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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our attention has been drawn to a three-page *Yaruki Initiative Uganda* document that is currently doing rounds on various social media platforms dubbed “**COVID-19 Relief Drive to Support Vulnerable Families in Uganda**” in quotation marks but without attribution, supposedly co-authored by one Salongo Matovu Joseph, founder of Matovu Foundation and another one by the names Nakaswa John.

The document indicates that the above-mentioned solicitation drive is spearheaded by, among others, Uganda Embassy in Japan. This grave and entirely false allegation serves the purposes of those who are trying to smudge the image of Uganda and its Government in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Embassy of Uganda in Japan disassociates itself from any solicitation drive such as that underway by self-evidently self-seeking opportunists, and condemns any utterance or act contrary to the avowed policy of the Government of Uganda regarding mobilization of resources for the pandemic- which is through the National Response Fund to COVID-19, headed by Hon. Mary Karoro Okurut, Minister in-charge of General Duties - Office of the Prime Minister.

Individuals and organizations who wish to donate to the National Response Fund can do so officially via Senior Governance Advisor to the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister and Administrator of the National Response Fund, Ms. Dorothy Kisaka, using the channels below:

Bank Name: Stanbic Bank
Branch Name: Garden City
Account Name: National Response Fund to COVID-19
Account Nos.: 9030017338551 (Uganda Shilling Account)
9030017342974 (United States Dollar Account)
Telephone: +256772 311093, +256793 942474, +256 701106293
E-mail: ps@opm.go.ug

The Embassy of Uganda in Japan will continue providing updated information to the public in regard to the pandemic as guided by H.E the President in the regular addresses to the nation on key issues in national efforts to fight COVID-19 outbreak.

For the avoidance of doubt, anybody adhering to the so-called *Yaruki Initiative Uganda* does so at their own risk.

For God and my Country.


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