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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# QUARTERLY GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2019/2020

#### HIGHLIGHTS

# ORIGINAL UNADJUSTED ESTIMATES CONSTANT PRICES (2016/17)

Year on Year Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (QGDP) for the Fourth Quarter (Q4) of 2019/2020 contracted by 6.0 percent compared to the growth of 6.5 percent (revised) registered in Q4 of the previous year.

## **Sectoral Performance**

The Agriculture sector grew by 1.4 percent in Q4 of 2019/2020 compared to a growth of 10.5 percent (revised) in Q4 of the previous year. Food Crops and Livestock activities registered 1.3 and 8.0 percent growth in Q4 2019/2020 respectively.

Year on Year Value added in Industry sector declined by 9.0 percent in Q4 of 2019/2020 compared to a growth of 6.8 percent (revised) in Q4 of the previous year. The manufacturing sector registered a decline of 11.4 percent in Q4 2019/2020 compared to 6.5 percent (revised) in Q4 2018/19.

The Services sector overall Value added declined by 6.5 percent in Q4 of 2019/2020 compared to a growth of 6.0 percent (revised) in Q4 of the previous year. This decline was mainly driven by decrease in Accommodation & Food Service, Financial & Insurance and Trade & Repairs activities which registered declines of 45.5, 14.6 and 6.3 percent in Q4 2019/2020 respectively. The GDP growth for Q4 2019/2020 and previous quarters is shown in Graph 1 and Tables in the Appendix.

## **ORIGINAL UNADJUSTED ESTIMATES**

## **CURRENT PRICES**

QGDP in current prices for the Fourth Quarter (Q4) of 2019/2020 is estimated to have declined to 31,548 billion shillings from 33,212 billion shillings in Q4 of 2018/19.

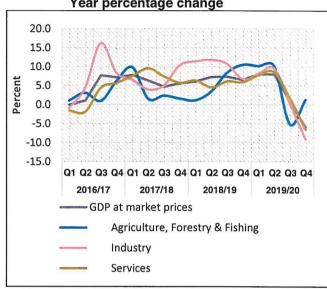
#### **Sectoral Contribution**

In terms of sector contribution to overall QGDP, the Agriculture sector contributed 24.7 percent in Q4 of 2019/2020 from the 23.0 registered in Q4 of 2018/19, which is a 1.7 percentage point growth in the share to QGDP.

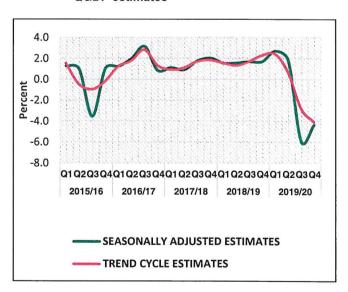
The contribution of the Industry sector remained stable at 26.2 percent in Q4 of 2019/2020 compared to Q4 of 2018/19.

The Services sector continued to be the biggest contributor to QGDP, representing 43.5 percent in Q4 of 2019/2020 compared to Q4 of 2018/19

Graph 1: GDP and Sectoral Value Added Year on Year percentage change



Graph 2: Quarter to Quarter percentage change in QGDP estimates



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## QUARTERLY GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (QGDP) Q4 2019/2020

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## ORIGINAL UNADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Year on Year real Quarterly GDP declined by 6.0 percent in Q4 of 2019/2020. In value terms, the economy contracted from 33,212 billion shillings in Q4 2018/19 to 31,548 billion shillings in Q4 2019/2020.

## Sectoral Performance

## Agriculture

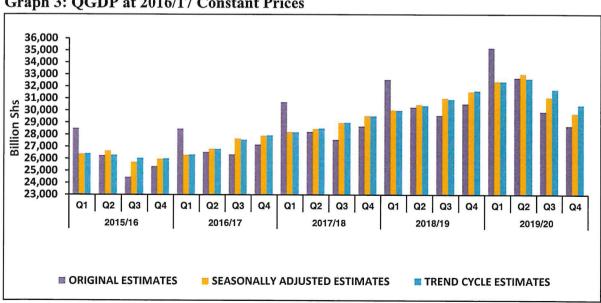
Year on Year Value added in the Agriculture sector was recorded at 7,794 billion shillings in O4 2019/2020 compared to 7,653 billion shillings recorded in Q4 of 2018/19. This was a growth in the value added, mainly due to an increase in Food crop growing activities registered from 3,420 billion shillings in Q4 2018/19 to 3,466 billion shillings in Q4 2019/2020. This was due to an increase in the major food crops growing activities like beans and maize. In addition, fishing activities declined from 617 billion shillings in O4 2018/19 to 613 billion shillings in O4 2019/20.

