

## **Financial Contributions to COVID-19 Related Activities**

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa established “COVID – 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund” on 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2020, to strengthen the mitigation activities aimed at controlling the spread of COVID-19 virus in the country and related social welfare programmes. Press Release issued by the Presidents’ Media Unit in this regard can be viewed at [link](#).

Donations to this fund have been exempted from taxes and foreign exchange regulations in Sri Lanka.

The Fund has been set up to **meet the following objectives**:

- To provide immediate funding requirement of Director General, Health Services to meet all expenditure connected with COVID-19 related healthcare facilities including drugs, testing equipment and capacity expenses.
- To meet expenses connected to healthcare and safety of health sector employees and all logistic providers working to provide essential public delivery services.
- To provide basic essentials to children, women, low income, elderly, differently able and vulnerable people.
- To mobilize required funding to strengthen public healthcare systems, including village and remote area dispensaries, testing and treatment centers, family healthcare system, to further consolidate Sri Lanka’s public healthcare system to reduce country risks to communicable diseases.
- To assist indigenous medicine, sanitary product manufacturing and distribution, promote research to use resources, knowledge and skills to innovate new health and sanitation products based on local raw materials.
- To promote research and innovation using Sri Lanka’s medical and scientific knowledge and experience to develop protective dresses and sanitation products to global market.
- To promote healthy living with organic food consumption, valuing traditional, yet rich living styles, through media and educational programmes.
- To coordinate fund raising with WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank, ADB and Sri Lanka’s major development partner community and agencies based on best guidelines for resource allocations, harmonized national procurement system and governance practices.

At this hour of need, the staff of the Sri Lankan Embassy in Washington DC, from their salaries for the month of April 2020, has voluntarily contributed to the above fund geared towards helping the welfare and well-being of those affected.

The donors and well wishers are welcome to contribute to “COVID – 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund” either by directly remitting their donations to “COVID - 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund” or by making a deposit by online transfer or cheque deposit to the Sri Lanka Diplomatic Missions in the respective countries as follows;

1. For direct transfer of funds, please remit donations by online transfer to following account.

- **AC No : 85737373**
- **AC Name : COVID – 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund**
- **Swift code : BCEYLK LX**
- **Bank: Bank of Ceylon**
- **Bank code: 7010**
- **Branch : Corporate Branch**
- **Branch Code : 660**
- **Purpose: Covid fund – Charity**

2. For donations to Sri Lanka Embassy in Washington DC, please make online transfer or cheque deposit to the following account;

- **AC No: 226005686177**
- **AC Name : Embassy of Sri Lanka**
- **Bank: Bank of America**
- **Routing Number: 054001204**
- **Cheque should be written in favour of “Embassy of Sri Lanka”**

An official receipt will be issued by Embassy for all donations made to Embassy account. The donors are kindly requested to send by email to [accounts@slembassyusa.org](mailto:accounts@slembassyusa.org) the following details together with a scanned copy of bank remittance slip confirming the deposit made to the Embassy bank account.

- Depositors’ Name :
- Amount :
- Address :
- Email:

Please note that remittances to “COVID – 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund” and to the Embassy account may be subject to service charges by banks/financial institutes as applicable in the United States of America.

For any further clarification on transfer of funds to “COVID – 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund” or to Embassy account, please contact Mrs. Aruni Warnakula, Accounts Officer of the Embassy on 202 288 8546 or [accounts@slembassyusa.org](mailto:accounts@slembassyusa.org)

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