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**PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT
OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL
ON THE
ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS
BY GETFUND**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to Section 2(2b) of the GETFund Act, 2000 (Act 581), the Fund is to provide supplementary funding to the Scholarship Secretariat for granting of scholarships to gifted but needy students to study in second cycle and accredited tertiary institutions in Ghana. The Act made a provision under Subsection 2(2)(e) that allows GETFund Secretariat to promote other educational activities.

2. GETFund Secretariat breached the object of the Fund and administered the scholarship themselves, and illegally funded foreign scholarships thus, acting outside their mandate.

3. Prior to 2009, GETFund Secretariat allocated and disbursed funds to Scholarship Secretariat in fulfilment of its obligation in section 2(2)(b) of Act 581. It is observed that GETFund Secretariat discontinued scholarship funding to the Scholarship Secretariat contrary to Section 2(2b) of Act 581 and administered scholarships on its own.

4. It was observed that in administering the scholarships, GETFund Secretariat did not establish any systems, policies and procedures to ensure the economic, efficient and effective use of public funds. The GETFund Administrator, at his discretion, made all decisions on who to award scholarships, leading to the imprudent administration of scholarships from 2012 to 2018.

5. With a Board of Trustees in place to oversee the operations of GETFund Secretariat, it was expected that, the Board would restrain the Administrator (2012-2016) when the Administrator was going overboard under its watch. Instead, the Board did not exercise its oversight responsibility to restrain the Administrator from using his discretion to award scholarships which depleted the Fund. The Board continuously discussed the way the scholarship budget was being over-spent and the need to streamline the spending on scholarship awards but it failed to act on its decisions. GETFund Secretariat through its actions wasted public funds entrusted to its care.

6. GETFund Secretariat did not institute measures to ensure scholarship expenditures stayed within scholarship budgets. The GETFund Secretariat exceeded scholarship allocation amount by 300 per cent from 2012 to 2014 and over 100% in 2015, 2016 and 2018; whilst in 2017, it exceeded its budgetary allocation amount by 60.98 per cent.

7. Additionally, GETFund failed to establish a robust selection process to ensure the scholarships were granted to gifted but needy Ghanaians. The selection process for scholarship award by GETFund Secretariat was non-structured, unfair, dominated by one person and porous. This allowed unqualified applicants to benefit rather than brilliant but needy Ghanaians as contemplated by Act 581.

8. Finally, GETFund did not institute controls to secure the efficient and effective disbursement of public funds resulting in the payment of GH¢1,895,238.31 for course extensions, change of schools and cost of deferrals which could have been minimised.

Members of Parliament, politicians, media practitioners, lecturers, heads of institutions and associates awarded scholarships

	Name	Institution	Programme	Tuition	Living Allowance
1.	Abdulai Abanga	University of Siegen	MSc Economic policy	€ 8,400.00 .00	€ 10,397.00
2.	Abdul-Nasir Abubakar	Leiden University, Netherlands	PhD Research	€ 48,000.00	€ 55,680.00
3.	Agbonor Rufai Sulemani	University of Stirling, Wales	MSc Psychology of Sports	£ 14,970.00	£ 12,710.00
4.	Akua Adesiwaa Asare	Universite Charles-de-Gaulle, France	Teaching of French as a Foreign Language	€ 3,278.00	€ 10,000.00
5.	Albert Morgan Wright	University of Portsmouth, U.K	Computer and Information Security	£ 13,100.00	£ 10,130.00
6.	Amadu Ibrahim	University of Leeds	MSc International Construction Management and Engineering	£16,200.00	£ 10,130.00
7.	Andy Mprah	University of York, U.K	Health in Health Sciences	£ 57,120.00	£ 49,520.00
8.	Anifa Musah	Erasmus University, Netherlands	MSC in Urban Management and Development	€ 11,900.00	€ 12,547.00
9.	Anita Bagnaba	University of Kingston, London	MSc. Occupational and Business Psychology	£ 12,500.00	£ 10,130.00
10.	Annette Barnes	City University of London	Dispute Resolution	£ 11,000.00	£ 12,710.00
11.	Bryan Buxton Barnor	Portsmouth University	MSc Coastal & marine Resources management	£ 10,000.00	£ 12,800.00
12.	Charles Otu Sebbe	University of Saskatchewan	Curriculum Studies	US\$ 31,312.00	US\$ 25,600.00
13.	Elikem Ama Asimah	University of Dundee	MSc International Oil and Gas Mgt	£ 11,500.00	-
14.	Emmanuel Bludo	University of Nottingham, U.K	Applied Biomolecular Technology	£ 18,380.00	-
15.	Emmanuel Kan-Evelaa Kankpeyeng	University of Western Australia, Australia	Masters in Environmental Science(Marine And Coastal Management)	AUD\$ 74,498.00	US\$ 25,600.00
16.	Eric Amofo Odame	Aberdeen University, UK	MSC Environmental Science	£ 17,200.00	£12,710.00
17.	Ernest Ayi Anteh	University of Reading	MA. In Public Policy	£ 14,900.00	£12,710.00
18.	Eva Mensah	University of St. Vincent, USA	Doctor of Medicine	US\$ 54,085.00	US\$ 12,300.00
19.	Ewuradjoa Ayirebi-Acquah	Wenzhou Medical University, China	MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery)	RMB 171,600.00	US\$ 36,000.00
20.	Francisca Duku-Takyi	University of Bradford, UK	Finance and Investment	£ 13,500.00	-
21.	George Abrawo Akwoviah	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	MSc. Health Policy, Planning & Financing	£ 19,250.00	-
22.	George Kwasi Agbenyegah	Geneva Graduate Institute of International Development, Geneva	Development Policies and Practice	-	-

