

UNDP in The Gambia



Eco. Mgt & Evidence-Based Policy, Planning & Budgeting

Start/End Date: Jan. 2017/Dec. 2021

Total Budget: \$4,000,000

Description: This project will provide support to national institutions responsible for economic management and evidence-based policy, planning and budgeting to achieve inclusive growth and poverty reduction in the Gambia.

SDGs Impacted: Goals 1, 11 & 17



Outcomes/Results to Date: Supported the formulation of the National Development Plan (NDP 2018-21) and the organization of donor roundtable in Brussel on the funding of the NDP and a total of \$1.7billion dollars were pledged.

Supported the formulation of six sectoral policies and six regional strategic plan. Supported tax education and sensitization programmes leading to increase domestic resource-tax collection. Strengthened national capacities in auditing and procurement and enhance compliance and efficiency in public resource management.

Output 1: Strengthen capacity for sound economic (fiscal) policy, research and data for evidence-based decision-making.

- Strengthening planning and monitoring capacities at central, sectoral and regional levels.

Strengthening IC infrastructure for research and data management for evidence-based decision-making, develop an automated MIS and training on data analysis for GBOS staff. Conducted a user needs survey, Demographic Health Survey, household poverty and tourism establishment survey.

- Supported the adequate ICT infrastructure and MIS for the statistical system
- Strengthened national capacities in macroeconomic & fiscal analysis forecasting and government finance statistics and management
- Support the production of quarter debt and aid resource bulletins
- Support to HIS 2019/20, overseas training to one GBOS staff on multidimensional poverty analysis, 25 statisticians and data managers on CS-PRO,
- 19 staff from various sectors received data analysis training using STATA & Tableau Debt management and sustainability
- COBIT 5 Implementation and ISO 27001(ISMS).
- Designing and Monitoring and Evaluation Tool for Aid Coordination and tracking
- Gender statistics & responsive budgeting
- EPICOR 10 in Tanzania as part of efforts to strengthen capacity and facilitate IFMIS rollout
- Sensitized 119 staff from AGD on PFM,

Output 2: Enhance capacity for pro-poor and gender-responsive budgeting, resource allocation, management and reporting

Formulated the following:

- Accountant General's Department five-year strategic plane (2019 – 2023)
- Review of the Gambia Aid Policy (2015 – 2020)
- Annual review of the NDP completed
- Annual progress report on NDP implementation status

- Development of Land Mgt policy
- Updating of the national public finance strategy
- Supported citizen- centered and gender responsive budgeting
- Regional and national consultation in planning and budgeting
- Support donor coordination and development forums.

Output 3: Build and strengthen capacity for effective development planning, monitoring and evaluation across Government and Councils

- All the 8 quarterly planners' meetings have been successfully held
- Formulated Development Planning policy
- Strategic plans for all the 8 Local Government Authorities including the two city councils
- 50 planners trained on project planning & proposal development
- 34 planners & M&E officers trained in Results Based Monitoring
- Village and Ward Development Committees and Management of Councils (Kerewan and Mansakonko)
- Equipment for the regional planning unit- Hardware ICT equipment provided to strengthen their planning and budgeting capacities
- Support the review of current Vision 2020, National Voluntary reporting long term perspective studies and the SDGs
- Capacity strengthening in land and property valuation & GIS-39 MoLRG&RA & Council Staff received a 40-day training
- Conducted Mid Term review of the national development plan
- Popularising and localising the SDGs with diverse national actors

Resulted in strengthened planning capacities at central and local levels

Output 4: Strengthen capacity for effective public finance management, internal controls and increased accountability in government operations

- A comprehensive survey on LGAs financial and accounting systems conducted

- Sensitization on PFM reform programs & taxes Workshop was held with SCOs
- TV & Radio adverts aired
- Tax seminars (professional bodies & Tertiary institutions & National assembly members & staff.
- Developed taxpayer obligations brochures and review of taxpayer obligation documents
- Sensitization on single Treasury Account and training of national assembly members on public private partnership policies and operational guidelines of PPP proposals



- Capacity strengthening in Audit for strengthening accountability and financial reporting focusing on results Overseas (Nairobi) for PFM staff on Audit & Risk Mgt. 25 Internal audit staff trained on specialized audit skills & program.

Tax revenue increase every year due to high rate of tax compliance due to awareness raising supported

Total Funding Gap: US\$600,000 (to strengthened national statistical system and conduct of essential surveys to track SDGs and national development).

Agency/Line Ministry: Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs

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