## Industry

Year on Year Industry sector Value Added declined by 9.0 percent in O4 2019/2020 compared to the growth of 6.8 percent recorded in Q4 of the previous year. The main drivers of this decline were Manufacturing and Mining & Quarrying activities which declined to 4,173 billion shillings and 377 billion shillings in Q4 2019/2020 compared to 4,713 billion shillings and 573 billion shillings in Q4 2018/19 respectively. There was a decline in mining activities of Kaolin and Tin.

## Services

The Value added for the Services sector contracted by 6.5 percent in O4 2019/2020 compared to the growth of 6.0 percent in Q4 of the previous year. This was mainly due to declines in Accommodation & Food Service, Financial & Insurance and Trade & Repairs activities which registered a decline of 45.5, 14.6 and 6.3 percent in Q4 2019/2020 respectively. However, Public Administration activities grew by 22.4 in Q4 2019/2020 compared to Q4 2018/19.



Graph 3: QGDP at 2016/17 Constant Prices

## Taxes on Products and Subsidies

Taxes on Products and Subsidies declined by 15.2 percent from 2,001 billion shillings in Q4 2018/19 to 1,696 billion shillings in Q4 2019/20. This was due to a decline in the customs duty for mainly netroleum products and value added tax on imported goods.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Quarter on Quarter real QGDP declined by 4.3 percent in Q4 of 2019/2020 compared to 5.9 percent decline in Q3 2019/2020. In value terms, the economy declined from 31,094 billion shillings in Q3 2019/2020 to 29,752 billion shillings in Q4 2019/2020.

## Agriculture

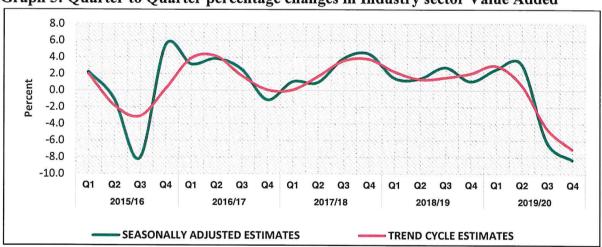
The Agriculture sector Value added grew by 12.2 percent in Q4 2019/2020 compared to a 12.1 percent decline registered in Q3 2019/2020. The Valued Added for the sector increased from 6,635 billion shillings in Q3 2019/2020 to 7,445 billion shillings in Q4 2019/2020. Notable growth was observed in the food crop growing activities.

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Graph 4: Quarter to Quarter percentage changes in Agriculture sector Value Added

## Industry

Valued Added for the Industry sector declined by 8.3 percent in Q4 2019/2020 compared to a decline of 6.2 percent registered in Q3 2019/2020. Industry activities value added declined from 8,435 billion shillings in Q3 2019/2020 to 7,734 billion shillings in Q4 2019/2020. This was due to a decline in manufacturing activities.



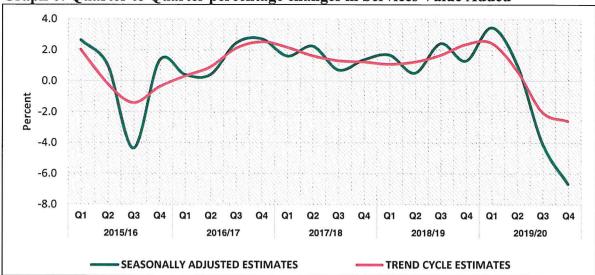
Graph 5: Quarter to Quarter percentage changes in Industry sector Value Added

#### **Services**

Valued Added for the Service activities declined by 6.7 percent in Q4 2019/2020 compared to a decline of 4.0 percent registered in Q3 2019/2020. The Services sector value added declined from 13,783 billion shillings in Q3 2019/2020 to 12,866 billion shillings in Q4 2019/2020. This was due to a decline in Accommodation & Food Service, Financial & Insurance and Trade & Repairs activities.

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Graph 6: Quarter to Quarter percentage changes in Services Value Added



#### Taxes on Products and Subsidies

Valued Added for Taxes on Products and Subsidies declined by 23.8 percent in Q4 2019/2020 compared to a growth of 4.8 percent registered in Q3 2019/2020. Taxes on Products and Subsidies declined from 2,241 billion shillings in Q3 2019/2020 to 1,707 billion shillings in Q4 2019/2020. This was due to a decline in the customs duty for mainly petroleum products and value added tax on imported goods.

## Notes:

All these estimates have been benchmarked to the 2019/2020 Preliminary AGDP Estimates. **Benchmarking**: They are methods in national accounts used to derive quarterly series that are consistent with their corresponding annual benchmarks and at the same time preserve the short-term movements of quarterly economic indicators.

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