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To: Members of Sri Lankan Community in New South Wales.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Financial Contributions to COVID-19 Related Activities in Sri Lanka

This is to inform that the **"COVID – 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund"** was established by the President of Sri Lanka to strengthen the mitigation activities aimed at controlling the spread of COVID-19 virus in the country and related social welfare programme which conducted free of charge basis.

In this difficult movement, the President requests all Sri Lankans to work in unison and brotherhood in the wake of the present challenge before the nation. Local as well as foreign donors can make their financial contributions to **the COVID – 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund.**

The Fund has been set up to meet the following objectives.

1. 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.
2. To meet expenses connected to healthcare and safety of health sector employees and all logistic providers working to provide essential public delivery services.
3. To provide basic essentials to children, women, low income, elderly, differently abled and vulnerable people.
4. To mobilize required funding to strengthen public healthcare systems, including village and remote area dispensaries, testing and treatment centres, family healthcare system, to further consolidate Sri Lanka's public healthcare system to reduce country risks to communicable diseases.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. To promote healthy living with organic food consumption, valuing traditional, yet rich living styles, through media and educational programmes.
8. 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.

Members of the Sri Lankan Communities, Well-wishers and any private entities in Australia who wish to make financial contributions to the efforts of the Government of Sri Lanka could deposit their contribution through the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Sydney.

We kindly request all major Sri Lankan Associations in New South Wales and Queensland to disseminate the above information among their members encouraging Sri Lankans in Australia and well-wishers to contribute towards this humanitarian appeal.

Grateful, if you could make the bank transfer to the following Bank Account of Sri Lanka Consulate General of Sydney and send your details to keep the record in the Consulate as well as the Presidential Secretariat.

Bank Details :

Account Name : The Consulate General of Democratic Socialist, Republic of Sri Lanka.
Bank : ANZ Bank
BSB : 012003
Account No. : 351415021

Thank you for your kind cooperation.



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