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VI: Vote Overview

(i) Snapshot of Medium Term Budget Allocations

Table V1.1: Overview of Vote Expenditures

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	FY2016/17 Outturn	FY2017/18		FY2018/19 Proposed Budget	MTEF Budget Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent by End Sep		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Recurrent Wage	0.407	0.407	0.102	0.407	0.407	0.407	0.407	0.407
Non Wage	2.133	2.159	0.532	2.159	2.161	2.161	2.161	2.161
Devt. GoU	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043
Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	2.583	2.567	0.634	2.567	2.611	2.611	2.611	2.611
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	2.583	2.567	0.634	2.567	2.611	2.611	2.611	2.611
<i>A.I.A Total</i>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Grand Total	2.583	2.567	0.634	2.567	2.611	2.611	2.611	2.611

(ii) Vote Strategic Objective

V2: Past Vote Performance and Medium Term Plans

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Performance for Previous Year FY 2016/17

During the FY 2016/2017, the Embassy managed to achieve the following;-

1. The Mission through Uganda's consulate in Lahore secured the following Investments: Establishment of Masaka Diagnostic medical Imaging and training center (a state of the art hospital); A fully fledged medical college; An MOU with the Ministry of Health and University of Lahore to establish diagnostic centers in all referral Hospitals in Uganda
2. Successfully engaged the Iranian Doctors without borders, vetted by Iranian MoFA, who agreed to fund the implementation of Phase II of the Police Health Centre project. The Health Centre was completed and is awaiting commissioning. Also the MOU for operationalization of the Police clinic was signed between the two sides.
3. Followed-up on the implementation of a presidential directive on promoting and marketing of Ugandan Tea and Coffee in Iran. Subsequently, the Ugandan coffee samples passed the test in the Iranian Coffee Industry and doors for export are now open. In this regard Banyankole Kweterana has concluded some agreements for exporting coffee / Tea
4. Facilitated the conclusion of an MoU between Shahid Ashrafi Esfahan University and Kampala University on Joint Research and Education projects that include, among others, staff and student exchanges, publishing of books and undertaking of joint scientific projects.
5. Esfahan Azad University also exchanged a draft MoU with Makerere University college of Health Sciences on collaboration in Dentistry.
6. Coordinated the visit to Pakistan of Uganda Police Force (UPF) delegation led by Deputy Inspector General of Police in July 2016 which boosted cooperation between UPF and Iranian Police with 10 scholarship secured in five different areas.
7. The Embassy continued to follow-up on Golgohar, an iron ore mining and processing company that had reached the final stages of setting up an investment between US\$ 50m -100m. Negotiations with mining licensee owners are yet to be concluded.
8. The Mission held discussions with Mr. Hossein Alipur Darvish, a representative of the New Generation Power International Company (NGPI) in Middle East and Africa, with a view of encouraging the company to invest in Uganda. The company was linked to the Uganda Investment Authority for available opportunities.
9. The Embassy participated in efforts to encourage Iranian Government to adopt a clear policy of dealing with Africa/Uganda. The agreed framework of cooperation between African Embassies and Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs was approved and contained in a strategic working plan exchanged between African Embassies and Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
10. Successfully engaged the Iranian Government to include Uganda as one of the countries to benefit from its new policy to undertake/invest in commercial agricultural projects abroad to feed its growing population.
11. The embassy held discussions with officials from the New Generation Power International Co.(NGPI) in regard to Solar Energy Investment in Uganda and they have been invited by the Uganda Investment Authority to discuss their proposed MOU and Plan of Action.
12. The mission also held discussions with Mr. Sarraf, General Manager of Sambaft Co. who is interested in investment opportunities in Uganda in the fields of flour and wheat factory, chemical fertilizer plants and general agriculture. He is expected to visit Uganda and hold meetings with the Ministry of Agriculture, Chamber of Commerce, Export Promotions Board, among others to discuss a way forward.
13. The Embassy held meetings with Aras Daryanavardan Trading Co. The company plans to import livestock animals (cows) and coffee from Uganda. Coordination and arrangements for the company officials to visit Uganda are underway.
14. The Embassy also issued visas to Iranians and Pakistanis travelling to Uganda.
15. Offered consular services to Ugandans in distress including those detailed in prisons for various reasons.

