

GAMBIA COUNTRY PROFILE

1. General data

Official name: Republic of The Gambia

Type of regime: Republic

Head of State: Adama Barrow

2. Year of joining SWEDD

2022

3. Funding amount

SWEDD 3: 30 million dollars

4. Geographic data

Area: 11295 km²

Official capital: Banjul

Main towns; Brikama, Bakau, Farafenni, Serekunda Basse

Official language: English

Currency: Dalasi

National Day: February 18

5. Demographic data

Population	2.417 million
Density	206.55 inhabitants / km ²
Literacy rate	87%,
Median age	17.8
Share of women	50.4
Fertility rate	4.4
Population under 15 (2022)	39.2%
Unmet need for contraception	25.8%
Contraceptive prevalence rate, modern methods (percentage of women currently married or in union, ages 15 to 49)	17.1

6. Presentation of the country

The PDO aims to increase the empowerment of adolescent girls and young women, including their access to quality reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) services, in selected areas of participating countries and to improve regional peer learning, capacity and coordination.

- **Number of girls at risk in the target area**

The beneficiaries of the project will be adolescents (10 to 19 years old) and young women and more broadly the general population given the national coverage of interventions and health personnel who will be trained and deployed at the national level. The total number of adolescent girls aged 10 to 19 years at risk of child marriage, sexual and gender-based violence, teenage pregnancy and access to health services is 133,285 nationally.

7. SWEDD Project Progress and Achievements

Component 1: Design and implement gender-transformative interventions in the 4 ES that promote the social and economic empowerment of girls and women

- ✓ SBCC campaign
 - Establish Grievance Redress System
 - Registration of marriages using birth certificates to prevent child marriage
- ✓ Community-level interventions that empower girls and young women, based on evidence and lessons learned from all SWEDD countries
 - Improving Life skills and SRH of adolescents
 - Keep girls in school at least until Secondary school
 - Expand economic opportunity and financial inclusion
 - Increase girls' and young women's agency
 - Improving prevention and response to GBV/SEA/SH

Component 2: Improve the availability of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAHN) services and qualified health workers at the community level and build regional capacity for adolescent-friendly services (equivalent to 8 million from IDA)

- ✓ Enhance accessibility of contraceptives including for adolescents at the community level.
- ✓ Enhancing the performance of pharmaceutical supply chain, last mile delivery.
- ✓ Improve availability of reproductive health workers in rural areas, strengthening rural midwives and other personnel involved in RMNCAHN delivery services.
- ✓ Improve adolescent nutrition services.

Component 3: Foster National and Regional Commitment and Capacity for Policymaking Development and Project Implementation (IDA 7 million dollar equivalent)

- ✓ Strengthened advocacy, legal framework and political commitment on RMNCAHN at continental, regional and national levels.
- ✓ Strengthen capacity for policymaking, M&E related to demographic dividend and gender issues and strengthening marriage registration using birth certificates for child marriage prevention.
- ✓ Strengthen project implementation capacity.