

VOTE: 532 Uganda Embassy in Somalia, Mogadishu

I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT

To protect and promote Uganda national interests in Somalia towards realization of the Uganda national vision.

II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To Promote Regional and International Peace and Security.

To Promote Commercial and Economic Diplomacy.

To Mobilize Uganda Diaspora in Somalia for National Development.

To Provide Diplomatic, Protocol and Consular Services in Somalia.

To Promote Ugandan Image Abroad through Public Diplomacy.

To Strengthen of Institutional Capacity of the Mission.

III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025/26

Organised the 2nd session of the Uganda Somalia JPC, Investment and Business Forum as well as Exhibition of the Ugandan Tradeable and Manufactured Products where; Inspire Coffee Flagged off 20 MT tonnes of coffee to Somalia, Uganda Airlines reduced on the cargo prices from USD3.5/Kg to USD1.5/Kg to support export of products to Somalia, Uganda Airlines operational challenges such as taxation, transfer of money, customs duties were resolved. Accordingly, a Uganda Airlines Officer was deployed in Mogadishu; Over 40 boxes of Ugandan fruits and vegetables were purchased by the Somalia; 15 boxes of varieties of Uganda Tea were exported to Somalia.

Attracted 01 Somali company, Deeqa Water Drilling Company which established an office in Uganda with an investment portfolio of \$4.5 Million to invest in Mining and Oil and Gas Sectors.

Marketed Uganda as a key tourist destination within Mogadishu. As a result, Mogadishu tourists increased from 28 to 184 tourists from May 2025 to December 2025.

Created linkages with Uganda Airlines and other airlines, UN international staff on tourism opportunities in Uganda. Uganda Airlines established an office in Mogadishu. Following the establishment of the office, The Mission engaged the host Government and recovered over USD \$ 218,814.28 for Uganda Airlines.

Held a meeting with Light Travel Agency where USD \$ 140,000 was recovered as debt and remitted to Uganda Airlines.

Participated in the Familiarization tour on Rwenzori Mountain with Somali tour operators. As such, 45 tourists stayed for 08 days in spending an average of \$120 per day in Uganda.

Carried out Market profile on the following products Coffee, Milk and Dairy Products, Maize and Maize Products, Avocado Oil, Meat, Sorghum, Castor, Vegetable Oil, Fish Maw, Dried Chilis, Fish (aquatic products), Cocoa, Sim Sim, Tea,).

Successfully attracted Lato milk company and Inspire Coffee to the Somali market. Sofar, Lato Milk has exported 10 Metric Tonnes of Milk to the Somali market. Inspire coffee has exported 20 Metric Tonnes of Coffee to Somalia.

Held 02 meetings with Dahabshiil, Abbas and other money transfer companies to assist the Ugandan Community in Somalia working with United Nations and African Union on remittances for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and consider reduction of transfer fees and cheaper ways of remitting

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runs remitting \$50,000 to \$60,000 per day.

Lobbied United Nations to increase UPDF deployment from 625 to 925 soldiers to the United Nations Guard Unit (UNGU) with a monthly pay of \$1500 per soldier totaling USD \$ 1,387,500 per month.

Held a meeting with Light Travel Agency where USD \$ 140,000 was recovered in debt and remitted to Uganda Airlines.

Lobbied partners to provide UPDF with 13 utility and attack helicopter in the Mission area and ground transportation with Mine Action support of USD 11.8 Million.

Lobbied for UPDF troop allowances and Equipment with \$ 30M USD and retention of the AUSSOM Force Commander position.

Attended Doha Forum on Somalia where a total allocation from EU of USD \$ 75M to support AUSSOM and 15% being for equipment.

Negotiated for provision of assorted Equipment to UPDF worth of \$ 3.5M USD from United Nations Support Office in Somalia and \$4.2M Salaries for UPDF Troops from ATMIS per month

Prepared 32 Emergency travel documents for distressed Ugandans especially for youthful women.

Facilitated over 54 Government Officials to process their visas to travel to Uganda.

