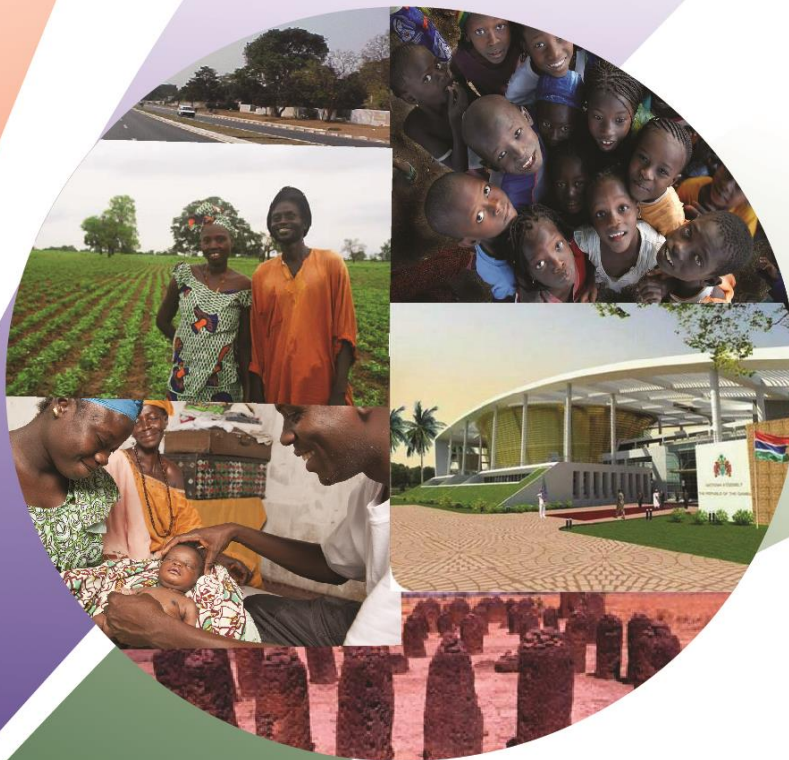




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## Foreword by His Excellency Adama Barrow, President of the Republic of The Gambia



On 2nd December 2016, Gambians with great courage, determination and dignity decided to take back their country following 22 years of dictatorship. During this period, the abuse of power and total disregard for our constitution, the rule of law and respect for fundamental human rights of citizens reigned supreme. This historic decision that ushered in the “new Gambia” has created a seismic shift in our country’s trajectory since gaining independence in 1965. It heralds a new chapter in our history and offers a renewed opportunity to build a modern accountable state based on the foundations of democracy, good governance, respect for human rights and security and prosperity for all. However, it

also presents new challenges that need to be urgently addressed.

My government inherited an extremely challenging legacy manifested in a broken economy, gross abuse and plunder of our meagre state resources, social regression, poor and dilapidated infrastructure, and wide-ranging societal challenges, among the most urgent of which is the frustrations and lack of opportunities for our young people. The latter has propelled thousands of our young people to undertake the risky journey, often with tragic consequences, across the Mediterranean Sea in search of a better future. Similarly, many of our able and distinguished sons and daughters in the Diaspora, were forced to live in exile due to the repressive environment that prevailed thus, depriving the country of vital human capital and resources needed to fuel the growth and economic and social transformation of our society.

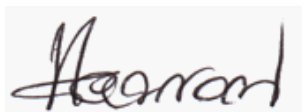
Since coming to power, we have undertaken many measures to stabilize the economy, restore public confidence and strengthen democratic institutions. However, we are also aware that more must be done, and urgently. That is why I tasked government to draw up a new National Development Plan (NDP) to provide greater clarity and focus for government action, citizens’ engagement and also for our development partners who are eager and stand ready to assist us.

The National Development Plan 2018-2021 presented in this document is the fruit of these endeavours. Through its eight strategic priorities and their critical enablers, my government aspires not only to lay the foundations for a modern democratic state, but also to address the most pressing economic and social ills besetting our society. The plan through its robust accountability framework, responds to my concern to ensure a strong focus on results, sound monitoring and evaluation processes, as well as strengthened engagement between government and the country's citizens, including those in the Diaspora. As you will see, the plan also provides for the setting up of a Presidential Monitoring and Evaluation (PM&E) system that will allow me to personally follow plan implementation in certain critical areas. This will complement and enhance the sector level Monitoring and Evaluation processes provided for in the plan.

If we are to realize the vision and goal of this plan, creating a secure and stable environment, nurturing strong social cohesion and safety and peace are critical. My government, with the assistance of the UN, EU, ECOWAS and other partners has therefore also embarked upon a robust security sector reform process, aimed at bringing the security services fully under civilian democratic control, ensuring that the force's structures and manpower are appropriate for our national security needs, and that the men and women in our armed and uniformed services can play a meaningful and positive role in national development.

I call upon all Gambians to make this NDP their plan, to seriously interrogate themselves on how best they might contribute to its realization and most importantly to hold us to account when we fall short, in a constructive and positive spirit of nation building. I am convinced that the courage and determination shown by Gambians in defeating tyranny and oppression can be successfully harnessed to also help us overcome our challenges and ensure that together we fully realize the vision and goal of this National Development Plan.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank all friends of The Gambia – bilateral friendly governments and multilateral institutions, who have stood by us during trying times, and continue to do so. I look forward to strengthened collaboration and partnership as we move from plan formulation to full implementation.



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**His Excellency Adama Barrow**  
***President of the Republic of The Gambia***

## Where are we coming from? – The Context

The Gambia is at the cusp of a historic transition brought on by a ground breaking development on 2nd December 2016, when the Gambian people voted out of office the former President Yaya Jammeh who ruled the country for 22 years.

During that period, The Gambia's governance landscape was characterized by a system of arbitrary one-person rule, which subjugated the population to gross human rights violations, terror and serious abuses of office. Similarly, on the security front, the armed services did not play their part in upholding the constitution and defending the sovereign will of Gambians. Consequently, government with the support of partners (United Nations, European Union and Economic Community of West African States) has embarked upon a security sector reform aimed at bringing the security services under full democratic civilian control.

There is a direct correlation between the denial of fundamental freedoms and the bad governance that existed under the previous regime on the one hand, and the dire economic and social situation inherited by the new government on the other.

Thankfully, with the help of providence, the determination of the country's citizens, the efforts of the new government, as well as the assistance of the international community that dark chapter in Gambia's history is now a thing of the past.

However, despite the new democratic dispensation, the country is faced with a difficult economic and social situation:

- a) ***A stalled economy arising from several shocks:*** these include a poor 2016/17 agricultural season, which drastically reduced the groundnut crop; a severe contraction of tourism receipts during the traditional high season, and volatile oil and commodity prices. Estimates put the combined losses from these shocks at \$ US 31 million or 3 per cent of GDP. Furthermore, gross international reserves also declined to \$ US 60 million or 1.6 months worth of import cover (2016).
- b) ***Economic mismanagement and massive theft by the previous regime:*** this has resulted in further fiscal shocks. Theft from state - owned enterprises (SOEs) has been estimated at 4 per cent of GDP per year since mid-2014.