23	Gloria Anto-Boateng	University of Greenwich	MSc. Food Safety and Quality Management	£ 9,650.00	£ 12,530.00
24	Gloria Kafui Fiam Coblavie	University of Dundee	LLM Petroleum Law and policy	£ 16,000.00	-
25	Helel Smith	University of Denver	MSc International Disaster Psychology	US\$ 74,024.00	US\$ 25,600.00
26	Immanuel Mensa-Bonsu	Heriot-Watt University, Scotland	Actuarial Science	£ 15,800.00	£ 12,530.00
27	Isaac Adjetei	Newcastle University, UK	MSc. Environmental Engineering	£ 14,320.00	£ 7,920.00
28	Isaac Dakurah	Cranfield University	MSc Economics for Natural Resources and Environment Management	£ 16,000.00	£ 10,130.00
29	Isaac Fordjour	University of Northern British Columbia	Finance and Risk Management	US\$ 64,946.00	US\$ 25,600.00
30	Ishmael Nii Adumoah Oku	Norwegian School of Economics, Norway	MSc. Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Programme	-	US\$ 16,800.00
31	James Avoka Asamani	Cardiff University, Wales	PhD In Nursing (Cardiovascular Care)	-	-
32	Juliana Oyiadzoo	Aberdeen University, UK	MSC Global Health Management	£13,000.00	£ 10,130.00
33	Karen Sagoe	Charite-Universitätsmedizin, Berlin	International Health	€ 18,450.00	€ 8,040.00
34	Katumi Iddrisu Assam	University of Birmingham	MSc. Occupational health; Safety and Environment	€ 17,960.00	£ 10,130.00
35	Ketura Agyemang Saahene	Bond University, Australia	Master of Criminology (Professional)	AUD\$ 73,592.00	US\$ 21,654.00
36	Lucy Atapsare	University of Manchester	MSc Operations, Projects and Supply Chain Management	£ 16,700.00	-
37	Lukeman Abubakari	Swansea University	Public Policy	£ 8,600.00	£ 10,130.00
38	Matthew Opoku Prempeh	Harvard University	Senior Executive in National and International Security	US\$ 11200	US\$ 12,800
39	Mumuni Awudu Adams	UGSM-Monarch Business School, Switzerland	PhD. International Business	€ 42,999.00	€ 37,641.00
40	Nyarko Felix Kwame	Jiangsu University, China	Accounting	RMB 60,000.00	£ 30,390.00
41	Otis Kofi Ocloo	Fort Valley State University, US	Animal Science	US\$ 12,798.00	US\$ 12,320.00
42	Owusu Asiedu	University of Westminster, UK	MSC Project management	£ 12,000.00	£ 10,710.00
43	Patience Kpiniong	University of Birmingham	Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Econometrics	£ 13,665.00	£ 10,130.00
44	Prince Bright Asare	Macquarie University, Australia	Master of Policing, Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism with Master of International Security studies	-	US\$ 12,000.00
45	Prince Hamidu Armah	University of Aberdeen	Philosophy in Education	£ 33,000.00	£ 38,400.00
46	Ramana Shareef	University of Reading	MSc. Communication for Innovation and Development	£ 12,600.00	£ 10,130.00

