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Chief Executive Officer
Mansakonko Area Council
Soma
Lower River Region

**AUDIT OF MANSAKONKO AREA COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2019 TO 31
DECEMBER 2019**

Following the conclusion of our audit of Mansakonko Area Council, please find attached the final management letter for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 and the audited financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2019.

We thank you for the cooperation we received during the audit.

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For: Auditor General

Cc:
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Ministry of Local Government and Lands

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MANSAKONKO AREA COUNCIL

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT & AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

**NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE
BERTIL HARDING HIGHWAY
KANIFING INSTITUTIONAL LAYOUT
KANIFING**

SEPTEMBER 2021

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1.0 General Information

1.1 General Council Members

#	Name	Designation	Ward
1	Landing B Sanneh	Chairman	
2	Alimamo .AK Ceesay	Vice Chairman	Pakaliba Ward
3	Nfamara Saidykhan	Councillor	Jaduma Ward
4	Bakary Fadera	Councillor	Gikoko Ward
5	Tumbul Krubally	Councillor	Jalang Bereh Ward
6	Sira Sabally	Councillor	Bureng Ward
7	Sainey Jadama	Councillor	Jularfarr Ward
8	Sulayman Sanneh	Councillor	Kiaf ward
9	Momodou Manneh	Councillor	Kiang Bantang Ward
10	Ousman k Sowe	Councillor	Jirrof Ward
11	Abdoulie Camara	councillor	Buiba Ward
	Bakary Korita	councillor	Masembeh Ward
13	Sidisi Dibba	councillor	Kwinnella Ward
14	Alpha Khan	councillor	Civil Society Rep
15	Ebrima Jallow	councillor	Disable Rep
16	Karim Y Darboe	councillor	Youth Rep
17	Ndey Ceesay	councillor	Businnes Rep
18	Seyfo Ansumana Sanneh	councillor	Chief Rep

1.2 Principal Officers (Finance)

#	Name	Designation
1	Seedy K Touray	Chief Executive Officer
2	Bai Gibbi Sallah	Director of Finance

1.3 Bank Accounts

BANK	ACCOUNT NO
TRUST BANK	00711090022001
RELIANCE	03816003000033314
GUARANTY TRUST BANK	603613211

Auditors

Auditor General
National Audit Office
Bertil Harding Highway
Kanifing Institutional Layout
Kanifing

2.0 General Council's Report

For The Year Ended 31 December 2019

The General Council presents the audited financial statements of Mansa konko Area Council for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Principal Activity

The Principal activity of Mansa konko Area Council is to provide basic services, infrastructure and development to meet the needs of its inhabitants from human, financial, material resources and opportunities generated in the Municipality.

General Council Members

The members of the general council during the year are listed on page 3.

General Council's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The council is responsible for preparing financial statement for each year which gives a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of Mansa konko Area Council for the financial year 2019.

In preparing these financial statements, the council is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgment on estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position and the financial performance of Mansa konko Area Council and to enable them ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions of the Government Budget Management and Accountability Act, Financial and Accounting Manual for Local Government Authorities, Local Government Act, and the Finance and Audit Act, and applicable accounting policies appropriate to Mansa konko Area Council.

The Council is responsible for safeguarding the assets of Mansa konko Area Council and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS

The external auditor is the auditor General – National Audit Office, in accordance with Chapter 75:01, Part III, Section 14 (1) and (2) of the laws of The Gambia 1990 edition.

BY ORDER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL



DATE: 6/10/2021

3.0 Auditor General's Report

On the financial statements of Mansakonko Area council for the Year ended 31 December 2019.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Mansakonko Area Council for the year ended 31 December 2019, which comprise of Income & Expenditure Accounts & Balance Sheet for the year then ended, as set out on page 10.