Performance as of BFP FY 2017/18 (Performance as of BFP)

As at Budget Framework Paper, the Embassy registered the following key achievements;-

The embassy held various discussions with the leadership of Mostazafan Foundation, the Investment arm of the Iranian Government and facilitated their visit to Uganda where they met with various stakeholders in different investment fields of Petroleum and Gas, Construction, Agriculture, Tourism, among others. This visit culminated into the reciprocal visit by the Ugandan delegation to Iran at the direction of H.E the President. Among others the following were discussed;

- Speed up cooperation in Agriculture, Infrastructure, Tourism among others
- Form a Joint Task Force including both sides for easier implementation
- The Technical Team of the Foundation to visit Uganda at their earliest possible time to begin on the practical implementation of the agreed decisions

The embassy officials visited the province of Isfahan in Iran and held meetings with the following companies;

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- Yekta Alamas Fakher Int'l Co. Importation of beans from Uganda was discussed after which the company imported 3containers of beans from Jojus Logistics (U) Ltd as a trial shipment and more to be imported.
- Ayegh Isfahan Co. / AIM Bitumen Refinery Co. The officials held meetings with this company and it expressed interest in supplying quality bitumen products to Uganda, also noted that it had been supplying bitumen to Uganda through Chinese third party but wanted to do direct business. Arrangements are still underway for a way forward.

The embassy continued to coordinate with officials from the New Generation Power International Co. (NGPI), the Uganda Investment Authority and the Uganda Ministry of Energy in regard to Solar Energy Investment and negotiations for the proposed MOU and Plan of Action are still in place. In this regard, the MOU for the Solar Energy (200MW) , the Hydro Power (200MW) and the Thermal (450MW) Projects Investment in Uganda by the NGPI Co. is currently under serious consideration by the Uganda Investment Authority and the Uganda Ministry of Energy.

The Embassy coordinated the visit of Sambaft Co. (Woven bag mfg Co.) to Uganda in August 2017 to find out Trade and Investment opportunities, and currently joint venture arrangements are being done by New Agric Alliance Ltd, and also Afro Seed Trading Co. Ltd in Uganda.

The Embassy held discussions with the Aras Daryanavardan Int'l Co. regarding importation of livestock (cows) from Uganda in July 2017. Arrangements are still underway.

The Embassy also held discussions with Ghatran Kaveh Co. (Motor Oil Manufacturing Co.) interested in exporting quality oil products to Uganda in the shorter term and also establishing a factory in Uganda in the long term.

The Embassy continued to hold meetings with Aras Daryanavardan Trading Co. The above company plans to import livestock animals (cows) and coffee from Uganda. Coordination and arrangements for the company officials to visit Uganda are still underway.

The Embassy continued to participate in efforts to encourage Iranian Government to adopt a clear policy of dealing with Africa/Uganda. The agreed framework of cooperation between African Embassies and Iranian MoFA was approved and contained in a strategic working plan exchanged between African Embassies and Iranian MOFA.

The Embassy officials also met with Mostazafan Foundation, an Investment branch of the Iranian Government and the Foundation technical team is visiting Uganda early October to finalize cooperation in Agriculture.

Continued to mobilize for trade, tourism and investment opportunities in Pakistan where draft MoUs on cooperation in Agriculture was agreed upon and now the Mission is waiting for the final input from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Successfully continued to engage the Iranian Doctors without borders' vetted by Iranian MoFA, who agreed to fund the implementation of Phase II (Management) of the Police Health Centre project. As of September 2017, preparation for official launching of the health center is in high gear. The launch is expected to take place in October 2017 and will be attended by the Director General in charge of African Department in the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Issued several visas to Iranians and Pakistanis travelling to Uganda.

The Embassy also handled various Ugandans in distress including two Ugandans in Iranian prisons, two Ugandans in Afghanistan that were seeking to return home. In Particular, the embassy negotiated for and facilitated the release of a Ugandan national, Mr. Kivumbi Ali Mazinga who is now back home in Uganda after being pardoned

The Embassy officials represented Uganda at various diplomatic functions

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FY 2018/19 Planned Outputs

In FY 2018/19, the Embassy plans to;-

1. Engage Iran and other countries of accreditation to be supportive of Various Peace-building Initiatives/Processes of Interest to Uganda and the Great Lakes Region.
2. Lobby Iran and other countries of accreditation for understanding and appreciation of Uganda's Position on various Issues including Social, Economic, and Political and Cultural aspects.
3. Promote Uganda exports to Iran and other countries of accreditation.
4. Lobby for Foreign Direct Investments from Iran and other countries of accreditation
5. Attract at least 500 Tourists from Iran and other countries of accreditation
6. Handle consular cases including Ugandans in distress.
7. Engage Ugandan Diaspora to actively contribute to national development.
8. Lobby gainful employment of at least 2,000 Ugandans in Iran and countries of accreditation.

