

VOTE: 533 Uganda Embassy in Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT

To Promote and Protect Uganda's image and interests in Malaysia and other Countries of accreditation. (Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Myanmar, Brunei-Darussalam) targeting men and women, the youth, the elderly, children, disabled and all other marginalized groups in Uganda.

II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

- a) To Promote Uganda's investment opportunities and secure market for Uganda's exports in Malaysia and other countries of accreditation.
- b) To Promote and Protect Uganda's interest in Malaysia and other countries of accreditation.
- c) Promote Uganda as a tourist destination through dissemination of promotional materials.
- d) Mobilize Ugandan Diaspora in Malaysia and ASEAN Countries to contribute to Uganda's Development especially mobbing for Foreign Direct investment to women, the elderly and disabled persons support programmes.
- e) To source/lobby for scholarships and trainings for Human Capital Development targeting mainly girls and the youth from under privileged families
- f) To provide Protocol and consular services; provision of Diplomatic, Protocol and Consular services in countries of accreditation especially timely consular access to women incarcerated in the prisons.

III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022/23

1. The Mission coordinated & participated in the Presidential Official Visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in November, 2022. The Mission organized the Vietnam-Uganda Business Forum that was presided over by H.E President Museveni
Six Memorandum of Understanding were signed;
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uganda
 - Agreement on Visa exemption for diplomatic and official passport holders
 - Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of Education.
 - General Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between Viet Nam Academy of Agricultural sciences (VAAS) and Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries of Uganda.
 - MOU on the cooperation in the field of trade.
2. Her Excellency Amb. Bigombe Betty presented credentials to His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong XVI of Malaysia, on the 01 December, 2022 at Istana Negara, Kuala Lumpur.
3. The Mission participated in the African Heads of Mission meetings. The group is in the preparation for the African-Malaysia business forum due to take place in June 2023. The Group of Ambassadors is also handling the issue of human trafficking in the ASEAN region, Uganda is greatly affected by this vice of late.
4. The Mission participated in the Uganda-Viet Nam business Summit in Vietnam. The summit provided a platform for the business community, investors, financial institutions, and public sector to create closer cooperation in economics, trade, investment, financial banking services and tourism. The Vietnam investors have started showing interest in investing in Uganda.
5. The Mission had an Engagement with the Penang State Tourism official to explore the potential tourism opportunities between the State and Uganda. Penang State is well known for food tourism (Gastronomy) in Malaysia which Uganda can tap into and also organization of tourism familiarization trips, cultural galas, and exchange invitations to high profile tourism promotion events.
6. The Mission met with the e-learning company called LTT Global Communications. The company was later on connected to the Cyber school tech in Uganda to partner in e-learning.
7. The Mission had an engagement with the chairman of HEXSTAR Global. HEXSTAR is interested in Public Private Partnership arrangements with the Ugandan local partners it dealing in fertilizers and Agrochemicals, telecommunications, renewable energy and healthy products
8. The Mission had a courtesy call meeting with the Director Africa Division and discussed matters of strengthening bilateral relations between Malaysia and Uganda.
9. The Mission received the acceptance to the Agreement for High Commissioner Betty Bigombe as the High Commissioner Plenipotentiary to Brunei Darussalam and the socialist Republic of Vietnam.
10. The Mission had a meeting with Selangor Football Club and proposed the collaboration between Uganda Football Association and Selangor Football Club, exchange and importing Ugandan professional players and professional coaches. Selangor Football Club agreed to sign MOU with the Mission.
11. The Mission had a meeting with Malaysia Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (MAFI) during the meeting collaboration between Ministry of Agriculture and its counterpart was discussed. The MAFI requested for more information about farmers and their contacts to enable them import

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animal feeds and grain corn, proposed to have a virtual meeting with the Organizers of Uganda Agriculture & Food Association to discuss on the HALAL food industries and also requested the Mission to liaise closely with Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) for further action on collaboration.