Adverse Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mansakonko Area Council, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2019, and the revenue and expenditure statement, and notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly financial position as at December 31, 2019, and (of) its performance for the year then ended 2019 in accordance with The Local Government Act, 2002, Financial & Accounting Manual for Local Government Authorities 2009, and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Basis for Adverse Opinion

i. Framework & Accounting policies adopted

The council did not state the accounting policies it adopted and followed for the treatment and reporting of its transactions. It was not apparent from the review of the statements which policies were followed.

ii. No Information on Assets & Liabilities

The Financial & Accounting Manual for Local Government Authorities requires the preparation a Balance Sheet. This may not be practicable given the basis of accounting followed by the council (cash basis); IPSAS however strongly recommend disclosure of information on assets and liabilities of the reporting company within the notes of the financial statement. For this reason, the true and complete picture of the council's standing is not available to stakeholders for decision making.

iii. Disagreement Between Primary books and Journals balances

The cashbook balance for the relevant accounts had huge differences with the corresponding codes in the ledgers. There was a cumulative deficit variance of **GMD 618,130.00** and cumulative surplus variance of **GMD 125, 219.00** respectively. These differences remained unexplained and uncorrected up to the time of finalization of this report.

iv. Disagreement Between Ledgers and Trial Balance balances

There were huge differences between most account balances in the ledgers with corresponding balances in the trial balance. A cumulative variance of **GMD 9,127,636.00** and **GMD 11,786,041.09** for revenue and expenditure respectively existed. This too was not explained and/or corrected up to the time of finalizing this report. Most of the balances in both the ledger and trial balance had zero balances and the Director of Finance did not provide any explanation.

Management’s Responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Local Government Finance and Audit Act, 2004, Financial and Accounting Manual For Local Government Authorities Chapter 9 on cash basis, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility


Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standard for Supreme Audit Institutions. These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting statements made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**AUDITOR GENERAL
NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE
BERTIL HARDING HIGHWAY
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KANFING**

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 01/10/21

4.0 Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2019

4.1 Income and Expenditure Accounts

INCOME				
	OPENING BALANCE	NOTE	AMOUNT D	
		1		
91	LICENSE	2	2,039,800.00	
92	TAXES	3	98,591.00	
94	RATES	4	5,689,462.00	
95	RENT AND FEES	5	3,196,331.00	
96	OTHER INCOMES	6	128,000.00	
98	GRANTS	7	500,000.00	
	TOTAL INCOME			11,652,184.00
	LESS EXPENDITURE			
10	CHAIRMAN OFFICE	8	1,738,033.89	
21	ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT	9	1,809,806.28	
22	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	10	1,936,203.88	
24	MARKET UNIT	11	485,224.00	
25	PROCUREMENT UNIT	12	207,725.00	
23	INTERNAL AUDIT	13	94,934.00	
60	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	14	756,380.00	
50	HEALTH AND SANITATION	15	542,837.00	
30	SECURITY UNIT	16	523,131.70	
40	CONTRIBUTION	17	302,800.34	
80	DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	18	3,388,965.00	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE			11,786,041.09
	INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE			- 133,857.09



 Chief Executive Officer

Date: 4/10/2021



 Director of Finance

Date: 04/10/2021

4.2 Trial Balance

TRIAL BALANCE AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2019			
Code	Description	DR	CR
91.01	License		2,039,800.00
92.01	Taxes		98,519.00
94.01	Rates		5,689,462.00
95.01	Rent and Fees		3,196,331.00
96.01	Other Income		128,000.00
98.01	Grants		500,000.00
10.01.01	Chairman and Councilors	1,738,033.89	
21.01.01	Administration	1,809,806.28	
22.01.01	Finance and Accounts	1,936,203.88	
	Planning and Development	756,380.00	
60.01.01	Market Unit	485,224.00	
24.01.01	Procurement Unit	207,725.00	
25.01.01	Internal Audit	94,934.00	
23.01.01	Health and Sanitation	542,837.00	
50.01.01	Security Unit	523,131.70	
30.01.01	Contribution	302,800.34	
40.01.01	Development Projects	3,388,965.00	
80.01.01	Balance B/F		133,857.09
		11,786,041.09	11,785,969.09



 Chief Executive Officer

 Date: 4/10/2019



 Director of Finance

 Date: 04/10/2019