

# **VOTE: 516 Uganda Embassy in Saudi Arabia, Riyadh**

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## **I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT**

To Promote and Protect Ugandas national interests in Saudi Arabia and other countries of accreditation and the Organizations of of Islamic Cooperation

## **II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

To promote peace and security between Saudi Arabia and OIC Member States To promote and protect the image of our Country To promote tourism trade and investment in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States To lobby Saudi Arabia and other countries of accreditation To provide consular services to Ugandans and Foreign diplomats including pilgrims of the Two Holy mosques Madinah and Makkah To engage Uganda diaspora in Saudi Arabia to actively contribute to the Government at home through remittances direct investments partnership skills etc To identify and facilitate acquisition development and maintenance of at least one Government property in Riyadh

To enhance redress to complaints on violations of economic social and cultural rights in KSA

To strengthen and sustain the growth and development of the Embassy for improved service delivery for all.

## **III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023/24**

Organised and coordinated the joint technical meetings between Uganda and Saudi Arabia to review the implementation mechanisms and address the gaps in the existing bilateral labour agreements with a view of improving on the working conditions of all parties concerned.

Provided shelter, medical care and other basic needs to distressed Ugandans in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with the embassy shelters in Riyadh and Jeddah.

Equitable access to nutrition and food safety on children aged below 4 years, pregnant and lactating mothers of distressed Ugandan Migrant workers who give birth both in KSA Hospital and outside hospital.

Wrote letters of no objection and handled death cases of Ugandans in the countries of accreditation and aided their repatriation to Uganda.

Aided repatriation of more than 2,000 Ugandans under distress and issued 1,895 Emergency Travel Documents.

Visited 1,065 prisoners and deportees to provide them with consular support to aid repatriation.

Carried out inspection and vetting visits of 368 Recruitment Agencies deploying Ugandan migrant workers in Saudi Arabia to monitor compliance of set guidelines and standards.

Provided protocol services to 4 official delegations from the Parliament of Uganda in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Participated in several meetings of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and affiliated organs and institutions to advance Uganda position on key strategic issues.

Secured commitment from the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) and affiliate organ of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for Uganda to host a Coffee meeting from 6th to 7th March 2023.

Engaged the Honorary Consul of Uganda in Jeddah to identify investment, trade and tourism opportunities for Uganda.

Sensitized the Ugandan diaspora in the Sultanate of Oman on the investment opportunities available to them.

Facilitated forex inflow worth \$1.946 million to Uganda through identifying and processing job opportunities for migrant workers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Visited 1,065 prisoners and deportees to provide them with consular support and aid repatriation.

Initiated an agreement on the recruitment of domestic workers between Uganda and Oman.

Concluded and signed the revised agreement on the recruitment of domestic workers between Uganda and Saudi Arabia in Q3.

Provided consular support to 1,430 Uganda pilgrims that came to perform Hajj in Mecca and Medina.

Visited a total of 68 distressed Ugandans in in the various mental institutions in Saudi Arabia.

Secured clearance for the importation of meat products from Uganda to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Secured 6 slots for Uganda Airlines charter flights during the Hajj period for Ugandan pilgrims.

Secured more than 36,000 jobs for Ugandans in Saudi Arabia through the Job order clearances.

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## IV. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table 4.1: Overview of Vote Expenditure (Ushs Billion)

	2023/24		2024/25	MTEF Budget Projections			
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Dec	Budget Estimates	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
<b>Recurrent</b>	Wage	0.999	0.491	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999
	Non-Wage	5.462	2.635	5.762	5.762	5.762	5.762
<b>Devt.</b>	GoU	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.000
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>GoU Total</b>	<b>6.462</b>	<b>3.126</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.462</b>
<b>Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)</b>	<b>6.462</b>	<b>3.126</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.462</b>
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>6.462</b>	<b>3.126</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.462</b>
<b>Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears</b>	<b>6.462</b>	<b>3.126</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>6.462</b>

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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 2024/25	
	Recurrent	Development
<b>Programme:05 Tourism Development</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>SubProgramme:01 Marketing and Promotion</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>0.000</b>
001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	0.100	0.000
<b>Programme:12 Human Capital Development</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>SubProgramme:01 Education,Sports and skills</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.000</b>
001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	0.001	0.000
<b>Programme:16 Governance And Security</b>	<b>5.941</b>	<b>0.200</b>
<b>SubProgramme:01 Institutional Coordination</b>	<b>4.771</b>	<b>0.200</b>
<b>Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services</b>	<b>4.771</b>	<b>0.200</b>
001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	4.771	0.200
<b>SubProgramme:04 Access to Justice</b>	<b>1.170</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services</b>	<b>1.170</b>	<b>0.000</b>
001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	1.170	0.000
<b>Programme:18 Development Plan Implementation</b>	<b>0.720</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>SubProgramme:02 Resource Mobilization and Budgeting</b>	<b>0.720</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services</b>	<b>0.720</b>	<b>0.000</b>
001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	0.720	0.000
<b>Total for the Vote</b>	<b>6.762</b>	<b>0.200</b>

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## V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

**Table 5.1: Performance Indicators**

**Programme: 05 Tourism Development**

**SubProgramme: 01 Marketing and Promotion**

**Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services**

**Department: 001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

**Budget Output: 120009 Tourism Promotion**

**PIAP Output: Ugandan diplomats and Visa/consular staff trained to support tourism marketing and handling and in customer care.**

