

**DFAT Management response annex: Sri Lanka Support Unit, Independent Evaluation**

No.	Recommendation	Response	Action	Timing
1	Ensure that the new country strategy has clear strategic intent and is widely shared	Agree	To inform strategic intent and future programming Post will develop a new country strategy guided by the forthcoming international development policy.	Finalised in the first half of 2023.
2	Decide the extent to which the AHC is content to contract out core corporate documents and responsibilities	Agree	Clear roles and responsibilities are defined in the terms of reference and statement of requirement for the facility. Post has increased the resourcing at the facility as recommended. An additional team leader within the successor facility will also be considered. The re-establishment of the Development Counsellor position is unlikely to occur.	Ongoing.
3	Clarify the strategic intent of KLIE	Agree	KLIE has been used as a soft power tool to respond to government requests and leverage Australia's broad technical expertise to achieve development outcomes. The forthcoming country strategy will inform future programming.	Ongoing.
4	Clarify the strategic intent of DAP	Agree	The forthcoming country strategy will inform future programming, including the DAP.	Ongoing.
5	Once a decision has been taken regarding strategic ownership (issue #2), revise the SLSU TOR	Agree	An approach to market will take place in the first half of 2023 for a successor facility. In the interim the TOR for the SLSU will be revised.	Ongoing.
6	Replace KLIE with a reformed partnership program (outlined in issue #3)	Agree	Existing KLIE partnerships will continue until the contracts expire. Any future partnerships will be informed by the country strategy and a program redesign.	Second half of 2023.
7	Once its strategic intent has been clarified (issue #4), revise the DAP	Agree	Post is reviewing its approach to DAP. A non-ODA funded DAP is not possible given departmental budget constraints.	Ongoing.
8	Stand up the SSG project steering committee (PSC) as soon as possible	Agree	A subsidiary arrangement with government is being progressed. Following approval of the arrangement, a steering committee with government participation will be stood up.	Ongoing.
9	Review SLSU staffing needs	Agree	Post acknowledges SLSU has been a lean facility. Since the evaluation, three new positions have been created and filled: a grants officer, senior program officer, and subnational governance program officer.	Ongoing.
10	Require a coherent monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) framework	Agree	Post has requested SLSU to update the monitoring and evaluation results framework by 31 March 2023. This will be reviewed by DFAT's governance and design desks.	Ongoing.

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11	Clarify the reporting line of the SLSU TL	Agree	The SLSU TL reports directly to the First Secretary Development Cooperation on whole of development matters, the Second Secretary on DAP and the Senior Program Manager on governance. A steering committee with senior leadership is also in place.	Complete.
12	Evaluation of SLSU's capacity building approach	Agree	The SLSU's capacity building approach for Post and partners will be independently reviewed in the third quarter of 2023.	Third quarter 2023.