Facilitated and introduced the Clearing Agent to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of to enable repatriation and tax exemption of ten(10) vehicles (URAL Trucks) from the Mission area to Uganda.

Facilitated and processed 25 Overflight and Landing Clearance of AUSSOM/UPDF flights to support AUSSOM/UPDF rotation in Somalia.

Attended the official handover ceremony of Forward Operating Bases(FOBs) to Somalia Security Forces as part of implementation of the drawdown of ATMIS troops from Somalia.

Facilitated Uganda Contingent in Somalia/UPDF to obtain clearance of 166 packages of tyres to support ATMIS/UPDF operations.

Facilitated overflight and landing clearances of UPDF/ATMIS flights to Somalia to support UPDF operations.

Engaged United Nations Support Office in Somalia on logistical support to UPDF with equipment, Enablers, Communication gadgets, Maritime Equipment, Engineering, Combat Vehicles, Explosive Ordnance. Firefighting, Battle Tanks Disposal and Medical support.

Conducted trainings of over 110,000 Somalis (Somali National Army/SNA) in Uganda.

Participated in 14 Engagements to expand African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM) mandate to support Vulnerable groups like female UPDF soldiers.

Procured 30 CCTV Cameras

Procured 100 Hesco Bustain barriers.

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IV. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table 4.1: Overview of Vote Expenditure (Ushs Billion)

	2025/26		2026/27	MTEF Budget Projections				
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Dec	Budget Estimates	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	
Recurrent	Wage	0.433	0.216	0.433	0.433	0.433	0.000	0.433
	Non-Wage	5.859	2.929	5.859	5.859	5.859	0.000	5.859
Devt.	GoU	0.542	0.542	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.000	0.000
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	6.834	3.687	6.307	6.307	6.307	0.000	6.292	
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	6.834	3.687	6.307	6.307	6.307	0.000	6.292	
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Total Budget	6.834	3.687	6.307	6.307	6.307	0.000	6.292	
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	6.834	3.687	6.307	6.307	6.307	0.000	6.292	

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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 2026/27	
	Recurrent	Development
Programme:07 Private Sector Development	1.550	0.000
Vote Function:01 Overseas Mission Services	1.550	0.000
001 Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia	1.550	0.000
Programme:16 Governance and Security	3.742	0.015
Vote Function:01 Overseas Mission Services	3.742	0.015
001 Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia	3.742	0.015
Programme:18 Development Plan Implementation	1.000	0.000
Vote Function:01 Overseas Mission Services	1.000	0.000
001 Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia	1.000	0.000
Total for the Vote	6.292	0.015

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V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

Table 5.1: Performance Indicators

Programme: 07 Private Sector Development				
Vote Function: 01 Overseas Mission Services				
Department: 001 Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia				
Key Service Area: 000093 Economic and Commercial Diplomacy				
PIAP Output: Markets negotiated and penetrated leveraging on economic and commercial diplomacy				
Programme Intervention: 072521 Implement Trade facilitation strategies				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of trade partnerships secured	Number	2023/24	1	01
Value of exports to negotiated markets.	Value	2023/24	5.5	3.52
Programme: 16 Governance and Security				
Vote Function: 01 Overseas Mission Services				
Department: 001 Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia				
Key Service Area: 000014 Administrative and Support Services				
PIAP Output: Management and Administrative Services coordinated				
Programme Intervention: 169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of financial reports produced and submitted	Number	2023/24	4	03
Proportion of external Audit recommendations implemented	Percentage	2023/24	50%	100%
Key Service Area: 460056 Consulars services				
PIAP Output: Ugandans and Foreigners provided with consular services				
Programme Intervention: 167122 Provide diplomatic, protocol and consular services both at home and abroad				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of engagements with Ugandans in the Diaspora organised and/or participated in	Number	2023/24	6	04

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Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of Ugandans and foreigners provided with consular services	Number	2023/24	5270	50

Key Service Area: 460057 Peace and security**PIAP Output: Peace and security initiatives at regional and international level supported****Programme Intervention: 167111 Strengthen bilateral and multilateral relationships at both regional and international level**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of regional and international peace and security engagements participated in.	Number	2023/24	10	20