**Programme Intervention: 050504 Upgrade handling and negotiation capacity of frontier services and foreign intermediaries**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
Number of Ugandan diplomats and Visa / consular staff trained to support tourism marketing and handling and in customer care (all missions abroad)	Number					10

**Programme: 12 Human Capital Development**

**SubProgramme: 01 Education,Sports and skills**

**Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services**

**Department: 001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

**Budget Output: 000034 Education and Skills Development**

**PIAP Output: Cooperation assistance for Human Capital Development under TVET secured from Development Partners**

**Programme Intervention: 12020302 Link primary and secondary schools to existing science-based innovation hubs**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
Number of Science based Capacity Building/Training/Scholarships sourced.	Number			100	40	100

**Programme: 16 Governance And Security**

**SubProgramme: 01 Institutional Coordination**

**VOTE: 516 Uganda Embassy in Saudi Arabia, Riyadh****Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services****Department: 001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia****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	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
Number of reports prepared	Number			20	10	20

**Project: 1738 Retooling Mission in Riyadh- SAUDI ARABIA****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	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
Number of reports prepared	Number					2

**SubProgramme: 04 Access to Justice****Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services****Department: 001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia****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	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
Proportion of citizenship applications granted out of applications received	Percentage			80%	38%	80%

**Programme: 18 Development Plan Implementation****SubProgramme: 02 Resource Mobilization and Budgeting**

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Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services

Department: 001 Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Budget Output: 560009 Cooperation frameworks and Development Assistance

PIAP Output: Bilateral and multilateral resources for national development sourced

Programme Intervention: 180109 Expand financing beyond the traditional sources

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
Value (USD Million) of bilateral and multilateral resources for national development	Value					20M USD

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## **VI. VOTE NARRATIVE**

### **Vote Challenges**

Increased number of distressed Ugandans living in the countries of accreditation  
Several unplanned but very important activities in the middle of budget implementation  
Limited staff at the embassy  
High rent costs with the introduction of 15% on rent

Lack of Motor vehicles to simplify the embassy operations in execution of its mandate and day to day operations  
Due to budget challenges, the mission is unable to secure more shelters in the major cities of Dammam where there is influx of Ugandan Migrant workers  
Delays in issuing of visas in the Ministry of Internal Affairs which has negatively affected the mission effort to attract business travellers and tourist to Uganda  
Delayed response and clearance from the Saudi authorities for the babies of distressed Ugandans  
Delayed release of funds by treasury to the Mission  
Limited funds to cater for the ever increasing number of distressed Ugandans at the embassy shelters

### **Plans to improve Vote Performance**

Ensure that the embassy acquires new shelters for distressed Ugandans in the Eastern region in the city of Dammam  
Purchase new utility vehicles to assist in carrying out embassy activities  
Engage the Saudi authorities in Immigration to help facilitate the quick clearance of babies of distressed Ugandans  
Secure more funding from Ministry of Finance to cater for the ever increasing rent costs  
secure more funding from MOFPED to help facilitate employing of new staff at the embassy

## **VII. Off Budget Support and NTR Projections**

### **Table 7.1: Off Budget Support by Project and Department**

N/A

**VOTE: 516 Uganda Embassy in Saudi Arabia, Riyadh****Table 7.2: NTR Projections(Uganda Shillings Billions)**

<b>Revenue Code</b>	<b>Revenue Name</b>	<b>FY2023/24</b>	<b>Projection FY2024/25</b>
142223	Document certification fees	0.030	0.020
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.030</b>	<b>0.020</b>



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## VIII. VOTE CROSS CUTTING POLICY AND OTHER BUDGETARY ISSUES

Table 8.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

### i) Gender and Equity

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To Institute opportunities for Gender Equity (women, men, persons with disability and marginalized groups)
<b>Issue of Concern</b>	To Institute opportunities for Gender Equity (women, men, persons with disability and marginalized groups)
<b>Planned Interventions</b>	Observance of maternity and paternity leave Put in place convenient facilities for disabled people at the Chancery premises being renovated Recruitment of a female Consular assistant
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion)</b>	0.100
<b>Performance Indicators</b>	Increased opportunities for women, persons with disabilities and marginalised groups

### ii) HIV/AIDS

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	HIV/AIDS prevention and management
<b>Issue of Concern</b>	High HIV/AIDS prevalence rates especially among the Youth and Women.
<b>Planned Interventions</b>	Enhance HIV/AIDS Education, information dissemination, sensitization and awareness rising and advocacy programs. -Strengthen the capacity of the Sector to mainstream HIV/AIDS. -Support HIV/AIDS workplace programs at the Mission
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion)</b>	0.100
<b>Performance Indicators</b>	04 of HIV/AIDS sensitization event held 50 pieces of HIV/AIDS protective gear procured

### iii) Environment

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Advocating for environmental protection and conservation.
<b>Issue of Concern</b>	Persistent global warming
<b>Planned Interventions</b>	Participate in activities aimed at advocating for environmental conservation and mitigating the persistent global warming
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion)</b>	0.100
<b>Performance Indicators</b>	05 activities aimed at advocating for environmental conservation and mitigating the persistent global warming participated in

### iv) Covid

N / A

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## **IX. PERSONNEL INFORMATION**

### **Table 9.1: Staff Establishment Analysis**

N / A

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## **Table 9.2: Staff Recruitment Plan**

N / A