**Action Plan 2021**

**Sri Lanka Embassy in Afghanistan**

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| **Priority Area** | **Objectives** | **Target** | | **Proposed Activity** | **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** | **Time Frame**  **(%)** | | | | **Budget**  **Allocation**  **LKR** | **Responsible Officer**  **(Ex-officio)** |
| **Financial/**  **Physical Targets** | **Non-Financial**  **Targets** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** |  |  | |
| **Political Diplomacy** | To hold Political Consultations to Examine bi-lateral Relations & to develop cooperation Between the two countries | NONE | Corporation in political Security, economic, Culture, and education Health, Social, people to people relations, HR development etc.    National issues that included issues of interest which are relevant to UN & International Organizations | Signing the MOU on the Establishment of Political Consultations Mechanism Between Sri Lanka and  Afghanistan | * Number of discussions with the officers of Law and treaties division Ministry of Foreign Affairs Afghanistan to finalize the process & to hold the First Political Consultation between the two countries. * Number of initiatives and follow up actions both with South Asia division of MFR Sri Lanka and MoFA Afghanistan. * Follow up action with Legal division of MFR Colombo to review the last draft MoU sent from MoFA Afghanistan for acceptance. * Finalized MoU resent back from MoFA Afghanistan to MFR Sri Lanka agreed to sign on a mutually convenient date and venue. | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | NIL | HOM &  Attaché` | |
| To facilitate both countries in regulating the necessary legal framework for the transfer of sentenced persons | NONE | To ensure a safe orderly return of their commission of a Criminal offence, the opportunity to serve their sentences within their own country. | Signing Agreement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons  Between Afghanistan and Sri Lanka | * Number of discussions with the officers of Law and treaties division Ministry of Foreign Affairs Afghanistan to arrange the proposed negotiations. * Number of initiatives and follow up actions both with South Asia division of MFR Sri Lanka and MoFA Afghanistan to set up dates to attend the negotiations of draft agreement. * Number of facilitations made for the nominated officers of Afghanistan in issuing of visas. * Signing of the Agreement on the Exchange of Prisoners between Afghanistan & Sri Lanka. | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | NIL | HOM &  Attaché` | |
| **Economic**  **Diplomacy** | Desiring to facilitate the expansion of International Air services opportunities & to conclude an Agreement for the purpose of establishing and operating Air services between & beyond their respective territories | NONE | To enhance economic growth, trade, tourism, investment, and the welfare of consumers.  To ensure the highest degree of safety and security in international Air services and undermine public confidence in the safety of civil aviation | Signing Air Services Agreement between the government of Afghanistan and the government of Sri Lanka | * Number of follow up actions with the Legal Division MFR Colombo to complete all internal procedures of Sri Lanka side to sign the Air Services agreement. * Number of follow up actions with South Asia Division and EA&T Division to finalize logistical arrangements for signing of MoU between the two countries. * Number of follow up actions | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | NIL | HOM &  Attaché` | |
| Desiring to enhance the existing friendly relations between the two countries through developing cooperation in the field of manpower based on the principle of mutual benefits. | NONE | Recognizing the benefits to be derived by both countries from close cooperation in the field of manpower Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in the respective countries. | To Convene and attend the meeting of the First Joint Committee to discuss about the Agreement between Sri Lanka and Afghanistan on the Employment of Sri Lankan skilled & professional manpower in Afghanistan | * Getting nominations from Sri Lanka side to convene the meeting of the first joint committee from South Asia division. * Number of initiatives and follow up actions both with South Asia division of MFR Sri Lanka and MoFA Afghanistan to convene the First Joint Committee to discuss about the Agreement. * Number of discussions with the First Joint Committee about the Agreement between Sri Lanka & Afghanistan on the Employment of Sri Lankan Skilled and Professional Manpower in Afghanistan. | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | NIL | HOM &  Attaché` | |
| **Defense & Security cooperation** | To promote cooperation in defense related matters between the Parties & identify areas and programs of cooperation in Military training exchange of experience & expertise of the two countries & other exchange programs of interest | NONE | Exchange of knowledge & experience in the general fields of defense Organizing training programs on countering insurgency & terrorism.  Meetings between equivalent defense institutions. Promote peace stability &the strengthening of the respective defense capabilities. Close defense cooperation. | Signing the MOU on Defense Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. | * Number of correspondences originated to finalize draft MoU of Afghan side from Ministry of Foreign Relations Sri Lanka. * Number of follow up actions hold to finalize the singing of the MoU. | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | NIL | HOM &  Attaché` | |