47	Raphael Adjetej Fumey	University of Louisville, USA	PHD Public Health(Health Promotion)	US\$ 83,484.00	US\$ 38,400.00
48	Richardson Kojo Doe	University of Johannesburg, South Africa	PHD Electrical and electronic engineering	R114,000.00	R38,400.00
49	Seth Nketiah	Liaoning Medical University, China	Clinical Medicine and Surgery	RMB 60,000.00	US\$ 10,800.00
50	Seth Oppong	University of Portsmouth, UK	MSc Business Economic, Finance and Banking	£ 12,100.00	£ 10,130.00
51	Solomon Anzagra	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies	Development studies	CHF 5,000.00	€ 25,194.00
52	Suad Lily Bawa	Kingston University Law and Business School, London	Corporate Communications and Corporate Social Responsibility	£ 12,500.00	£ 13,710.00
53	Suleman Abdul-Razak	Abertay University	Ethical Hacking & Cyber Security	£ 12,200.00	£ 10,130.00
54	Vera Hayibor	University of Strathclyde, Glasgow	International Law and Sustainable Development	£ 11,000.00	£ 10,130.00
55	William Annan-Prah	Lancaster University	MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management	£ 14,000.00	£ 10,130.00
56	Wisdom Gbediame	Virginia Commonwealth Uni	Masters in Environmental Studies	US\$ 24,182.92	-
57	Abdul -Wadudu Adam Mohammed	London School of Economics	MSc Development Studies	-	-
58	Benjamin Akorli	Shenyang Medical College	Medicine	RMB 257,250.00	US\$ 43,500.00
59	Cletus Ataabazova Adombire	Kennesaw State University	Nursing	-	£ 12,800.00
60	Collins Dela Klu	Kazan State Medical University, Russia	General Medicine	US\$ 25,200.00	US\$ 76,800.00
61	Collins Kwadwo Krah	RMIT University	Statistics and Operations Research	AUD\$ 51,840.00	US\$ 51,200.00
62	Emmanuel Addipa-Adapoe	Hebei Medical University, China	Medicine	US\$ 63,414.00	US\$ 21,600.00
63	Enyonam Theophilia Ama Gadzanku	University of Derby, UK	PG course in Fashion Design and Textiles	£ 12,000.00	£ 12,710.00
64	Fredrick Amuna	Kennesaw State University	Electric Engineering Technology	-	£ 12,800.00
65	Grace Seidu	Institute of Social Studies, Hague, the Netherlands	MA Social Policy for Development	€ 15,659.00	€ 15,750.00
66	Musah Mahmud	University of Birmingham	MSc. International Development(Conflict, Security and Development)	£ 20,920.00	£ 20,260.00
67	Sylvester Abban	Tongji Medical College, China	MSc Public Health	RMB 48,000	-
68	Amin Yakubu	Columbia University, USA	Masters in Public Health	US\$ 12,520.00	US\$ 12,800.00
69	Shamsudeen Abdulai	University of Reading, UK	PHD Agricultural, Environment and Food Economic	£ 16,680.00	£ 12,710.00
70	Maame T Boakye	University of Manchester, UK	Masters in International Relations	£ 17,500.00	£ 12,710.00

71	Wisdom Andoh	University of Gothenburg, Sweden	Masters in Public Health	SEK 136,700.00	US\$ 12,800.00
72	Rachael Antwi	University of Oxford, UK	Masters in Environmental Change and Management	£ 19,335.00	£ 12,710.00
73	Reena Magdalene Golithly	University of Dundee, UK	Masters in Social Work	£ 14,950.00	£ 12,710.00
74	Joseph Kofi Provençal Eshun	Trinity Centre for Health Sciences, ST James Hospital Dublin, Ireland	Masters in Molecular Medicine	€ 17,373.00	€ 12,547.00
75	Erica Twum-Barimah	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK	Masters in Public Health	£ 21,500.00	£ 12,710.00
76	Nana Obrempongmaa Ofori-Atta	Georgetown University, USA	First degree	US\$ 52,600.00	US\$ 4,400.00
77	Adwoa Sarfowaa	Artic University of Norway	MSc Biology	Nok 13,005.43	
78	Ndeogo Ayishetu	Nottingham University, UK	Masters in Advanced Nursing	£15,885.00	£ 12,710.00
79	Suzzette Korkoi Otoo	University of Aberdeen, UK	Masters in Finance and Investment Management	£19,800.00	£ 12,710.00
80	Hon Mavis Nkansah Boadu	Harvard Kennedy School, USA	Global Change Agent Leadership Programme	-	-
81	Hon Kennedy Osei Nyarko	SOAS University of London, UK	PgCert Environmental Management	-	-
82	Ignatius Baffour Awuah	University of Portsmouth, UK	BA International Relations and Politics	£11,800.00	£ 12,710.00
83	Lawrence Opoku Boampong	University of Aberdeen, UK	PHD Petroleum Engineering	£ 18,000.00	£ 12,710.00
84	Nii Anyetei Akofio-Sowah	University of Portsmouth, UK	Masters in Information Systems	£ 14,400.00	£ 12,710.00
85	Michael Obeng Brown	Lund University, Sweden	Masters in Economic Growth, Population and Development	SEK 60,000.00	US\$12,800.00
86	Victor Brachie	Swansea University, UK	B. A Media and Communication	£ 12,900.00	£ 12,710.00
87	Araba Darkoa Ampah	Cranfield University, UK	MSc Management Information Systems	£ 18,500.00	£ 12,710.00
88	Sarah Adwoa Safo	Harvard Kennedy School	Conference	US\$17,004.00	US\$12,800.00