- c) ***The country is in external debt distress:*** it has an unsustainable public debt, which stands at D 48 billion (\$ US 1 billion) or 120 per cent of GDP. Because of this, debt servicing consumes a huge amount of government revenue, leaving very limited fiscal space for financing critical infrastructure and human capital development needs. This is also denying our private sector access to finance and credit, vital for its growth and expansion.
- d) ***An acute electricity crisis:*** this arises from the inability of the sector to meet domestic demand or for economic activities.
- e) ***Agriculture:*** the sector has not significantly contributed to poverty reduction as 91 per cent of the rural poor work as farmers while the sector continues to be relatively undiversified, mainly smallholder-based and characterized by rain-fed subsistence farming.
- f) ***Tourism:*** this industry is challenged by poor destination recognition/attractiveness; dwindling product quality; undiversified products; limited air access and reliance on tour operators; security; and environmental degradation.
- g) ***Trade:*** the trading landscape is marked by declining and stagnant domestic exports and an increasing growth in imports, which has led to a 30-year continuous current account deficit (except 2003 and 2007).
- h) ***Education:*** while advances have been made with regards to enrolment rates and girls' education at the primary level, the issue of quality and relevance of the curriculum and learning materials continues to be a source of serious concern.
- i) ***Health care:*** The Gambia's strong primary healthcare (PHC), which was a model for other countries has deteriorated over the past years and is no longer able to serve the population adequately.
- j) ***Women's empowerment:*** gender equality and women's empowerment are still major challenges in Gambian society.
- k) ***Youth:*** poor and inadequate education continues to limit the youth's productivity and the acquisition of skills. Meanwhile, insufficient access to knowledge and information (including business development services for the entrepreneurial youth) is hindering their gainful engagement.



Efforts to fight poverty have also proven ineffective with poverty levels remaining unchanged in the past decade (the percentage of households living below the poverty line of 1.25 \$/day was 48.4 per cent in 2010 and 48.65 per cent in 2015). The average GDP growth of 3 per cent per annum has barely kept up with population growth of 3.1 per cent.

There is a rising rural poverty and a growing gap between rural and urban Gambia with regards to access to health, education, and basic services. While the proportion of the households living below the poverty line is 31.6 per cent in urban areas, the proportion rises to 69.5 per cent for rural Gambia. The rural areas account for 42.2 per cent of the country's population, but they hold 60 per cent of its poor.

Through this National Development Plan, Government will act decisively to address poverty, particularly rural poverty, and close the growing gap in access to basic services between the predominantly urban western part of the country, and the rural poor predominantly found in the east of the country.

Government is committed to serious economic reforms. The historic transition to democracy opens up many possibilities that could spur growth and restore the country's economic stability.

Since assuming office, government has taken many significant measures:

- There is a marked reduction in domestic borrowing. This is already bringing down the prime interest rate; from 23 per cent before the elections in December 2016, to 18 per cent in June 2017.
- Government has reviewed the 2017 Budget with a view to lowering the budget deficit down. This has led to a reduction of government expenditure of about 1 per cent of GDP. The budget of the Office of the President has been cut by 75 per cent.
- Youth issues are receiving a priority. The first project signed by the new government is focussed on youth empowerment through funding from the European Union (EU). The 11million Euro project focuses on youth employment creation and aims to provide high quality skills training for potential youth entrepreneurs and start-ups.
- Government has also concluded budget support agreements with key development partners such as EU (D 1.25 billion), the World Bank (\$ US 56 million), the African Development Bank (\$ US 7 million) and others to stabilize government finances.

## What is our Vision and Goal?

### The Vision

The Government's vision for the "new Gambia" is "a country that upholds the highest standard of governance, accountability and transparency; where social cohesion and harmony prevails among communities; citizens enjoy a standard of living and access to basic services to enable them to lead decent and dignified lives; youth, women, children realize their full potential, and a nurturing and caring environment exists for the vulnerable; there is an enabling environment for our private sector to thrive; and our natural heritage is nurtured and preserved for future generations".

### The Goal

The government's goal is to "deliver good governance and accountability, social cohesion, and national reconciliation and a revitalized and transformed economy for the wellbeing of all Gambians".

## What are our priorities?

The vision and overall goal of the National Development Plan will be realized through eight strategic priorities, namely:

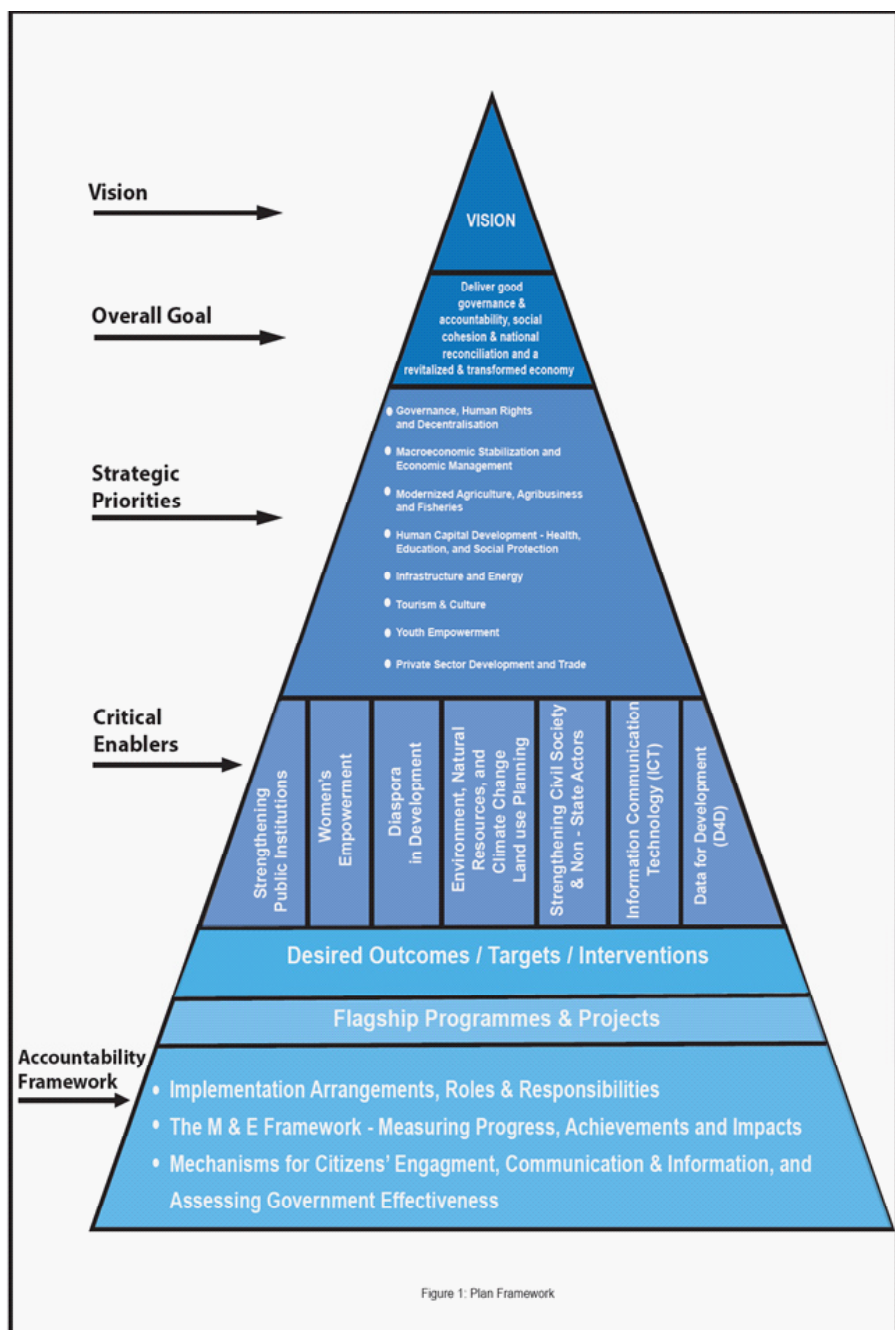
- Restoring good governance, respect for human rights, the rule of law, and empowering citizens through decentralization and local governance;
- Stabilizing our economy, stimulating growth, and transforming the economy;
- Modernizing our agriculture and fisheries for sustained economic growth, food and nutritional security and poverty reduction;
- Investing in our people through improved education and health services, and building a caring society;
- Building our infrastructure and restoring energy services to power our economy;
- Promoting an inclusive and culture-centred tourism for sustainable growth;
- Reaping the demographic dividend through an empowered youth; and
- Making the private sector the engine of growth, transformation, and job creation.

