

# VOTE: 531 Uganda Embassy in Turkey, Ankara

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## I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT

To Promote, Protect and Advance Uganda strategic interests to support sustainable industrialization for inclusive growth, employment and wealth creation in the context of Uganda Foreign Policy in Turkey

## II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To strengthen the advancement of Uganda national interests in Turkey through maintaining and consolidating excellent bilateral relations between Uganda and Turkey

## III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022/23

Participation in food, beverage & packaging expo in Istanbul.

Engagement of Bastak Group in seed preservation & multiplication

Hosting of Uganda coffee cupping in Ankara

Procured and distribution of coffee samples to 5 roasteries.

Visited MillTech exhibition for grain processing machinery in Istanbul and linked the Ugandan private sector to strategic exhibitors.

Acquisition and distribution of tourism materials.

Participation in Izmir International tourism expo

Exhibited Uganda tourism potential at the Uganda at 60 National Day celebration at Sheraton Ankara.

Participated in the Africa House of Crafts exhibition under the Turkish Presidency

Established a linkage between Global Ata Group and Firkret Yildirim Company with the Islamic University in Uganda

Engagement and linkage of Turkish companies to Uganda in the health and construction sectors.

Coordinated benchmarking tours by the private sector of Uganda to Turkiye and linked 9 Ugandan companies to Turkish counterparts

Initiated cooperation between Turkish and Ugandan universities (Busitema University to Istanbul Tech University and Izmir Dokuz University)

Secured 43 scholarships for Ugandan students in KTO University, Istanbul Koc University, Istanbul University, Sakarya University, Selcuk University, Cukurova University, Marmara University, Erciyes University, Kocaeli University, 19 Eylul University, Uludag University, Tekirdag University)

Facilitated Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulatory Authority study in Turkiye under the Turkish Private Pensions Regulation & Supervision Authority IPPRSA

Facilitated a study to Turkiye by Insurance Regulatory Authority of Uganda under IPPRSA

Coordinated/ facilitated training of Uganda National Defense College officers to Turkiye.

Facilitated the benchmarking tour of the Parliamentary Committee on Health to Turkiye.

Mobilization of diaspora for Independence anniversary celebration.

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Paid 2 consular visits to Ugandans in distress

Issued 111 certificates of identity to Ugandans in distress.

Held 2 diaspora meetings

Engagement of PAVO group and linkage to Government.

Hosted Uganda National day and exhibition of Ugandan products.

Hosted 3 Government agencies IRA, URBA, MFPED for benchmarking in Turkiye.

Facilitated repatriation of 2 dead Ugandans from Turkiye

Coordinated the treatment of 14 Ugandans in Turkiye.

Facilitated a visit of 6 delegations of 6 Ugandan VIPs to Turkiye.

Facilitated the renewal of 128 passport, certified 65 birth certificates, certified 30 marriage documents, and 35 academic papers

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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	0.695	0.266	1.195	1.195	1.195	1.195
	Non-Wage	4.862	2.425	4.083	4.083	4.083	4.083
Devt.	GoU	0.000	0.000	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total		5.557	2.691	6.078	6.078	6.078	6.078
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)		5.557	2.691	6.078	6.078	6.078	6.078
Arrears		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget		5.557	2.691	6.078	6.078	6.078	6.078
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears		5.557	2.691	6.078	6.078	6.078	6.078

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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:07 Private Sector Development	0.210	0.000
SubProgramme:01 Enabling Environment	0.210	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	0.210	0.000
001 Embassy in Ankara, Turkey	0.210	0.000
Programme:12 Human Capital Development	0.150	0.000
SubProgramme:01 Education,Sports and skills	0.150	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	0.150	0.000
001 Embassy in Ankara, Turkey	0.150	0.000
Programme:16 Governance And Security	4.918	0.800
SubProgramme:01 Institutional Coordination	4.918	0.800
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	4.918	0.800
001 Embassy in Ankara, Turkey	4.918	0.800
Total for the Vote	5.278	0.800

### Table 5.1: Performance Indicators

**Programme Intervention: 070403 Undertake strategic and sustainable government investment and promote private sector partnerships in key growth areas**

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

### **SubProgramme: 01 Institutional Coordination**

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Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services						
Department: 001 Embassy in Ankara, Turkey						
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	2020-2021	12	10	5	15

Project: 1713 Retooling of Mission in Ankara						
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	2020-2021	0			2

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## VI. VOTE NARRATIVE

### Vote Challenges

#### Lack of Mission properties

The Mission rents the Chancery and Official residence each at USD 108,000 per year. The long term sustainability of the rent expenditure diverts funds from the real Mission activities of promoting and protecting Ugandan interests in Turkey. There is need to avail funds for property acquisition in the short term to facilitate purchase of Chancery and Official residence.

