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**Funding Gap:** 1,750,000 USD

## Consolidating Democratic Governance for Development in The Gambia, 2018-202

The current UNDP Country Office Strategy continues to be relevant in accompanying the Government and Non-state actors in the reform process by supporting the review of requisite policy frameworks and the establishment and or strengthening of democratic governance institutions. In furtherance of this, Consolidating Democratic Governance project aims to strengthen the democratic character of the Gambia's political processes and 2) promote outcomes that consolidate and advance democratic governance, peace and accountability to achieve the country's stated development priorities and goals consistent especially Goal 16 of the SDGs.

The project consists of 6 outputs/components:

**Key 2019 results under output 1 of the Governance programme: Promoting Credible, Transparent and Sustainable electoral processes and political engagement,**

At the request of the IEC Chair, The UN fielded a United Nations (UN) Electoral Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) to the Gambia 16 – 20 September. The objective of was to evaluate the electoral environment, the legal and institutional framework governing the electoral process and the capacity and needs of the various electoral stakeholders, with a view to making recommendations for assistance. Meanwhile, UNDP Taskforce on Electoral Assistance in Brussel is supporting the CO and IEC in the formulation of election project ahead of the anticipated referendum and 2021 multi-tier elections in the Gambia. Cognizance of the current political dispensation with the

surge in the formation of new political parties in the Gambia, the CO continue to support the Inter-Party Committee (IPC) in delivering on its mandate to coordinate relationships and serve as a dialogue forum amongst political parties, popularization of the IPCs mandate, Code of Conduct and MOU. UNDP and the ECOWAS Secretariat continue to sustain support towards the institutional strengthening of the IPC.

In a bid to **strengthening the National Assembly's**



oversight functions as highlighted **under Output 2, the following Key results were achieved in 2019:** The CO supported a workshop which established the SDG baseline and an Action plan of the National Assembly; currently guiding its efforts towards the implementation of Agenda 2030. The workshop report and Action Plan were adopted; ahead of the Training of Trainers workshop targeted at NAMS SDGs champions guiding the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs in The Gambia.

**Key 2019 results under output 3: Promoting social cohesion, peace and democracy through initiating the establishment of an Infrastructure for Peace (I4P):**

The collaborative efforts of Government through the Ministry of the Interior, Office of the President, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP); supported by the

United Nations through the Joint UNDP- DPA Programme updated the 2018 Conflict and Development Analysis (CDA) and produced the 2019 CDA which is informing the programmatic focus of support from the PBF.



In June 2019, UNDP/UNRCO trained 48 participants (15 females and 33 males) drawn from WCR, URR, LLRR, CRR, and NBR who are directly involved in conflict resolution processes and play essential roles in peacebuilding in their own regions. The training focused on peacebuilding and conflict resolution mechanisms designed to build and strengthen traditional and religious leaders knowledge and understanding of the concepts of peacebuilding and conflict resolution mechanisms; enhanced their peacebuilding and conflict resolutions skills to manage and resolve conflicts in their respective communities; and incorporate gender lenses into peacebuilding and conflict resolution work of traditional and religious authorities.

**Key 2019 results under output 4: Civic Engagement and Enhancing Participation by women, Youth and other marginalized groups includes:** The CO strengthen the institutional capacity of the Gambia Federation for the Disabled (GFD) through restructuring and reviewing of GFD constitution and programme of Action ahead of their AGM Meeting. GFD secretariat through a low value grant purchased equipment, recruit staff and organizational management training for the Board. The CO also supported the CSO Gender Platform to champion SGBV and issues affecting women; and launched REFELA; a unifying Platform advocating for the participation of women leadership in local politics in furtherance of

realizing the 2030 agenda; and collaborated with Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) in support of Women in Business and to implement the Gender Equality Seal for the Private sector.

**Key 2019 results under output 5 supporting constitutional and legal reforms of the Gambia includes:** UNDP supported the CRC induction conference, co-hosted by International IDEA in July 2018; and has provided financial and technical support to the constitutional review process; including support to the nationwide consultations and preparation of position papers to youth and women's groups, funded technical experts from Kenya and Ghana to draft the new constitution, co-hosted with International IDEA and IRI a workshop for National Assembly, CSOs and Persons with Disability (PWDs) members in December 2019 to review and deepen understanding on contentious issues in the draft Constitutional text for inclusion in the final text.



**Key 2019 results under output 6 Strengthening Institutional Frameworks for Accountability and Citizen's Participation: Myriad Pro Light**

In 2019 the project supported the capacity assessment of 516 Village Development Committees-(VDCs) and 119 Ward Development Committees (WDCs). In addition a training manual was developed which formed the basis for the training of committee members in 80 VDCs and 32 wards.

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