Seven crosscutting critical enablers will complement the eight strategic priorities of the plan:

- A public sector that is efficient and responsive to the citizenry;
- Empowering the Gambian Woman to realize her full potential;
- Enhancing the role of the Gambian Diaspora in national development;
- Promoting environmental sustainability, climate resilient communities and appropriate land use;
- Making The Gambia a Digital Nation and creating a modern information society;
- A civil society that is engaged and is a valued partner in national development; and

- Strengthening evidence-based policy, planning and decision-making.

Through these strategic priorities and critical enablers, the National Development Plan both domesticates and serves as an instrument for realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the First Ten Year Implementation Plan of the African Agenda 2063.



**Restoring good governance, respect for human rights, the rule of law, and empowering citizens through decentralization and local governance**



Restoring good governance, rebuilding, and restoring public confidence in key institutions, upholding human rights and strengthening access to justice, in the context of transitional justice are urgent priorities in the National Development Plan. Government aims to enhance and improve human rights, access to justice and good governance for all.

To this end, it will review and adopt a new constitution; amend repressive laws; strengthen the independence and autonomy of and indigenize the judiciary; leverage on ICT to improve and speed up justice delivery; and strengthen the office of the Ombudsman, Alternate Dispute Resolution Secretariat (ADRS) in aid of greater access to justice delivery. Human Rights will be improved using the transitional justice mechanism, the Truth and Reconciliation and Reparations Commission, and by establishing a National Human Rights Commission, as well as an Anti-Corruption Commission. Other measures will include strengthening the National Agency for Legal Aid (NALA), the National Agency Against Trafficking In Persons (NAATIP), the National Assembly, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), and the National Council for Civic Education (NCCE). These institutions will be in a better position to execute their mandates in order to attain the objective of the strategic priority on the restoration of governance.

Peace, security and stability are essential for the realisation of the National Development Plan goals. Government recognises that to achieve conditions that are sustainable in the longer-term will require a security sector that is responsive to those internal and external threats that infringe on national and human security. The overarching goal of the reform is to re-engineer the missions, structures, mind sets and culture of security institutions to make them more responsive, affordable, accountable and that can sustainably cater for the needs of The Gambia based on democratic norms and principles.

Key anticipated government priorities of the security sector reform (SSR) would include:

- Development of overarching frameworks for national security policy and the national security strategy and a comprehensive SSR Programme;
- Formulation of the policy frameworks to govern, manage and administer the individual institutions that make up the sector (Gambia Armed Forces (GAF), Gambia Police Force (GPF), State Intelligence Services (SIS), Gambia Prison Services (GPS), Gambia Immigration Department (GID) and Gambia Fire and Rescue Services (GFRS);
- Comprehensive capacity building of security forces and empowerment of oversight organs and mechanisms and involvement of civil society organizations;
- Reviewing and restructuring of the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Interior to enhance governance, management, accountability and oversight capacities;
- Development of a comprehensive communication plan to encompass a public sensitization process; and
- Development of mechanisms for vetting and right sizing of the security forces.

A successful security sector reform and establishment of civilian and democratic oversight mechanism of the security sector are guarantees for non-recurrence of serious human rights violations allegedly committed by the security forces and for assurance that the security services effectively serve as protectors of the people.

Decentralization is key to strengthening local governance and ensuring accountability, as well as the effective delivery of services to citizens. Under the plan, government will review and update the decentralization and Local Government Act, in order to strengthen its implementation; other policies and regulatory frameworks will be harmonized for enhanced coordination of the decentralization programme. Government will enhance the revenue base of Councils and standardized financial management and accounting systems will be put in place to support the decentralization process.

## Stabilizing our economy, stimulating growth, and transforming the economy



Years of poor economic governance and misuse of state resources has left the Gambian economy in a perilous state. Under the National Development Plan, government will undertake major reforms in an effort to enhance macroeconomic management for sustainable and inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction. It will achieve this through prudent fiscal management, debt sustainability measures, broadening the tax base, and improving tax efficiency. It will also implement public finance management reforms. Government will design and implement sound monetary and flexible exchange rate policies for price and exchange rate stability. At the same time, it will strengthen state-owned enterprises (SOEs), as well as financial governance institutions like the Central Bank of The Gambia. Government will also strengthen and deepen The Gambia's financial sector to ensure that it eliminates barriers in access to finance by the private sector, including for agriculture, and access to finance by women and youth.

## Modernizing our agriculture and fisheries for sustained economic growth, food and nutritional security and poverty reduction



Agriculture is a leading sector in The Gambia's economy. It contributes 20 to 30 per cent of the nation's GDP and employs most of the country's poor. The sector's poor performance has resulted in deepening rural poverty and stalled GDP growth, which is barely able to keep up with population growth. The goal for agriculture under the National Development Plan is to have a modern, sustainable and market oriented agriculture, livestock for increased food and nutrition security, income and employment generation, poverty reduction and economic transformation.

Key initiatives will include the following:

- Developing an agriculture sector policy and associated sub-sector policies to attract private sector investment;
- Agriculture value chain development, including the promotion of agri-business and agro processing;
- Rebuild and revitalize the agricultural market infrastructure through cooperatives and commodities exchanges;
- Developing quality assurance mechanisms to strengthen access to export markets;



- Increasing production and productivity, using sustainable land and water management practices to address hunger and food security needs;
- Supporting research and development and extension to ensure that farmers have access to the latest technologies, irrigation, seeds and other inputs to enhance productivity;
- Promotion of climate smart agriculture to build resilience;
- Pest and disease control, reduction of post harvest losses, as well as inputs management; and
- Increasing support to the livestock sector through promotion of value chains, development of feed resources and disease control.