Project: 1947 Institutional Development of Uganda Embassy in Mogadishu**Key Service Area: 000003 Facilities and Equipment Management****PIAP Output: Institutions Retooled****Programme Intervention: 169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
% of retooling budget implemented	Percentage	2023/24	1%	100%

Programme: 18 Development Plan Implementation**Vote Function: 01 Overseas Mission Services****Department: 001 Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia****Key Service Area: 000093 Economic and Commercial Diplomacy****PIAP Output: External resources mobilised to finance the implementation of the NDP****Programme Intervention: 182121 Increase access non-traditional finance such as green finance, Islamic finance, pension funds, among others**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Value of bilateral and multilateral resources (\$Million)	Value	2023/24	49.100000000000001	3

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VI. VOTE NARRATIVE

Vote Challenges

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The withdrawal of funds for travel abroad has not only constrained the Mission from carrying out planned activities but also collection and transportation of funds from Bank of Uganda to Somalia.

Failure to follow up and implement decisions of the Joint Permanent Commissions and Investment and Business Summit due to absence of budget for workshops and seminars. JPC is a cooperation framework for diplomatic practice, a mechanism through which matters that transcend national borders are addressed and mutual interests promoted.

The salinity and corrosive nature of the environment in Somalia that requires a lot of funds on maintenance costs of Mission properties.

Security threat from extremists and terrorists.

Limited data on tourism, trade and investment to support negotiations with the host country.

Low response of Ugandans to trade fares due to past political instabilities.

Lack of harmonized trade policy frameworks.

Inability to follow up on decisions of summits, State Visits, JPCs, Conferences, symposium and conventions.

Inadequate institutional capacity to provide consular services for distressed Ugandans in countries of accreditation.

Increasing tariff and nontariff barriers against Uganda exports within Somalia.

Difficulty in mobilizing the Ugandans in the Somalia Diaspora, many of whom prefer to remain covert in Somalia.

Shortage of basic needs, such as the internet, making accessibility and communication very hard.

Scarcity of essential needs such as fuel, which made mobilization and mobility difficult.

Inadequate funding for most mission activities, as approximately 80 per cent of the funds released from the Treasury are spent on fixed costs such as rent and staff salaries thereafter, leaving very limited resources to fund planned activities.

Inadequate physical, financial and human resources to cover the vast area of Somalia.

Late release of funds, which has affected the timely implementation of planned activities of the Mission to effectively execute its mandate.

Inadequate Foreign Service Allowance and Education Allowance of children of Foreign Service Officers, rendering officers unable to cope up with the rising cost of living in the Somalia.

Inadequate funding to support gender and equity mainstreaming by the Mission

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Plans to improve Vote Performance

Facilitate the Mission to promote and market Ugandan products in terms of availing them the relevant training in marketing, information on Marketable products, and Lobbying for additional funding of Commercial and Economic Diplomacy activities and further spearhead the peace process in the region.

Develop a database and register Ugandans in the diaspora disaggregated by sex, age and location.

Lobby for additional staff to effectively cover Somalia, as the area of accreditation.

Designate focal point follow-up persons and undertake quarterly review meetings on bilateral decisions, signed MoUs and Agreements.

Facilitate the negotiations of appropriate legal framework on the bilateral export and exchange of labour.

Consider engaging more development partners to support implementation of Mission activities.

Develop and implement a brand strategy for the Mission.

Ensure Staff appreciation of the Vision, Mission and strategic interests.

Schedule monthly and quarterly meetings with staff to improve Performance Management in the Mission.

Provide Refresher Courses and training for staff in the provision of protocol services.

Strengthen coordination with other MDAs on matters of Protocol and Etiquette.

Complete construction of the Chancery building for the Embassy.

Mainstream Gender and equity in Mission activities.

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	FY2025/26	Projection FY2026/27
142223	Document certification fees	0.002	0.002
Total		0.002	0.002

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VIII. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Table 8.1: Staff Establishment Analysis

N/A

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Table 8.2: Staff Recruitment Plan

N/A