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RRA: Revenue Performance Result for Semester One July-December 2018

Kigali, 12th February 2019 – Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA) collected **Rwf 666.0 billion** from tax and non-tax revenues in the period of July-Dec 2018 against a target of **Rwf 660.4 billion**. This reflects an achievement of 100.8% which translates to **Rwf 5.6 billion** above the target.

Tax revenue collection for July-Dec 2018 was **Rwf 654.4 billion** while the target was **Rwf 651.5 billion**; this is an achievement of **100.4%**, and an excess of **Rwf 2.9 billion** above the target. Compared to **Rwf 582.9 billion** collected in the first semester of FY 2017/18, there is additional revenue of **Rwf 71.5 billion** that was collected which translates a growth of **12.3%**.

Non-tax revenue collected amounted to **Rwf 11.6 billion** compared to the target of **Rwf 8.9 billion**, performing at **130.2%**. Compared to a similar period last year, the non-tax revenue collected an additional Rwf 3.0 billion representing 34.3% growth.

Local Government (LG) taxes and fees collections totaled to **Rwf 22.7 billion**, an achievement of **98.2%** of the **Rwf 23.2 billion** target and a shortfall of **Rwf 0.4 billion**. This represents year-on-year growth of **14.8%** and a nominal increase of **Rwf 2.9 billion**

The Commissioner General of RRA Bizimana Ruganintwali Pascal attributes the performance to a number of factors including the strong economic performance and improved compliance by taxpayers among others.

“The economy was projected to grow by **7.5%** during FY18/19 and the data released by the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda shows a growth of **7.7%** for the 1st quarter (July-September) of 2018/19.” He said. *✍*

He went on to attributed the performance to a lower inflation, improved voluntary compliance of taxpayers and administrative measures such as validation control among others. However, this performance could have increased, if the value of imports that was forecasted grew by **16.3%** in FY 2018/19, because it only grew by **12.4%** over July to December 2018.

The management of Rwanda Revenue Authority assert that there are new measures and initiatives put in place to ensure the increase of the current achievement in the next semester due to the obligation of financing the national budget which RRA should meet in order to ensure the overall national growth and development.

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Thank you



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