12. Assisted 38 Ugandans with visa extensions and issuance of new visas (23 female and 15 males)

13. Issued 11 Travel Documents (Certificates of Identity) issued to Ugandans in Malaysia and other areas of accreditation to travel back home. (08 female, 03 male)

14. 12 Ugandans assisted to travel back home. (04 Male & 08 females)

15. 22 Academic/legal certified. documents (10 males, females, 01 company)

16. 34 requests for issuance of New East African Community Passports forwarded to Ministry of Internal Affairs, Kampala. (10 females & 24 males).

17. 02 immigration Deportation Centers visited.

18. 01 prisons visited and Ugandans offered consular services.

19. 29 Ugandans in Malaysia Prisons and other areas of accreditation. (19 females & 10 males).

20. 04 Ugandan citizens in deportation Centers in Malaysia & other areas of Accreditation. (02 females and 02)

21. 02 Ugandans in Government Shelter homes in Malaysia who are victims of human trafficking (02 Females)

22. 81 Protocol delegation handled. (55 Male & 26 females)

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IV. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table 4.1: Overview of Vote Expenditure (Ushs Billion)

	2022/23		2023/24	MTEF Budget Projections			
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Dec	Budget Estimates	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Recurrent	Wage	0.580	0.290	0.580	0.580	0.580	0.580
	Non-Wage	2.813	1.406	2.698	2.698	2.698	2.698
Devt.	GoU	0.100	0.015	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	3.492	1.711	3.378	3.378	3.378	3.378	3.378
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	3.492	1.711	3.378	3.378	3.378	3.378	3.378
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget	3.492	1.711	3.378	3.378	3.378	3.378	3.378
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	3.492	1.711	3.378	3.378	3.378	3.378	3.378

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Table 4.2: Budget Allocation by Department for Recurrent and Development (Ushs Billion)

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	Draft Budget Estimates FY 2023/24	
	Recurrent	Development
Programme:16 Governance And Security	3.278	0.100
SubProgramme:01 Institutional Coordination	3.258	0.100
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	3.258	0.100
001 Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	3.258	0.100
SubProgramme:04 Access to Justice	0.020	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	0.020	0.000
001 Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	0.020	0.000
Total for the Vote	3.278	0.100

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V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

Table 5.1: Performance Indicators

Programme: 16 Governance And Security

SubProgramme: 01 Institutional Coordination

Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services

Department: 001 Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Budget Output: 000014 Administrative and Support Services

PIAP Output: Administration support services provided

Programme Intervention: 160605 Undertake financing and administration of programme services

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2022/23		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2023/24
Number of reports prepared	Number	4	4	5	2	4

Project: 1716 Retooling of Mission in Kuala Lumpur

Budget Output: 000003 Facilities and Equipment Management

PIAP Output: Administration support services provided

Programme Intervention: 160605 Undertake financing and administration of programme services

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2022/23		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2023/24
Number of reports prepared	Number	1	1	1		1

SubProgramme: 04 Access to Justice

Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services

Department: 001 Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Budget Output: 460056 Consulars services

PIAP Output: Alien and Citizen registration strengthened

Programme Intervention: 160505 Strengthen citizenship identification, registration, preservation and control

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2022/23		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2023/24
Proportion of citizenship applications granted out of applications received	Percentage	20		2%	1%	2%

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VI. VOTE NARRATIVE

Vote Challenges

1. Lack of funds for promoting Commercial & Economic Diplomacy. The Mission submitted to Ministry of Foreign Affairs a Concept Note that requested a budget of at least UGX 2bn be released to the Mission to be able to carry out Commercial Diplomacy activities across the ASEAN region.
2. High Operational costs, over 80% of the Mission Budget is spent on Fixed costs; Rent (UGX 1.2Bn), Foreign Service Allowance & Entitlements (UGX 0.883Bn), Staff Salaries (UGX 0.580Bn), Medical Expenses (UGX 0.173Bn), & Utilities (UGX 0.416Bn). However, with the current economic crisis, prices have continued to shoot-up and yet the Mission continues to operate on the same fixed budget ceiling for the last three years.
3. High Cost of living index in Kuala Lumpur (Mission has been advocating for elevation to at least group A to mitigate the cost of living.), The under grading of the Mission has led to
4. Inadequate Foreign service allowance and education allowance for children.
5. Loss on poundage in terms of foreign exchange losses due to translation differences.
6. Unplanned mid-year postings that affect budget execution.
7. Challenges in travel abroad. The budget for travel abroad was removed yet the Mission handles 9 countries. We tried to defend the budget by indicating that we are moving within our area of jurisdiction but we were informed that any movement that involves exchange of currencies is termed as travel abroad.