| **Public Diplomacy** | Close interaction with the Host Government and other Diplomat missions & International Organizations | NONE | Strengthening the bilateral relationship between the two countries  To build a positive image with publics of other countries | Participate at State events and functions at all levels and also in events organized by other missions & institutions. | * Participating at all state functions and events. * Number of events of other Missions, represented by the Mission. | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | NIL | HOM | |
| Uniting people through Cultural Interactions | NONE | Provide opportunities for participation, Skill development, volunteering, and social, cultural economic & environmental developments.  Attract tourists& visitors  at different levels | Organizing National events & Ceremonies and informal gatherings for the expatriate community | * Number of key events organized. * Number of get-togethers arranged for the Sri Lankan Expatriates in Kabul. | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | To be decided by the newly appointed HOM | HOM &  Attaché` | |
| **Cultural Diplomacy** | To promote Cultural- Co-operation between the two countries on the basis of mutual respect for their sovereignty & in conformity with laws & regulations in force in each country. | NONE | Promoting the friendly relations existing between the two countries. Re- affirming the need for cultivating & developing closer and stronger cultural relations between their respective people | Establishment of Joint Committee on implementation of MOU on Cultural Cooperation between Sri Lanka & Afghanistan | * Number of follow up actions with South Asia division to finalize the text of the formulation of the Joint Committee on Cultural Cooperation with Afghanistan. * Number of follow up actions with MoFA Afghanistan to formulate the Joint Committee. * Number of meetings with the Heads of Ministry of Information & Culture Afghanistan and Ministry of Cultural Affairs Sri Lanka. | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | NIL | HOM &  Attaché` | |
| **Consular Diplomacy**  **& Migrant Labour Welfare**  **&**  **Covid related activities** | Immigration & Visa services for Afghans to promote Afghan nationals to travel more to Sri Lanka.  Providing Consular Assistance to Sri Lankans living in Afghanistan  Assisting Sri Lankans in the Covid 19 Pandemic period for their job protection, safety in health and finally to repatriate to Sri Lanka safely. | Visa Fees  Consular Fees | Boost economy by promoting tourism  Create job opportunities through tourism.  Promoting the friendly relations between the two countries.  Cultural experience exchange between people.  Strengthening Sri Lankan migrant workers by Assisting them with necessary consular services  Looking after the welfare of the Sri Lankan migrant workers  Arranging smooth a& safe repatriation for those who are in need | Promotion of Tourism thorough Social media platforms.  Distributing Promotional Materials among travel agents and interlocutors.  Regular updating of Sri Lankan community through internet /social media  and with local news roundups  Maintaining a data base of the Sri Lankans staying in Afghanistan in the mission to get their necessary details to use in emergency situations such as in the repatriation processes. | * Issuance of visa for the Afghan Nationals to travel to Sri Lanka * Posting promotional videos and images regarding tourism in Sri Lanka on Social media. * Uprising government officials and the travel agents about the new government immigration rules & laws. * Displaying promotional materials at ceremonies organized by the mission * Distributing promotional materials regarding Ceylon tea and Tourism among the interested parties of Afghanistan. * Renewal of Passports for the Sri Lankans who have their Passports expired in the pandemic period. * Issuing letters regarding extension of the validity period of driving license according to the gazette notifications issued by the Ministry of Transport and the Department of Motor traffic. * Making arrangement in an event of Death by taking action to inform the NOKs accordingly and to issue with No Objection letters to the relevant parties to carry on final services. * Arrangements to get compensation to the families of diseased persons * Certifying certain documents of Sri Lankans in need * Providing information on dealing with Afghan authorities * Arranging for evacuation or other assistance in emergency situations. * Coordinating with the Presidential Secretariat by sending passenger lists and flight option details to get approval for repatriation flights for the Sri Lankans intend to go back to Sri Lanka in emergency basis. | 25  25 | 25  25 | 25  25 | 25  25 | NIL  NIL | HOM &  Attaché`  HOM &  Attaché | |