Government will promote a vibrant fisheries and aquaculture sector through research, sustainable management and utilisation of the fisheries resources that will enhance employment and create livelihood opportunities. These are resources that will also generate income and foreign exchange earnings, and contribute to food, and nutrition security. In this regard, key initiatives will address institutional development, enhance fisheries infrastructure, and improve fisheries and aquaculture value chains

**Investing in our people through improved education and health services, and building a caring society**



The Gambia has made modest advances in realising the United Nations Millennium Development Goals targets in education, health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene. However, significant challenges remain. Under the National Development Plan, the government will prioritise further investments to develop the country's human capital. It will do so by ensuring quality health and education, making basic social services accessible and affordable to all, and improving social and child protection systems for the most vulnerable.

**Education:** Government will:

- Enhance access to early childhood education;
- Improve quality learning, with special emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), health, agriculture and special needs at the basic, post-secondary/tertiary and higher education levels;

- Promote technical, vocational, education and training and other skills enhancing initiatives to match the job market; and
- Enhance access to non-formal education in order to build a more skilled and productive work force.

**Health, Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene:** During the plan period, government will reduce maternal and newborn mortality, reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases, and ensure that the country has appropriately skilled health workforce in place. It will also strengthen weak health governance and partnership frameworks. In nutrition, government will take steps to improve the nutritional wellbeing of all Gambians, paying attention to mothers and children, including the use of baby friendly community and hospital initiatives. It will develop micronutrient deficiency control mechanisms, and use Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices to improve optimal infant and young child feeding. Under water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), the plan will address improved, equitable access to safe and affordable water and sanitation, good hygiene practices, and environmental protection for all.

**Social Protection:** Key initiatives in social protection will build resilience and provide safety nets to address vulnerabilities. It will do so by: building resilience through social transfer (BResT) cash transfer, improved leadership and coordination, strengthening child protection, and through enhanced participation and economic empowerment of persons with disabilities.

**Building our infrastructure and restoring energy services to power our economy**



**Energy and Electricity:** The Gambia is facing an electricity crisis. The challenges are numerous. Demand is significantly higher than capacity. The utility corporation, the National Water and Electricity Company (NAWEC), has had to rely on old, dilapidated and obsolete equipment. Added to this is a dysfunctional policy environment that is poorly adapted to attract private sector investment. NAWEC is also a deeply indebted power corporation. The energy situation is a serious inhibiting factor on growth and transformation of the economy. Under the National Development Plan, government aims to improve the policy and regulatory environment to attract investment into the energy sector, and improve generation capacity. This includes the use of renewables. Government ultimately aims to improve access to electricity, enhance household energy security and ensure secured petroleum resources to support national development.

**Petroleum:** To tap the potential for the new growth opportunity presented by petroleum, government will formulate and implement a sound exploration programme. It will design and establish a solid licensing regime with sound tax schedules and environmental management. It will also formulate petroleum data management policies, review the Petroleum Exploration, Development, and Production Act of 2004, and work towards the security of supplies.

**The transport sector:** Government will make a major effort to enhance land, sea, and air transport to boost affordability, accessibility, and competitiveness. Major strategies include public private partnerships for infrastructural development, policy reforms, road network expansions, road safety, port expansion, and innovative management models. Attention will also be paid to airport improvement, and public works management. Government will also work on completing the national road network, on its maintenance and on expanding the network of secondary feeder roads to improve access in rural areas.

### Promoting an inclusive and culture-centred tourism for sustainable growth



Government's goal is to make tourism a highly competitive and sustainable industry that is people - and culture-centred. The objective is to develop a Gambian tourism sector that celebrates the country's cultural heritage and contributes to socio-economic development. Key initiatives will focus on policy reforms to promote competitiveness. There will be greater marketing for destination recognition and attractiveness, and quality service delivery. Attention will be given to enhance security, on product diversity, and enhanced community participation. Furthermore, there will be greater linkage with other sectors, especially agriculture and natural resources. Government will also promote The Gambia's biodiversity and rich culture by opening up the sector to rural and non-urban based locations. These measures will boost tourism arrivals, tap high value market segments, and contribute to jobs and economic diversification.

### Reaping the demographic dividend through an empowered youth



Government is determined to realise its commitment to "leave no youth behind." It recognises that youth are the engines of growth, and are an essential pillar for any development. The goal for the youth sector is therefore premised on "secured sustainable livelihood for youths through skills development, decent work and excellence in sports."

Under this theme, major measures to be taken entail the following:

- Strengthening existing youth employment and entrepreneurship programmes in order to create employment opportunities and entrepreneurial skills for Gambian Youth;
- Strengthening institutional and technical capacity of youth services agencies;
- Advocacy programmes and policy dialogue platforms on youth employment and entrepreneurship;
- A national youth development fund to enhance access to finance for Gambian youth;
- Entrepreneurship and skills development programmes for persons with disabilities, including financing;
- Multi-purpose youth friendly service centres across the country;
- Increasing and improving young people's access to quality health services, including sexual and reproductive health; and
- Incorporation of a rights-based approach to youth planning and programming, and the promotion of excellence in sports.

Special programmes will be designed and implemented to facilitate the reinsertion of returning youth migrants into productive employment and society.

**Making the private sector and trade the engine of growth, transformation, and job creation**



Government envisages a vibrant private sector that will bolster significant growth in manufacturing, industry and trade, and make contributions to the country's economic growth and employment. Key activities will include diversifying local production by introducing such high value products as findi, moringa, sesame, honey, cashew and horticulture, for both export and the domestic market. Efforts will be made to create market linkages focusing on building quality, hard infrastructure for agricultural products. Government will enhance capacity for custom clearance and establish a Single Window Custom Clearance system.

Other measures will entail:

- Diversifying service export and strengthening trade in services data management;
- Improving trade and investment negotiations;
- Enhancing consumer welfare through competitive markets;
- Strengthening the Weights and Measures Bureau;
- Improving access to finance, and undertaking tax reforms;
- Undertaking investment incentives policy reforms;
- Promoting the Gambia brand;
- Strengthening The Gambia Investment and Export Agency (GIEPA);
- Strengthening micro, small and medium enterprises and industry development, and creating employment; and
- Strengthening labour administration through review and implementation of the Labour Act and the Trade Union Act and regulations.

#### **A public sector that is efficient and responsive to the citizenry**



The new government's bold reform agenda will require strong public institutions and civil service reform as an important priority. The goal of civil service reform is: efficient and responsive public-sector institutions. Ensuring appropriate remuneration, motivation and proper management of the public service; pay and pension reform; as well as the establishment of performance management systems constitute some of the major interventions of this critical enabler.

