The Gambia

The Gambia is a low-income country and a least developed country (LDC) with a GNI of 680 USD per capita (2017) and a population of 2.1 million inhabitants (2017). In the 2018 Monitoring Round, The Gambia reported on 63 million USD in development co-operation flows.

1. National development planning and results orientation

The national development strategy and results framework...
... defines priorities, targets and indicators
... includes budget or costing information
... aligns to SDGs
Regular progress reports are available

High-quality, inclusive and results-oriented development strategies are critical for countries’ ownership over their development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The quality of national development planning in the Gambia is high (95%).

Extent of use of country-owned results frameworks by development partners

Development partner alignment to country-led development priorities is at the heart of country ownership. Global Partnership monitoring assesses whether interventions: draw objectives from national development strategies; draw indicators from country results frameworks; use government data and statistics for monitoring; and involve government in evaluations. The first three elements provide the official data to report on SDG indicator 17.15.1. In the Gambia, development partners align to country priorities to a medium extent (57% - SDG indicator 17.15.1).

2. Multi-stakeholder engagement

Recognising that successful development efforts require the inclusive and equitable participation of all actors, the 2030 Agenda calls for collective action by the whole of society. Global Partnership monitoring examines the engagement of civil society and the private sector from both the perspective of the government and representatives of these stakeholder groups.

Quality of public-private dialogue

Government representatives perceive the quality of public-private dialogue as weak, SMEs as weak, large private sector firms as weak and trade unions as weak.

Enabling environment for civil society organisations...

... was not assessed by government representatives, civil society organisations and development partners in the 2018 Monitoring Round in the Gambia.
3. Quality and use of public financial management systems

Strengthening public financial management systems

Strong public financial management (PFM) systems are an essential element of good governance and vital to achieving development goals. The Gambia did not assess progress in the quality of its PFM systems.

Budget
Procurement
Auditing
Financial reporting

Progress
No change
Decline
Not assessed

Development partners’ use of country systems

Development partners’ use of these systems to deliver co-operation both lowers transaction costs but also helps to accelerate their strengthening. In the Gambia, use of country PFM systems decreased from 22% in 2016 to 20% in 2018. Further, legislative oversight of the budget has improved. The share of development co-operation recorded on budgets subject to parliamentary scrutiny increased from 0% in 2016 to 45% in 2018.

Overall use of country systems

Disbursements as scheduled

Medium-term predictability

Trend 2018 vs 2016

Predictability of development co-operation

High-quality and timely information on development co-operation helps governments in planning and managing resources for results and can guide development partners in coordinating their support with other providers, as to avoid fragmentation and duplication of efforts. Annual predictability of development co-operation is low, with 61% of co-operation disbursed as scheduled. Medium-term predictability was not assessed in the Gambia in the 2018 Monitoring Round.

Systems to track development co-operation information in the Gambia

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5. Mutual accountability mechanisms

Mutual accountability underpins the efforts of development actors to meet joint commitments, improve how they work together and increase their development effectiveness. Mutual accountability mechanisms are made up of multiple, reinforcing components that can help enhance transparency and accountability at country level. Global Partnership monitoring defines and assesses mutual accountability against five components. The Gambia has four out of five components in place.

Component 1
Comprehensive policy framework for development co-operation

Component 2
Country-level targets for government and development partners

Component 3
Regular joint assessment of progress

Component 4
Assessments are inclusive and involve non-state actors

Component 5
Timely, publicly available results of assessments

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