20,000	241,969
Eswatini National Treasury	493,019	170,000	663,019
King's Office	4,714	-	4,714
Ministry of Public Works and Transport	1,287,227	1,179,893	2,467,120
Ministry of Sports Culture and Youth Affairs	87,612	23,860	111,472
Audit	35,947	7,000	42,947

ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION

Economic Transformation and Key Sector Growth

The Government is prioritizing economic transformation by focusing on job creation.

Government aims to create jobs through the following:

- 2000 jobs through operationalizing the Johnson Workwear factory shell.
- 400 jobs from the reconstruction of the previously burnt factory shell at Hlatikhulu.
- 1,000 employment opportunities from the Ndzevane factory shell.
- 1,450 employment opportunities from Ngwenya and Piggs Peak factory shells.

A strategic policy has been adopted for construction of an additional 10 factory shells anticipated to generate approximately 4,000 new job opportunities in the medium-term.

Agriculture Resilience

With food security being a priority area in the Programme of Action (PoA), Government will ensure food security through:

- Empowering over 17, 000 smallholder farmers through the SAPEMP
- E50 million will be provided for other youth agricultural programmes through the IDA funding,
- E65 million to NMC for the input subsidy
- E40 million to commercialize maize farming and E14million to support Hamba- Ubuye project.
- LUSIP II Project budget at E230 million.
- Phase IB of MNWAP budgeted at E737 million will focus on the construction of the main conveyance system to facilitate efficient distribution of water.

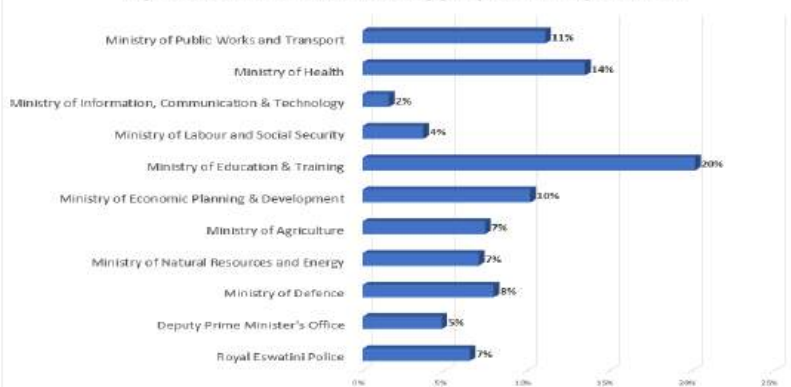
Infrastructure Development:

Significant investments are being made in infrastructure through upgrading of several roads. Roads enhance connectivity, in turn, contribute to growth.

- E372million allocated for road maintenance and major rehabilitation.
- E632 million provided for construction of new roads.
- E200 million for resurfacing of rural roads.
- The Roads Authority has been established for maintenance of roads.



Top Ministries as % of total appropriated expenditure





# HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

## Education and Skills Development

- Government aims to improve education through infrastructure, teacher recruitment and institutionalizing AS and A level as a school leaving certificate.
- Government continues to support TVET program.
- Increased allocation for the school feeding program.
- Continue with the conversion of temporary teachers to permanent and pensionable.
- Rehabilitation of storm damaged schools.
- Construction of 4 secondary schools (Ngwenyameni, New Thulwane, Maphungwane and Lavumisa areas).
- Construction of computer laboratories in 6 schools across the country.
- Purchase of furniture and computers and accessories for more than 20 schools across the country.
- Increased scholarship allocation to cater for the additional intake of students and the prioritization of STEM rare skills.

## Health

- Improved tertiary health services through hiring more medical specialists and commissioning 2 new theatres.
- Transformation of the Central Medical Stores into a semi-autonomous entity to ensure medicines are bought timeously at the right price and are tracked throughout to the patient.
- Construction of the Radiation Oncology department, and nuclear Medicine section.
- Rehabilitation of maternity theatres at Matsanjani, Mkhuzweni, Nhlanguano Health Centres and treatment plant for Dvokolwako Health Centre.
- Sustain Eswatini Prevention Centre Clinical Research Site.
- Establishment of National Public Health Institute to lead and coordinate essential public health functions.
- Operationalization of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Mbabane Government Hospital.
- Additional ambulances to assist with the transfer of patients to healthcare facilities.

## Water and Sanitation

- The Government is implementing the Eswatini Water Supply and Sanitation Project which will benefit 49,230 people with improved water supply and sanitation.
- The Lomahasha/ Namaacha Water Supply project will provide clean water to 46,500 people.
- The Manzini Region Water and Sanitation project will meet portable water requirements for 110,000 beneficiaries surrounding Manzini areas with an estimated cost of E1 billion.
- Government has made an allocation for the construction of houses with backyard gardens, fencing and water tanks to promote water harvesting and access to clean and safe drinking water.

## Social Protection

- Government has continued to support the vulnerable populations through cash transfers to Elderly Person's and the Person's with Disabilities.
- Increased allocation for elderly grant by 20% to cushion the cost-of-living adjustments.
- Increased the number of Persons with Disabilities receiving the national grant by 2500, and adding E50 to each recipient raising the monthly amount received to E450.
- Move all grant beneficiaries to MOWD platform to ensure efficiency and cost reduction.
- Launched the National Disability Plan of Action 2024-2028.
- E283 million allocated for Community Development Fund to be managed by Micro Projects.



E5.4 billion



E3.1 billion



E1.6 billion



E1.4 billion



School Grants

E702 million



Youth Empowerment

E111 million



Food Security

E1.6 billion

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