#### **Empowering the Gambian Woman to realize her full potential**



The Gambia has taken significant steps to advance the empowerment of women through several legislative acts, as well as vigorous efforts to ensure gender parity in primary education. Nonetheless, the welfare of Gambian women continues to lag significantly behind that of men. Government is therefore determined to promote gender equity, equality and empowerment of women and girls for sustained socio-economic development. Under the National Development Plan,

it will enhance gender mainstreaming, capacity development for women entrepreneurs, and the establishment of a fund to improve women's access to finance. In addition, there will be legislative reforms and advocacy for enhanced representation and participation in decision-making, and gender based programmes to reduce violence. Last but not least, there will be a determined effort to do away with harmful traditional practices, such as female genital mutilation (FGM) and early forced marriage.

### Enhancing the role of the Gambian Diaspora in national development



The suspicion and antagonism that the former regime had for the Diaspora is over. Government recognises and values the Gambian diaspora as important actors in national development. The National Development Plan heralds a new approach to effective and productive engagement and partnership between government, non-state actors and the diverse diaspora. Government will develop and implement practical and result-oriented diaspora-development programmes and schemes, based on global best practice. It will create a Gambia Diaspora Directorate to coordinate its work in optimising diaspora input and contributions to national development. Another key initiative will be the formulation and implementation of a Diaspora strategy.

### Promoting environmental sustainability, climate resilient communities and appropriate land use



Under the plan government aims to ensure that Gambia's environment and natural resources are sustainably managed and conserved to increase resilience for the benefit of all. The interventions will focus on strengthening environment and Climate Change-friendly policies, programmes and awareness at all levels for resilience; emergency and disaster risk reduction and response at all levels – including through the use of Early Warning Systems (EWS); and the sustainable management of natural resources, and appropriate land use. Opportunities to tap resources from global climate funds in order to launch the country on a low carbon growth trajectory will be vigorously pursued.

## Making The Gambia a Digital Nation and creating a modern information society



Government will harness the benefits of information and communications technology (ICT) in all sectors of the economy for equitable development. Measures during the plan period will include: improving regulatory services and polices, establishing a national ICT agency and establishing a national data centre to strengthen e-government. It will also upgrade the Telecoms Access Network (the last mile connectivity), establish a national technology park to spur research and development, and roll out more regional ICT centres. This will enhance connectivity to schools and communities. Government intends to achieve a digital switch-over and an analogue switch-off during the period covered by the plan. It will strengthen cyber security and enhance postal service delivery.

## A civil society that is engaged and is a valued partner in national development



Decades of poor governance and dictatorship have significantly marginalized the role of civil society in the development of the country. Government is determined to reverse this and to work to ensure the emergence of an engaged civil society that is a valued partner in national development. Under the plan, civil society organizations will be strengthened to ensure that they are positioned as a representative, dynamic and credible consortium through capacity building, coordination and information sharing at both organizational and community levels, strengthening of social accountability mechanisms and improvements in the legislative and policy environment through research and advocacy for an appropriate NGO Act. Similarly CSOs will be supported to deliver effective, relevant and sustainable services in a participatory way through capacity development on resource mobilization for sustainable development and comprehensive strategic plan development. Partnership/relationship with all stakeholders will also be strengthened to benefit from national, regional and global development initiatives.



The availability of credible data to inform development policy and track effectiveness is vital if the plan's objectives are to be met. The Gambia has made significant strides through the Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS). Government will take further measures to ensure the generation and dissemination of credible development data for results based planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation in a timely and cost effective manner. Key activities relate to improving statistical governance, coordination of the National Statistical System and improving data quality, enhancement of sustainable quality human resources, physical, ICT and statistical infrastructure. Attention will also be paid to the production, dissemination and adequate monitoring and evaluating of quality data. It is the government's aim to forge partnerships for sustainable funding.



## How will the plan be implemented?

Government will put in place robust mechanisms to ensure that the plan is fully and effectively implemented. The main elements for this are: clarity with respect to the roles and responsibilities of key national actors and stakeholders; appropriate institutional mechanisms; and a well thought-through implementation strategy.

### Roles and Responsibilities

Oversight and policy coordination for the National Development Plan will be provided by:

- The National Assembly;
- Cabinet;
- An Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee;
- A Multi-Stakeholder National Coordinating Committee;
- A Regional Governor's and Municipalities Forum; and
- A Government-Development Partners forum is also envisaged.

For technical and implementation oversight, the following mechanisms will be put in place:

- A National Technical Committee;
- Technical Clusters;
- A National Monitoring and Evaluation platform; and
- Regional Technical Advisory Committee and cascading down to Ward levels.

### Implementation Strategy

Several interconnected strategies shall drive implementation of the National Development Plan, namely:

- Rigorous prioritization and sequencing of actions;
- Addressing regional disparities in access to basic services and strengthening integrated urban planning;
- Realignment of sector strategies and action plans to the overall orientation of the National Development Plan;
- Regional integration and cross-border cooperation; and
- Capacity development.

