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AUDITOR GENERAL PRESENTS 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT TO PARLIAMENT

Auditor General Kamuhire Alexis has presented the annual audit report for the year ended June 30, 2023, to Parliament. The report was tabled before both chambers of Parliament, following Article 167 of the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda.

This year saw an increase in the proportion of Government expenditure audited, rising to 96% from 95% in the previous year. For the year ended on June 30, 2023, the total Government expenditure was Frw **5,193 Bn**, with the OAG auditing expenditures totaling Frw **4,981 Bn**.

"We issued two hundred twenty-two (222) financial audit and (220) compliance audit reports for the financial year ended 30 June 2023. Additionally, we carried out sixteen (16) performance audits, seven (7) IS audits, and ten (10) special audits. The performance audits focused on the areas of national interest in agriculture, education, social protection, environment, investment, ICT, finance and economy sectors." The Auditor General told the parliamentarians.

Compared to the previous year, there was a gradual improvement in audit outcomes. "The proportion of audited entities receiving unqualified opinions in financial audits increased to 92% from 68% in the previous year. Similarly, those receiving unqualified opinions in compliance audits of laws and regulations on public spending rose to 69% from 61%, and for compliance with laws and regulations to realize Value for Money, the entities receiving unqualified opinions increased to 59% from 57%. Furthermore, the percentage of fully implemented recommendations rose to 59% from 57%," He added.

The current year's audits utilized a preventive audit approach to review contracts. With this audit approach, the audits identified financial losses amounting to **Frw 6.92 Bn** that were likely to be recovered.

The Auditor General noted that unlawful expenditure decreased by 60% compared to the previous year, decreasing to **Frw 2.57 Bn** from **Frw 6.45 Bn**. "There is still a need for Chief Budget Managers to put in place strong internal controls to avoid them," the Auditor General remarked.

OAG is committed to conducting impactful audits of government institutions to ensure that public resources are being utilized for national priorities and the well-being of Rwandan citizens.

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