

National Indicative Programme 2014-2020

GAMBIA

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General overview of the programme

Intervention Area	Budget (MEUR)
Agriculture for Economic Growth and Food Security/nutrition	28
Exit Strategy to the Transport Sector	3
Other support measures	2
Total	33

Sector 1: Agriculture for Economic Growth and Food Security/nutrition

General objective: to contribute to sustainable growth in the agricultural sector and reduce food insecurity and malnutrition.

Specific objectives:

- ✓ Increased agricultural productivity/diversification and access to food;
- ✓ Increased most vulnerable smallholders participation in value chains;
- ✓ Enhanced information systems, crisis management & prevention.

Expected results:

- Strengthened extension services and farmer capacities;
- Increased sustainable production/productivity/diversification and enhanced quality of selected agricultural crops and livestock;
- Increased access to quality food via social safety nets for improved nutritional status.
- Improved functioning of national cooperative and association bodies in agricultural sector;
- Better market access for smallholders (development of value chain opportunities, access to rural finance, feeder roads).
- Improved information gathering and dissemination on food security and nutrition (Early Warning System, statistics, market information system);
- Improved implementation of risk mitigation measures (disaster risk management cycle, including climate change adaptation and resilience measures, nutrition and social safety nets).

Sector 2: Exit Strategy to the Transport Sector

General objective: to ensure ownership and sustainable legal and operational framework and financing of the governance of the road sector (particularly maintenance).

Specific objective:

- ✓ The Government has the capacity to prepare and implement an annual maintenance plan for the road network;
- ✓ The Road Fund receives the funds allocated to it in the Gambia Roads and Technical Services Authority Act, 2003, and the Road Fund in the Gambia Roads and Technical Services Authority (Amendment) Act, 2007. However, if these funds are not sufficient to finance the required maintenance, the Government of The Gambia will subsidise the shortfall;

- ✓ The local small scale contractors are able to execute labour intensive road maintenance, rehabilitation and construction works of the rural road network;
- ✓ The Government of The Gambia implements the ECOWAS' rules on axle load control in accordance with the ECOWAS agreement the Government has signed.

Expected results:

- An annual maintenance plan, including the required budget, to be submitted to the Minister of Transport, Works and Infrastructure, as well as a rolling multi annual maintenance plan. The NRA will implement these plans by tendering and awarding the required road-maintenance contracts in accordance with the annual maintenance plan.
- The Government will demonstrate its commitment by ensuring that the required funds are provided either through the levies specified in The Gambia Roads and Technical Services Authority Act and/or, if this is not sufficient, by a subvention from the general budget to finance the required maintenance budget.
- An institution to be established or upgraded to cater for the training of small scale contractors in labour based intensive road construction works, including elements of environmental management.
- A legal frame work to be established to enable the Government to implement the ECOWAS' rules on axle load control in accordance with the agreement signed by the members of ECOWAS.