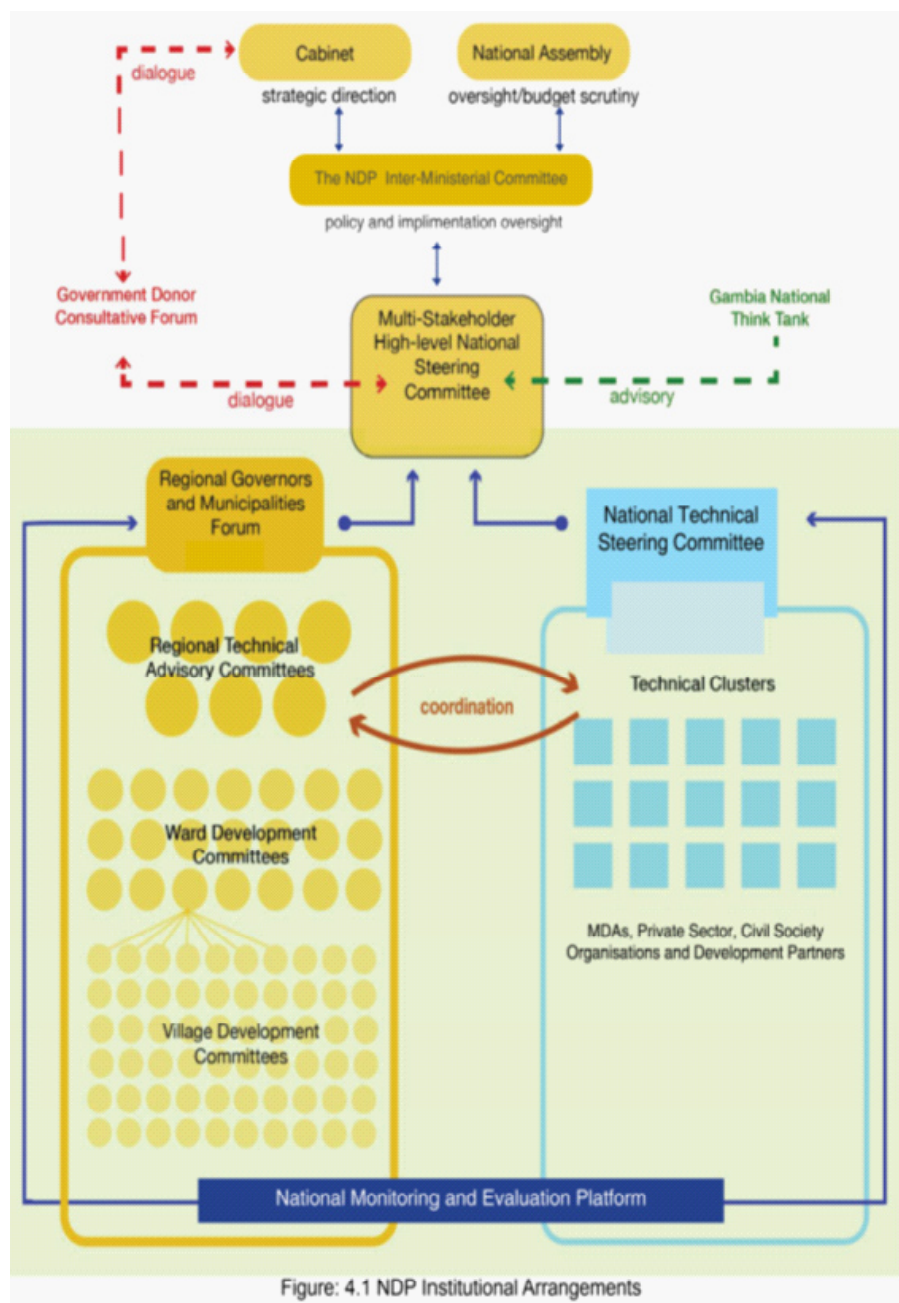


Figure: 4.1 NDP Institutional Arrangements

## How do we know we are making progress?

Measuring progress is a critical element in the quest to ensure accountability for delivery. The National Development Plan foresees the following:

- A robust results framework;
- Monitoring and Evaluation mechanisms; and
- Strengthening government-citizens engagement.

### *The Results Framework*

For each strategic priority and critical enabler of the National Development Plan, key outcomes and results to be achieved have been identified to enable measurement of progress. These are presented in annex 1 and 2 respectively.

### *Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms*

The monitoring and the evaluation of the National Development Plan will be done at three levels:

- Executive level;
- Sector level; and
- Citizens' level.

### *Executive level Monitoring and Evaluation*

- **Presidential Monitoring and Evaluation System/Presidential** Dashboard that will allow the Executive to monitor and track selected key results and outcomes of the plan at the highest level of government; and
- A **Delivery Unit** situated in the Office of the President (OP) to ensure implementation of the priorities and to manage the Presidential M&E system.

## ***Sector level Monitoring and Evaluation processes***

Key features of the plan's Monitoring and Evaluation system are the following:

- A results matrix where each strategic priority and critical enabler has an accompanying goal(s), a set of outcomes, indicators (disaggregated to an appropriate level) with baselines and targets to facilitate the tracking and reporting progress of implementation;
- A Metadata for each indicator was also developed to provide definitions and to serve as reference;
- A system decentralized to the regional level to create and/or strengthen linkages and synergies between the central government and the regions through the Regional Technical Advisory Committees;
- To ease Government's burden in monitoring and reporting progress of the international and regional agreements, the indicators in the National Development Plan were closely matched to those from the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063. The aim is to have a national Monitoring and Evaluation process that is uniform and a "one stop shop" for all information on both national and international plans and agreements;
- To meet the growing demand for information and accurately report on the progress of results on a timely basis, there will be: an annual review of progress, tools, evaluations, capacity building; and
- A web-based database will be housed and managed by the Gambia Bureau of Statistics. This will provide a common and centrally located database for the storage and easy retrieval of data on key development indicators for the country.

## ***Strengthening Government - Citizens' Engagement***

- a) All public institutions will be required to develop and publish service charters, which will outline the standards of service delivery that citizens can expect;
- b) Government will take action to better articulate its messages, and will undertake public campaigns on key policy issues to mobilise public action through simple messages using social media, posters, banners, pamphlets, public education talks, radio and television

- c) Government will set up forums for citizen engagement, and create opportunities for citizens to interface with public officials at all levels through town and village hall meetings, dialogue forums, panel discussions, focus group discussions and other mechanisms such as meet the people tours.
- d) Digitally, the government will establish a presence on social media platforms to strengthen engagement. Examples are with such platforms as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Government will establish a “Feedback Unit.” Its purpose will be to build social media platforms to ensure a more active and engaged public.
- e) Government will endeavour to create a new mind set among public officials, such that they are citizen-focused and ready and willing to respond positively to public concerns.

## What does the plan cost and how will it be resourced?

### *Cost of the Plan*

To ensure full realization of the National Development Plan, Government has formulated a **financing strategy**, which is presented in a separate document.

The total gross budget, without accounting for available resources, stands at \$US2.4 billion. The main cost drivers are energy and infrastructure (57 per cent), agriculture (11.2 per cent) and human capital (8.34 per cent). Combined, the three strategic priorities account for 76.5 per cent of the budget. With respect to the highest cost driver, which is infrastructure and energy, some of the financing will be acquired through PPP and other innovative financing models.

Government has identified flagships and priority projects for implementing the plan. The total cost of these flagships and priority projects, after accounting for committed resources is \$US 1.6 billion, of which \$US 157 (9 per cent) is expected to be government contribution, \$US 1.0 billion (62 per cent) from ODA and \$US 471 (29 per cent) from private sector investments.

### *Strategies to Mobilize Resources*

To meet the financing needs of the plan, government will pursue three interlinked strategies, in addition to traditional development assistance:

- Concessionary financing;
- Domestic resources mobilization; and
- Innovative financing instruments.

### *Concessionary Financing*

Because of the state of the economy, external support will be vital to enable The Gambia to meet the immediate financing needs of the National Development Plan. Limited fiscal space, due to high debt servicing, means that government has to rely on grants and loans of a highly concessionary nature in order to avoid further debt exposure and increasing the fiscal risks and vulnerability of the economy. Government will work with both traditional and non-traditional partners to secure the necessary financing.

## ***Domestic Resource Mobilization***

Reliance on domestic resourcing is becoming increasingly important for meeting the financing needs of developing countries. Already the Gambia relies heavily on taxation to finance government expenditure.

However, because of its debt servicing obligations, government has been unable to allocate significant resources to finance development. In the context of the National Development Plan, three measures will be adopted to increase government's contribution to implement its development agenda:

- Continue the path of prudent fiscal management, sound monetary policy and structural reforms which are expected to rationalize the budget;
- Prudent debt management, especially domestic borrowing, and debt restructuring, which will lead to increased fiscal space; and
- More efficient revenue collections mechanisms and simplifying and expanding the tax base.

