



Uganda Revenue Authority
DEVELOPING UGANDA TOGETHER

HALF YEAR REVENUE PERFORMANCE PRESS BRIEF

Period: July 2024 to Dec 2024

The Media fraternity,

Senior Management members present,

Staff of URA present,

Ladies and Gentleman,

Good morning,

The purpose of this meeting is to update and account to the public on the Revenue performance of the Half financial year period from July 2024 to December 2024.

As the Tax Administration body, we would want to start by recognizing and appreciating every taxpayer who has contributed their fair share of Taxes and has supported the effort of nation building by fulfilling their tax obligations.

It is because of those patriotic and faithful citizens that we have been able to come this far as we are going to highlight in the report.

And it is because of your contribution that government has been able to provide the much needed social services. We are also doing all we can as URA to support the businesses so that they can remain afloat as they contribute their fair share towards national development.

I now take the opportunity to walk you through this Half year press brief to bring to your attention the factors that explain our Half year - excellent revenue collection performance, the administrative and policy interventions executed during – this period.

Performance Overview

For the - FY 2024/25, URA was given a net revenue target of **UGX 31,369.16 billion**, of this **48%** that is **UGX 14,926.85 billion**, was to be collected in the period July – Dec 2024 and 52% of the target, that is **UGX16,442.32 billion** is to be collected in the second half that is the period Jan -June 2025.

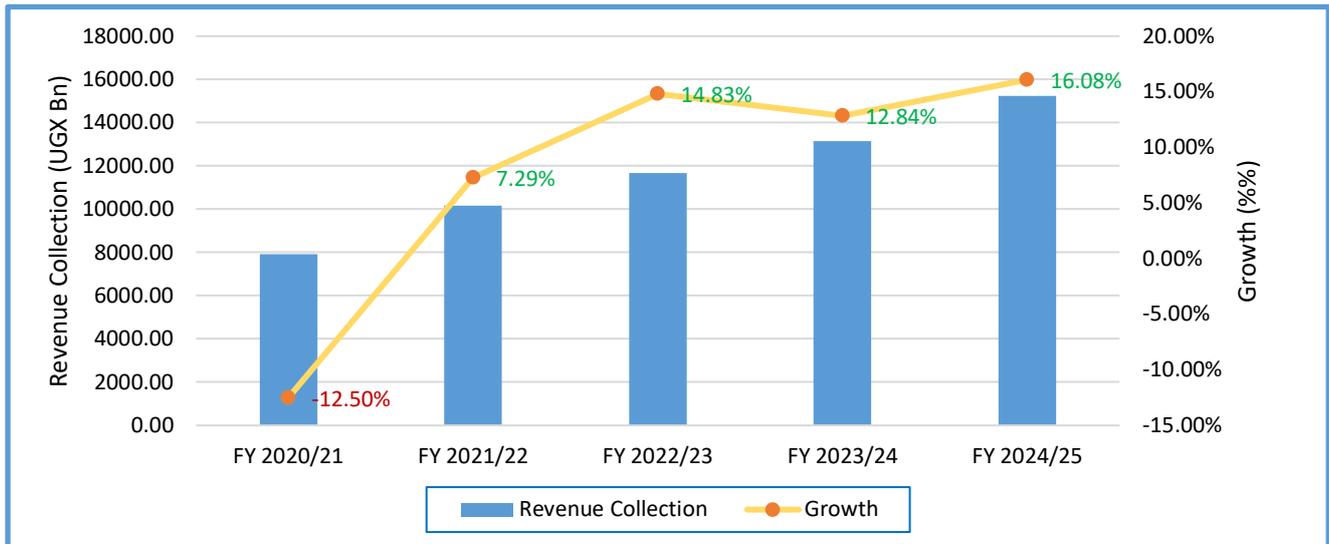
The net revenue collections for the Half year, that is the period July 2024 -Dec 2024 were UGX **15,248.99 billion** against a target of UGX **14,926.85 billion**, registering a notable surplus of UGX **322 billion** and a performance rate of 102.16 percent.

A growth in net revenue of UGX 2,112.25 billion (16.08 percent) was registered in July to December FY 2024/25 compared to July to December FY 2023/24.

