



MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND CO-ORDINATION OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

PRESS STATEMENT ON THE STATUS OF PAYMENTS OF HISTORICAL PENDING CLAIMS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, through the State Department for Correctional Services prepared a Cabinet Memo seeking for an approval from the Cabinet to pay historical pending claims. In order to bring the matter to a logical conclusion.

The Cabinet directed the State Department through Pending Bills Multi-Agency Team (PB-MAT) to undertake a final and thorough verification of the pending claims.

Following successful verification of the Historical Outstanding Pending Claims by the State Department as directed by the Cabinet, the National Government provided sufficient funds to settle the verified claims. **In this regard therefore, the State Department wishes to clarify the following;**

1. That, the payment exercise is currently ongoing and is organized based on regions according to the verification exercise
2. The State department is processing 24,500 vouchers and each voucher is being processed individually on it's own merit.
3. The vouchers for North Eastern have already been paid whereas Upper Eastern is about to be concluded. Therefore, suppliers who have not been paid, are requested to exercise patience as the State Department continues with the payments. The exercise involves handling numerous and voluminous payment documents.
3. Suppliers are hereby notified that, payments are ongoing with strict adherence to financial, audit and accounting procedures which includes the following:-
 - (a) Ensuring that the claims are as per the National Treasury and Secretariat pending claims list.
 - (b) Establishing that the outstanding historical claims have adequate supporting documents as per the Secretariat and PB-MAT and other Government Regulations.
 - (c) Authenticating the pending claims payments transaction in the IFMIS system to allow for further processing by the Accounts Unit.
 - (d) Processing is organized according to regions (10 regions). The documents are pre-numbered (serialized), examined, defined in IFMIS System, invoiced, validated, approved by AIE holder, approved by Head of Accounting Unit, cashier uploads in the internet banking, approved in Internet banking, finally transmission to supplier's account.

It is important to note that each payment voucher has to independently undergo all the above processes before the final transmission. The process is serial in nature.

4. Suppliers are hereby informed that the exercise is being conducted transparently, fairly and accountably and thus no need for third parties or brokers purporting to assist them.
5. The State Department for Correctional Services is committed and assures all suppliers with legitimate claims that they will be paid as funds are available and secure.

Further, in the meantime, State Department appeals to the suppliers to exercise patience as it proceeds with process of payment.

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