A ‘COVID-19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund’ was set up by the Government of Sri Lanka on 23rd March 2020 to contain the novel coronavirus outbreak, with a Rs 100 million contribution from the President’s Fund. With direct deposits and donations from organizations and individual donors the Fund’s balance has surpassed Rs. 242 million, today, 31st March 2020. Both local and foreign donors are invited to contribute to the COVID – 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund.

The Fund will be used for:

A. 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;

B. To meet expenses connected to healthcare and safety of health sector employees and all logistic providers working to provide essential public delivery services.

C. To provide basic essentials to children, women, low income, elderly, differently abled and vulnerable people;

D. 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;

E. 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;

F. To promote research and innovation using Sri Lanka’s medical and scientific knowledge and experience to develop protective dresses and sanitation products;

G. To promote healthy living with organic food consumption, valuing traditional, yet rich living styles, through media and educational programmes; and

H. 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.

The Fund will be managed under a management committee consisting of relevant Line Ministry Secretaries, Bankers, Financial Analysts and Health authorities.

Please be informed that the Permanent of Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN in Geneva will be accepting financial contributions to the Fund. An official receipt will be issued in this regard and your donations will be directly transferred to the Fund through the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Sri Lanka.

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