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UDN CALLS FOR COVID-19 TRANSPARENCY PARTNERSHIP

1. COVID-19 TRANSPARENCY PARTNERSHIP (COVID- TP) ACROSS EAST AFRICA

COVID-19 has had adverse impact on Uganda in current Financial Year (FY) 2019/2020 and 's economic forecast through FY2020/2021, similarly across the East African Community (EAC) and Africa at large. The COVID-19 situation has also attracted unusually high a pedigree diversity of resources. To this end, Uganda Debt Network (UDN) has called for a multi-stakeholder COVID-19 Transparency Partnership (COVID- TP) in Uganda and across East Africa.

The COVID- TP would be akin to global Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI). To private sector and citizens who volunteered resources over and above their taxes, Transparency and accountability from Governments will be key in this COVID season. Indeed, Government of Uganda (GOU) has since March 2020 received a multitude of a multi-stakeholder resources to bolster her Fiscal capacity against COVID-19 as highlighted in Table 1 below;

2. TABLE 1: SAMPLE OF RESOURCES TO GOU AS SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET, GRANTS AND/ OR LOANS, MARCH-MAY 2020

Date	Source/ Grant or Loan	Amount (USD in millions)	Reason
3 rd March 2020	GOU/ Supplementary Budget to FY 2019/20 worth UGX 663 billion	\$175	FY 2019/20 budget support
19 th March 2020	Supplementary Budget to FY 2019/20 worth UGX 639 billion (off GOU acquired/ Parliamentary recently approved loan worth Euro 600 million)	\$168.5	Part of approved loan available worth Euro 600 million towards FY 2019 20 support.
31 st March 2020	Supplementary Budget worth UGX 284 billion to FY 2019/20 (off GOU acquired/ Parliamentary recently approved loan worth Euro 600 million)	\$75	Part of approved loan available worth Euro 600 million towards FY 2019 20 support.
	U.S Mission in Uganda	2.0	Prepare hospitals for unfolding COVID-19 pandemic, contract Epidemiologists to help in contact tracing, expand virtual communications, and provide emergency support for vulnerable children.

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Date	Source/ Grant or Loan	Amount (USD in millions)	Reason
	U.S Mission in Uganda	3.6	Health focused to refugees
6 th May 2020	IMF- Rapid Credit Facility	491.5	Loan to macro-economic (Central Bank reserves support) and Budget support for FY 2010/20
5 th May 20	U.S Mission in Uganda	2.3	Health Assistance, risk communication support, case management, supply chain technical assistance, laboratory capabilities to existing health facilities.
25 th April 2020	UN in Uganda	316.4	Emergency appeal for COVID- 19 response
30 th April 2020	DANIDA – Denmark	2.1	Through WHO-U & UNFPA-U, COVID-19 response in Uganda
17 th April 2020	European Union	32,396,098	Loan for Budget Support
	African Development Bank	300,000,000	Loan for Budget Support
	UK Bank	300.5	Yet to be approved- budget support
March – 20th May	Private sector and Ugandan voluntary contributions	Vehicles and other material items	Support to National COVID-19 Taskforce
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Source: UDN computation as at 20th May 2020

3. CONCLUSION

Through more prudent utilization public resources especially in respect to COVID-19 resources, UDN is spearheading a Multi-stakeholder COVID-19 Transparency Partnership (COVID- TP) to monitor those public resources, both in Uganda and across East Africa Community States to jointly win the war against the disease.

As Dr. Enock Nyorekwa recently observed, *“Fiscal integrity will be one of the optimal avenues for stakeholders to leverage against COVID-19 pandemic as we support Governments to, Publish What You Receive and What You Spend on regularly”*.

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