## ***Innovative Financing***

To ensure the successful implementation of the National Development Plan, critical focus must be anchored on alternative and more innovative ways of financing. Public private partnerships, capital markets, blended finance among other means will be explored as priorities to ensure sustainability and efficiency, especially considering the modern economy and the global financing agenda of moving away from overdependence on aid.

## What is your role in realizing the Plan, and what does it mean for you?

The National Development Plan embodies the collective aspirations of all Gambians, including those in the Diaspora. It emanated from the political manifesto of Coalition 2016 that shattered the stranglehold of 22 years of dictatorship. It was further given content and substance by the Government Compact arrived at during the Cabinet retreat of 5-7 May 2017, which outlined key government priorities.

The document also sums up the inputs from the 13 Thematic Working Groups set up to prepare the plan, and comprising government ministries, civil society, private sector and development partners. Opportunities were also provided to all stakeholders to contribute and this process culminated in a validation workshop held on 3rd October 2017 when the draft document was thoroughly reviewed. The plan is therefore a “home-grown” high quality document, which must be read, understood and acted upon by all.

The plan provides many avenues for participation by citizens and stakeholders. There are mechanisms for robust citizen participation and engagement through its accountability framework, which empowers them to provide their views and feedback on government performance and effectiveness.

Each and every citizen can also capitalize on the opportunities that the plan provides:

- For the country’s **young people**, there are opportunities to build your skills to become better entrepreneurs, to cater for your all-round development and to strengthen your voice in decision-making;
- For the **farmers and the rural population**, development of irrigation systems, value chains and the introduction of modern production technologies would ensure increase in rural incomes and ensure food security and freedom from hunger;



- For the **private sector**, an improved business environment, reforms in the tax system, access to credit, as well as better infrastructure and energy services will provide new opportunities for growth;

For **school children**, a quality education foreseen in the plan paves the way for satisfactory careers and capacity to realize your full potential;

- For **women**, the removal of the socio-cultural barriers, strengthening your participation in decision-making, as well as better economic opportunities will lead to improved status and wellbeing for families;

- For **the poor and vulnerable**, a greater security and assistance is provided for by the plan through the proposed social protection interventions; and

For **all citizens**, the restoration of good governance, respect for human rights and the rule of law means no one will be subjected to arbitrary arrests, there will be freedom of expression, and the fundamental rights of all will be respected and upheld.



***The plan is yours so make use of it!!!***

***No one should be left behind!!!!***

**Annex1: Key Outcomes and Results of the Eight Strategic Priorities of the NDP (2018-2021)**

<b>Strategic Priority 1: Restoring good governance, respect for human rights, the rule of law, and empowering citizens through decentralization and local governance</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced good governance and freedom of expression</li> <li>Improved access to quality justice service (including the Ombudsman and ADRS), without undue delay by an independent and efficient Judiciary, Ombudsman and ADRS</li> <li>Human Rights and Democratic Institutions and mechanisms established and strengthened</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A revised Constitution by 2021</li> <li>An amended Criminal Code and Public Order Act by 2021</li> <li>An amended Information and Communications Act, Children's Act, Women's Act, District Tribunal Act, and Elections Act by 2021</li> <li>Fully functional Human Rights and Anti- Corruption Commissions in conformity with International standards by 2021</li> <li>Full compliance with reporting obligations under ratified Human Rights Treaties</li> <li>A Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations Commission by 2021</li> <li>An amended Ombudsman Act by 2021</li> <li>Fully functional Ombudsman, NALA and ADRS offices in all the Administrative Regions by 2021</li> <li>Fully functional Courts and Tribunals in all the Administrative Regions by 2021</li> <li>Indigenized judiciary and State Law Office by 2021</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A reformed security sector and establishment of civilian and democratic oversight mechanism guaranteed for non-recurrence of serious human rights violations by the security forces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Availability security sector assessment report</li> <li>Availability of an inclusive national security strategy</li> <li>7 regions reached with sensitisation messages of the SSR</li> <li>Existence of a comprehensive communication plan</li> <li>100 per cent of strategic level personnel trained on management and decision making</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective and harmonized policies and regulatory frameworks for enhanced coordination of the decentralization programme</li> <li>Strengthened human and institutional capacities at all levels for decentralization</li> <li>Expanded revenue base of Councils supported by standardized financial management and accounting systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased number of professional staff in total Council/LGA staff from 8 to 52</li> <li>Increase in the number of functional decentralized structures including VDCs, WDCs, SWDCs with implemented action plans from 0% to 100%</li> <li>Increased proportion of LGAs/Councils with independent control of their fiscal operations from 0% to 100%</li> <li>Increased existence of a financial management systems at all LGAs from 2 to 7</li> <li>A unified financial management systems in existence at all LGA's and Governors offices</li> <li>Existence of regional strategic plans in all regions.</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Priority 2: Stabilizing our economy, stimulating growth, and transforming the economy</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prudent fiscal management for debt sustainability and enhanced resource alignment</li> <li>Transparent and accountable public financial management</li> <li>Sound monetary policies in place for price and exchange rate stability</li> <li>Well-governed and financially viable SoEs for enhanced macro-economic stability and service delivery</li> <li>Enhanced, independent and autonomous economic governance institutions for effective macro-economic management and stability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce overall deficit as % of GDP from 9.8 % to 3.0 %</li> <li>Increase tax revenue by source as % of GDP from 18.05 % (Tax) to 23.6% With respect to the Country's debt burden, the key results for the plan period are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reduce net domestic borrowing as % of GDP from 11.4% to 1%</li> <li>✓ Reduce total public debt stock as % of GDP from 120.3% to 87.1%</li> <li>✓ Reduce domestic debt stock as % of GDP from 67.9% to 45.1%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a budget variance (aggregate outturns compared to original approved budget) from 40.95to 0 - (+-3%)</li> <li>Reduce procurement violations as % of total procurement from 33.7 to &lt;=5(Procurement)</li> <li>Improve competitive procurement methods (grade) from grade D (2014) to grade B (20??)</li> <li>Reduce price stability measured by CPI from 7.1% to &lt;=5% An updated SOE/PE Act</li> <li>Availability of fiscal risk assessment reports</li> <li>Availability of yearly financial statements for all 13 SoEs</li> <li>Existence of a CBG revised Act and policy</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Priority 3: Modernizing our agriculture and fisheries for sustained economic growth, food and nutritional security and poverty reduction</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Consolidated agriculture sector policy with appropriate sub-sector policies to create an enabling environment for modern, market-led agriculture in place</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An agricultural policy and sub-sectors with costed strategic plans increased from 20% to 100%;</li> <li>An animal health Act;</li> <li>A phytosanitary Act</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Value chains enhanced for Agriculture and Livestock Transformation</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For agro-processed products by type (000' Mt): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increase Fruits production from 127(000' Mt) to 162(000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase Vegetable production from 34 (000' Mt) to 50 (000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase Dairy production from 0.811 (000' Mt) to 30 (000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase Honey production from 5 (000' Mt) to 6.5 (000' Mt)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Increased production of basic agricultural commodities (crops and livestock) for enhanced food and nutrition security</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce % of post-harvest losses in major crops (cereal) from 30% to 20%</li> <li>Increase production of basic agricultural commodities for enhanced food and nutrition security as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increase maize production from 38 (000' Mt) to 43 (000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase Groundnut production from 89 (000' Mt) to 100 (000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase rice production from 69 (000' Mt) to 122 (000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase onion production from 6 (000' Mt) to 19 (000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase tomato production from 4 (000' Mt) to 15 (000' Mt)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Increase livestock production for food self-sufficiency in animal and animal products- Volume of total production by commodity (000' Mt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increase Cattle production from 4931 (56%)(000' Mt) to 5670 (000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase sheep production from 449 (5%) (000' Mt) to 750 (000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase goat production from 988 (11%) (000' Mt) to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>1600 (000' Mt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increase pig's production from 1166 (13%) (000' Mt) to 1400 (000' Mt)</li> <li>✓ Increase poultry (Local from 720(8%) to 1200; Broiler from 562(6%) to 1150)</li> <li>• Increase off-take rate by animal species as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cattle from 11.9 to 15.9</li> <li>✓ Sheep from 22.3 to 29.8</li> <li>✓ Goat from 25.1 to 33.5</li> <li>✓ Pigs from 50 to 66.8</li> <li>✓ Poultry (Local from 40 to 53.4; Broiler from 100 to 100)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Increase average cattle milk production per/annum from 25,882,650 to 28,470,915 (litres)</li> <li>• Increase quantity of eggs produced per/annum from 675 to 1,148 (000'Mt)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhanced institutional efficiency and effectiveness for the fisheries sector</i></li> <li>• <i>Value chains improved for fisheries and aquaculture transformation</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A revised fisheries policy, act and regulations</li> <li>• Increase fisheries as a percentage of GDP from 6.4% to 15%</li> <li>• Increase total production of fish resources from 53719 to 75,000 tonnes</li> <li>• Increase budget allocation to aqua culture development from D 2,000,000 to D 10,000,000</li> <li>• Increase the percentage of fish resources exported from 32% to 43%</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Priority 4: Investing in our people through improved education and health services, and building a caring society</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhanced access to quality and affordable early childhood education nationwide</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the proportion of ECD permanent structures meeting the minimum standards from 57.5% (2017) to 62.5%</li> <li>• Increase ECD gross enrolment Rate for Boys from 45.2% to 50.2% and for girls from 47.9% to 52.9%</li> <li>• Increase % of trained ECD teachers (public) from 73% to 85%</li> <li>• Increase % of pupils in grade 1 with ECD experience from 62% to 75%</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Improved access and quality learning and relevant life and livelihood skills for all graduates, with special emphasis on STEM, Health, and Agriculture</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase gross enrolment rate at the LBS level from 108.6% to 117% (national), from 105.4% to 114% (Boys) and from 111.8% to 116% (Girls)</li> <li>• Increase gross enrolment rate at the UBS level from 67.4% to 84% (National); from 65.0% to 73% (Boys); from 69.7% to 76% (Girls);</li> <li>• Increase gross enrolment rate at the SSS level from 45.9% to 46% (National); from 44.5% to 46% (Boys); and from 46% to 47.1% (Girls)</li> <li>• Increase completion rate at the LBS level from 78.7% to 97% (National); from 77.4% to 95% (Boys); from 80.0% to 97% (Girls)</li> <li>• Increase completion rate at the UBS level from 58.9% to 79% (National); from 57.5% to 65% (Boys) and from 60.2% to 68% (Girls)</li> <li>• Increase completion rate at the SSS level from 37.7% to</li> </ul>