Medium Term Plans

In the Medium Term, the Embassy will continue to;-

1. Engage Iran and other countries of accreditation to be supportive of Various Peace-building Initiatives/Processes of Interest to Uganda and the Great Lakes Region.
2. Lobby Iran and other countries of accreditation for understanding and appreciation of Uganda's Position on various Issues including Social, Economic, and Political and Cultural aspects.
3. Promote Uganda exports to Iran and other countries of accreditation.
4. Lobby for Foreign Direct Investments from Iran and other countries of accreditation
5. Attract Tourists from Iran and other countries of accreditation
6. Handle consular cases including Ugandans in distress.
7. Engage Ugandan Diaspora to actively contribute to national development.
8. Lobby gainful employment of Ugandans in Iran and countries of accreditation.
9. Acquire, develop and Manage property in Tehran

Efficiency of Vote Budget Allocations

The Embassy will undertake the following to enhance performance with the limited resources:

1. Use of the attaches in the main Embassy work. This ensures that the heavy work schedule is distributed amongst more officers hence clearing all the urgent work.

Vote Investment Plans

No major Capital investment

Major Expenditure Allocations in the Vote for FY 2018/19

The Major expenditure allocations are on fixed items of Rent, Foreign Service Allowances and Local Staff salaries. This leaves a very small share of funds allocated to the core planned activities.

V3: PROGRAMME OUTCOMES, OUTCOME INDICATORS AND PROPOSED BUDGET ALLOCATION

Table V3.1: Programme Outcome and Outcome Indicators

Vote Controller :

Programme : 52 Overseas Mission Services

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Programme Objective : Enhance National Security, Development, Country's image abroad and well being of Ugandans							
Responsible Officer: Tumukunde Dennis							
Programme Outcome: Enhanced national security, Development, Country's image abroad and well being of Ugandans							
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>							
1. Improved regional and International Relations							
Programme Performance Indicators (Output)	Performance Targets						
	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Target	Base year	Baseline	2018/19 Target	2019/20 Target	2020/21 Target
• Number of cooperation frameworks negotiated, and concluded	0				3	4	4
• Percentage change of foreign exchange inflows	0				0.03%	0.033%	0.04%
• Rating of Uganda's image abroad	0				Good	Good	Good

Table V3.2: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by Programme

<i>Billion Uganda shillings</i>	2016/17	2017/18		2018-19	MTEF Budget Projections			
	Outturn	Approved Budget	Spent By End Q1	Proposed Budget	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
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52 Overseas Mission Services	2.411	2.567	0.600	2.567	2.611	2.611	2.611	2.611
Total for the Vote	2.411	2.567	0.600	2.567	2.611	2.611	2.611	2.611

V4: SUBPROGRAMME PAST EXPENDITURE OUTTURNS AND PROPOSED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table V4.1: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by SubProgramme

<i>Billion Uganda shillings</i>	2016/17	FY 2017/18		2018-19	Medium Term Projections			
	Outturn	Approved Budget	Spent By End Sep	Proposed Budget	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
<i>Programme: 52 Overseas Mission Services</i>								
01 Headquarters Tehran	2.369	2.567	0.600	2.567	2.568	2.568	2.568	2.568
0927 Strengthening Mission in Iran	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043
Total For the Programme : 52	2.411	2.567	0.600	2.567	2.611	2.611	2.611	2.611
Total for the Vote :226	2.411	2.567	0.600	2.567	2.611	2.611	2.611	2.611

N / A

Table V4.3: Major Capital Investment (Capital Purchases outputs over 0.5Billion)

N / A

V5: VOTE CHALLENGES FOR 2018/19 AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Vote Challenges for FY 2018/19

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1. Insufficient funding to carry out key priority areas. 85% of our funds cater for fixed and periodic expenses, and thus operational funds are limited. In addition the mission was not funded to carry out Commercial Diplomacy yet Uganda needs to take advantage of the Post-Sanctions era as the economy is now fully open to foreign countries to do serious business
2. Understaffing yet the Embassy is accredited to multiple countries
3. No funding provided for cross cutting issues like HIV / AIDS, Gender and environment
4. Communication challenges like delayed and or no feedback from the relevant stakeholders in Uganda

N / A
