# GAMBIA Governance





#### BETWEEN 2021 AND 2027, THE GAMBIA WILL GO THROUGH TWO COMPLETE ELECTORAL CYCLES:

- Presidential December 2021 with an EU Election Observation Mission deployed
- Parliamentary
- Local

Draft Constitution rejected by the National Assembly in September 2020 NATIONAL POLICIES: Gambia MIP

## **GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGS**



Cotonou framework

ECOWAS

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Africa-EU alliance

EU Trust Fund (trainings and jobs creation, including for returnees)

COVID-19 Pandemic

## **TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL**

#### PILLAR 1: CONSTITUTIONAL RE-VIEW,TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND JUDICIARY REFORMS:

- Ongoing legislative reforms
- Reforms triggered by the new Constitution
- Recommendations from the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission (TRRC)
- Support the role of CSOs (women and youth) in the democratic reforms and to Human Rights
- Support to other democratic transition building-blocks: National assembly, NHRC, press, etc
- Legal and judicial capacity building
- Twinning with a MS Ministry of Justice

#### PILLAR 2: SECURITY SECTOR REFORM (SSR):

- Training opportunities in or outside the security forces (ITC-YEP)
- Modernizing working conditions for a limited number of police staff (EU, GIZ)
- Specialized expertise for the steering of the process (EUfunded DCAF project)
- Immigration services and police capacities building in countering migrant smuggling and human trafficking

#### PILLAR 3: DEEPENING THE EU-GAMBIA MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP:

- Regular migration pathways (visa issuance, better involvement of the diaspora, circular mobility, increasing the amount of official remittances/ decreasing their cost, and increasing the number of scholarships)
- Trainings and job creation (revival and diversification of the tourism sector+ agro-processing)
- Expand the social protection scheme (e.g. targeting women)
- Synergies with the Regional TEI on migration

#### PILLAR 4: PFM, DEBT MANAGEMENT, DRM, FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION:

- Support to StateOwned
- Enterprises (SoEs)
  Transparency and sustainable management of natural resources
- International Initiatives on Transparency (Publish What You Pay, EITI, etc)
- Support to civil society and media (watchdogs)

### IMPLEMENTATION

Whole of Delegation approach • Consolidation of financial resources • Communication specialists
 Continuous skills and capacity development • Communication and visibility guidelines
 Multiannual strategic plans

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## **MODALITIES/TOOLS**

Policy dialogue

Budget support

Project approach

Technical assistance

TAIEX

Twinning

Peer-to-peer accompaniment

### **KEY DELIVERABLES**

- Constitution and legislation better provide for checks and balances, protect human rights and fundamental freedoms: adoption of critical legistlative reforms (including the penal code).
- 2. Enhanced ongoing transitional justice process: implementaiton of the White Paper on the thruth and reconciliation commission recomendations.
- 3. Security sector reform: security aparatus fit for purpose and trustworthy and modersination of several police stations.
- 4. Migration: a structured dialogue on migration issues.

## **TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL**

- Successfully accompany the country in its transition from an autocratic regime to a stable democracy where the rule of law applies and human rights are respected, and that engages positively in the multilateral, rules based global order
- EI on Good Governance and the TEI on Green Gambia cross-fertilize one another, notably on the legislative aspect

## **#TEAMEUROPE**

\*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

\*\*SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)