Plans to improve Vote Performance

1. Promote Commercial & Economic Diplomacy (promote exports, inward Foreign Direct Investment, Tourism and Technology transfer) for increased foreign exchange earnings and job creation for all Ugandans.
2. Continue to engage Malaysia government and other countries of accreditation governments, private sector, and other institutions to continue awarding scholarships and supporting exchange programs to both students and teaching staff from Uganda.
3. Engage Diaspora in Malaysia and other countries of accreditation to actively contribute to national development.
4. Continue to provide protocol, consular and Diplomatic services to Ugandans living in Malaysia and all areas of accreditation including addressing the needs of distressed Ugandans.

VII. Off Budget Support and NTR Projections

Table 7.1: Off Budget Support by Project and Department

N/A

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Revenue Code	Revenue Name	FY2022/23	Projection FY2023/24
142206	Other migration permits (excluding passport and visa fees)	0.000	4,000,000.000
142223	Document certification fees	0.000	0.000
Total		0.000	4,000,000.000

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VIII. VOTE CROSS CUTTING POLICY AND OTHER BUDGETARY ISSUES

Table 8.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

i) Gender and Equity

OBJECTIVE	To Institute Opportunities for Gender Equity
Issue of Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender awareness and consideration - Youth unemployment, single mothers, girl child education and promoting equality for disabled and care for the elderly. - High rates of gender-based violence - Lack of budget for gender related activities
Planned Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobilize resources towards support of the youth, disabled, children and women. - Build capacity of its staff in gender analysis, planning and budgeting - Dis-aggregate data and information by sex and gender, where applicable.
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.050
Performance Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appropriate hygiene and sanitation consideration for men and women. - Convenient washroom facilities for persons with disabilities - Lifts and ramps for persons with Disabilities. - Counselling, health talks, gender empowerment programs.

ii) HIV/AIDS

OBJECTIVE	To ensure full potential of Persons infected with HIV
Issue of Concern	Ensure full potential of persons infected with HIV.
Planned Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support culture of living a responsible life. - AIDS committee established at the Mission - Provide medical care to staff affected, offer counselling services. - lobby for officers on posting to stay with families. - undertake HIV sensitization workshop
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.010
Performance Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage hospitals to attend to staff health concerns - HIV sensitization workshops carried out.

iii) Environment

OBJECTIVE	To Protect the Environment
Issue of Concern	Clean, safe and secure working Environment. Environmental degradation
Planned Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure proper waste disposal at the Mission. - Encouraging paperless offices - Encouraging purchase of recycled stationery - Lobby for training courses and programmes on climate change and environment
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.003

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Performance Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean, safe and secure environment maintained - Number of staff sensitized on environmental protection - Support efforts to plant trees in Uganda - Number of trainings programmes undertaken - Promote environmental issues in areas of accreditation
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iv) Covid

OBJECTIVE	To Protect Staff against COVID-19
Issue of Concern	<p>Print materials and posters to enhance COVID-19 Education, Information Dissemination, sensitization and awareness on the disease and any other epidemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install hand sanitizer dispensers at the Chancery - Re-arrange offices to adhere to social distance
Planned Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop COVID-19 and any other epidemic workplace policy. - Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) - Empower staff with Health tips about COVID-19 and any other emerging Epidemic - Equip the Mission with COVID-19 protective equipment's
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.020
Performance Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procure COVID-19 protective accessories like face masks. - Install hand sanitizer dispensers at the Chancery.

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IX. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Table 9.1: Staff Establishment Analysis

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Table 9.2: Staff Recruitment Plan

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