#### Inadequate staffing

The Mission contributes to several programs prioritized under NDPIII. The Mission intervention in these programs is through strengthening bilateral political cooperation between Uganda and Turkey, promotion of economic & commercial diplomacy, mobilization of the diaspora for national development, provision of consular services, lobbying for scholarships for Ugandans to study in Turkey, and initiating cooperation frameworks between Ugandan and Turkish institutions of higher learning among others. However, there are only three diplomatic and nine local staff to support these activities. There is urgent need to review the mission staff structure.

#### Need to review remuneration of Foreign Service Officers.

To date, the education allowance and Foreign Service allowance for officers posted to Missions abroad has remained at the rates set 15 years ago. This is not in tandem with current realities on the ground. Therefore, there is need to review remunerations of FSOs to be able to perform to the expected level.

#### Budget allocation for handling emergencies.

Lack of budget allocation for handling emergency consular issues such as repatriation of victims of human trafficking, giving shelter to those that await repatriation, assistance with basic necessities to those in detention and those faced with natural calamities, etc.

#### Need for a passport and National ID center at the Mission.

Turkey is a host to 6,400 Ugandans plus seasonal Ugandan travelers who from time to time require consular support form of replacement of lost passports or acquisition of National IDs. There is need to have a Passport and National ID provision center at the Ankara Mission so as to serve this population and the neighboring missions.

### Plans to improve Vote Performance

Consideration should be made to allocate funds to acquire Mission properties in Turkey to enable the Mission focus available funds on carrying out mission activities as opposed to the current situation where the rent expense accounts for a big proportion of mission expenditure.

Consider giving MoFA and Missions abroad the mandate to revise Mission structures as and when need arises so as to enable alignment of mission staff, resource allocation and activities.

There is urgent need for MoFA to engage the Ministry of Public Service to review the Foreign Service terms of service from those set 15 years ago and consideration should be made to pay education allowance in full directly to schools as is the practice with all other missions abroad.

There is need to enact an emergency fund for the mission to address unforeseen and urgent consular challenges such as human trafficking and distress due to natural calamities.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Department of Immigration need to consider Turkey as a host of a passport and National ID issuance machine. This will enable the Mission to meet the growing demands for passport acquisition and renewal services from the Ugandan community in Turkey and the neighboring countries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs should be allocated its own programme under NDP III so as to be able to protect resource allocation to Missions Abroad without having to rely on the goodwill of sector working groups of programmes where the missions contribute.

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

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

N/A



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Table 7.2: NTR Collections (Uganda Shillings Billions)

Revenue Code	Revenue Name	FY2022/23	Projection FY2023/24
142223	Document certification fees	0.000	10,000,000.000
Total		0.000	10,000,000.000

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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	Promotion of cooperation on gender issues with countries of accreditation in terms of best practices, capacity building, representation in national development issues
Issue of Concern	Youth unemployment, girl child education and promoting equality for the disabled
Planned Interventions	Consular support to immigrant workers, acquisition of gender balanced scholarships for Ugandans and giving priority to the disabled in organization of office space and work environment.
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.090
Performance Indicators	Number of immigrant workers assisted, number of scholarships sourced, quality of space provided for the disabled

ii) HIV/AIDS

N / A

iii) Environment

OBJECTIVE	Designation of secure and convenient smoking area for smoking guests and staff
Issue of Concern	Curbing of public smoking in Embassy premises
Planned Interventions	Designate specific open area within the Embassy fence for all smokers
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.012
Performance Indicators	Smoking area designated

iv) Covid

OBJECTIVE	Support activities aimed at the prevention of COVID 19
Issue of Concern	Spread of COVID 19
Planned Interventions	Support activities aimed at the prevention of COVID 19 by providing sanitizers, face masks, regular COVID check-ups, mandatory staff vaccination and fumigation of premises
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.004
Performance Indicators	Number of sanitizers and face masks provided Number of staff vaccinated against COVID 19 Number of times premises are fumigated

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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

