

Government is seeking to reduce its 2025-26 national budget by about \$60 million even as overall spending has reached 65% of planned expenditures, Finance Minister Yusuf Murangwa said.

The original budget, approved by Parliament in June 2025, totaled 7.03 trillion Rwandan francs (about \$5.5 billion). The government is proposing a cut of 80.4 billion francs, bringing the revised budget to 6.96 trillion francs.

Between July and September 2025, revenues totaled 1.16 trillion francs, closely matching projections, according to figures presented by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning. Murangwa said the current execution rate indicates the budget remains on track for full implementation by the end of the fiscal year in June.

Government data show progress across key sectors.

In agriculture, authorities distributed more than 4,100 tons of improved seeds — including maize, wheat and soybeans — and over 50,000 tons of fertilizer for the 2026 Season A planting cycle. Nearly 14,800 hectares of crops and more than 112,000 livestock were covered under agricultural insurance programs.

Export earnings included \$104.6 million from coffee, \$49.5 million from tea, \$53.2 million from fruits and vegetables, and \$3.1 million from flowers.

Major infrastructure projects also advanced. Upgrades to several national roads passed the halfway mark, while construction of the 43.5-megawatt Nyabarongo II hydropower plant reached 60% completion. More than 34,500 households were connected to the national electricity grid, and 8,200 others gained access through solar systems.

In health care, renovations at Masaka Hospital are nearing completion, and 320 health centers adopted electronic medical records systems. Nearly 4,500 people diagnosed with noncommunicable diseases began receiving treatment.

Under social protection programs, more than 105,000 vulnerable households received direct financial support, and thousands of children and mothers were provided with nutritional assistance.

The government also reported recovering about 300 million francs in misappropriated public funds.