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MEDIA RELEASE

2011 GOODS AND SERVICES GRANTS RELEASED

The National Government has released the final 2011 portion as of October 31st of the Recurrent Goods and Services grants to the Provinces and Local-level Governments.

Published in the Post-Courier of today (Wednesday 23rd November 20011) is the Warrant Release data that contains amounts of funding released to each of the provinces and LLGs for the delivery of Goods and Services for this year.

The National Economic and Fiscal Commission (NEFC) together with Department of Treasury as part of the reform of Intergovernmental Financing Arrangements have been publishing the Warrant Release data since 2007.

The purpose of Warrant Release is to improve transparency and accountability in the delivery of basic services. This provides an opportunity for the public to see and assess how much funding has been released by the National Government to the Provinces and Local-level Governments for the delivery of basic services.

The funding is intended for delivery of basic services including activities such as operation of rural health facilities, outreach health patrols, drug distribution, provision of school materials, roads and bridges maintenance, extension activities in agriculture, fisheries, forestry and operational materials for village courts.

Provinces are urged to spend these funding on those intended purposes as specified in the Budgets and Expenditure Instructions issued by the Department of Treasury.

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