Tax Head	Category	December-2024	July – December FY 2024/25
Net Revenue	Target (UGX Bn)	3,479.83	14,926.85
	Actual (UGX Bn)	3,743.41	15,248.99
	Variance (UGX Bn)	263.58	322.14
	Achievement rate (%)	107.57%	102.16%
	Growth/Decline (%)	23.69%	16.08%
Tax Refunds	Expected tax refund (UGX Bn)	(67.06)	(402.38)
	Actual tax refund (UGX Bn)	(90.51)	(346.37)
	Variance (UGX Bn)	(23.45)	56.00
	Achievement rate (%)	134.96%	86.08%

This performance was as a result of stable and resilient economic performance and enhanced administrative measures as well good cooperation of our patriotic tax payers.

Figure 1: Half year Trend Analysis of Net Revenue Performance



Domestic tax revenue collection:

The domestic revenue collection for July to December 2024 was UGX 10,131.57 billion against a target of UGX 9,874.50 billion, registering a surplus of UGX 257.06 billion and a performance rate of 102.60 percent. A growth of UGX 1,322.57 billion (15.01 percent) was registered in July to December FY 2024/25 compared to July to December FY 2023/24.

International trade tax collections:

The international Trade revenue collection for July to December was UGX 5,426.46 billion against a target of UGX 5,454.72 billion. This resulted into a performance of 99.48 percent and a significant revenue growth of UGX 780.06 billion (16.79 percent) was achieved compared to same period last FY, that is July -Dec 2024. However, the collections were UGX 28.26 billion below the target.

Reasons for the Half Year Revenue performance in FY 2024\25

Enhanced administrative measures in form of Enhanced compliance initiatives, arrears management, deliberate compliance engagements with the tax payers, increased Taxpayer training and sensitization, use of alternative dispute

resolution, Sector based compliance management, use of information, tax investigations, and use of technology.

Increased field operations and engagements: Continuous taxpayer engagements, and intensified field activities have driven higher remittances from taxpayers.

Improvement of compliance processes like the filing process for rental tax and Local excise duty using prefilled returns. The return prefilling reduces the turnaround time and the cost of compliance for the Taxpayers.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS in FY 2024/25

The key initiatives implemented in FY 2024/25 to influence taxpayers' compliance behavior/culture, widen the tax base and support revenue collections were;

Expansion of Tax Base During the first Half of FY 2024/25, 420,183 new taxpayers were added to the tax-payer register bringing a total of 4,881,983 Taxpayers. The new Taxpayers so far yielded UGx. 59.01 billion for the period July -Dec. Of these, 232,063 were non-individuals and 4,649,920 were individual tax payers.

The growth in the register is accredited to use of 3rd party information, process simplification for Tin acquisition and increase field operations and engagements.

Implementation of government policy on income tax Waiver, inline with section 47A of the Tax Procedures Code Act.

This resulted into Revenue collection of Principal tax of **UGX 261.98 billion** and waived penalties worth **UGX 2.73 billion** and Interest **UGX 111.79 billion** as at 31st December 2024.

Enforcement Interventions

Customs country-wide enforcement operations during the first half of FY 2024/25 led to a recovery of UGX 38 billion as a consequence of 9,303 seizures of which 8,696 were for dutiable goods and 607 seizures for non-dutiable goods.

Legal Services and Board Affairs

In the month of December, 2024, the LSBA Department recorded a total collection of UGX 86.067 billion and USD 2800. Of which ADR contributed a total of UGX 55.25 billion.

Outlook for Second Half of FY 2024/25: The net revenue collection target for the second Half of FY 2024/25 is **UGX16,442.32** billion which represents a share of 52% of the annual Target. The target for the FY 2024/25 will remain achievable given the robust strategy and administrative measures below;

- strengthening tax administration and compliance,
- stakeholder engagements,
- improved staff accountability through the performance management system,
- enhancing the use of data analytics,
- Improved Risk management to identify potential Revenue Leakages ,
- Use of alternative dispute resolution,
- strengthening science investigations and
- Improved border management.
- Implementation of a Client-Centric Approach,
- Expanding the Reach of Tax Education;
- Tackling Corruption and Integrity issues both among the staff and some Tax agents

Conclusion:

In order to successfully implement the above focus areas and strategies to realize the annual revenue target, it will therefore require a deliberate and concerted effort from all stakeholders involved in revenue collection. On our part as URA, we will continue to invest in efficient systems, simplifying processes and building strategic partnerships to ensure smooth expeditious service delivery.

I therefore take this opportunity to appreciate all our clients, partners and particularly the compliant taxpayers for making the Half year surplus, that added

additional revenue to the government's basket in our concerted effort to develop Uganda together.

Happy New year

For God and my Country

John R. Musinguzi

COMMISSIONER GENERAL