	<p>41% (National); from 37.7% to 41% (Boys); and from 37.7% to 41 % (Girl)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase NAT competency rate at NAT 3 level by gender from 54% (2016) to 59% (English); from 45.8% (2016) to 50% Mathematics</li> <li>• Increase NAT competency rate at NAT 5 level by gender from 55.4% (2016) to 60% (English); from 49.7% (2016) to 54% (Mathematics); from 48.9% (2016) to 53% (Science)</li> <li>• Increase NAT competency rate at NAT 8 level by gender from 50.3% (2016) to 55% (English); from 38.9% (2016) to 43% Mathematics; and from 41.7% (2016) to 46% (Science)</li> <li>• Increase GABECE pass rate by gender from 19% (2016) to 24% (National)</li> <li>• Increase Percentage of GABECE students with 4 credits including Mathematics and English from 5% to 7%</li> <li>• Increase Percentage WASSCE students with 5 credits including English and Mathematics from 4 % to 6% (National) and disaggregated by gender</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Quality learning and relevant life and livelihoods skills (post-secondary – i.e. post-secondary non-tertiary, post-secondary tertiary and the post-secondary higher)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase gross enrolment rates in post-secondary (19-25-year olds) from 9.7% to 11%</li> <li>• Increase percentage of graduate as proportion of total gross enrolment by post-secondary levels at the Higher Education level from 14% to 30% (national).</li> <li>• Increase percentage of graduate as proportion of total gross enrolment by post-secondary levels at the Tertiary level from 43.4% to 50% (national)</li> <li>• Decrease percentage of graduate as proportion of total gross enrolment by post-secondary levels at the Non-Tertiary level from 42.7% to 20% (national).</li> <li>• Decrease percentage of graduate as proportion of total enrolment by post-secondary levels at the Non-Tertiary level from 42.7% to 20%</li> <li>• Increase the number of Masters and PhDs graduated in STEM, aggregated by gender from 0% to 140 (Masters) and from 0% to 32% (PhD)</li> <li>• Increase the number of Masters and PhDs graduated in Agriculture, aggregated by gender from 0% to 50 (Masters) and from 0% to 10% (PhD)</li> <li>• Increase the number of Masters and PhDs graduated in Health, aggregated by gender from 0% to 40 (Masters) and from 0% to 10% (PhD)</li> <li>• Increase percentages of accredited post secondary institutions from 0% to 100%</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to non-formal education and literacy programmes for out-of-school children, youth, and non-lettered adults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult literacy rates by gender: National (55.1%); Males (65.9%); and females (45%)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Strengthened Quality Health Service Delivery for Reduction of Maternal, New-born, Infant, Child and Adolescent Morbidity and Mortality and improvement of Adolescent and Youth Health</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce MMR from 433/100000 in 2013 to 315/100000 in 2021</li> <li>• Reduce U5MR from 54/1000 in 2013 to 44/1000 in 2021</li> <li>• Reduce NMR from 22/1000 in 2013 to 15/1000 in 2021</li> <li>• Increase skilled attendance at birth from 57% in 2013 to 80% in 2021</li> <li>• Increase contraceptive prevalence rate from 9% in 2013 to</li> </ul>

	25% by 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases and enhanced capacity to respond to public health emergencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existence of a Health Governance Framework and Robust Coordination and partnership mechanism</li> <li>Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and hypertension from 2.4% to 2% and 24% to 20% by 2021 respectively</li> <li>Percentage of adult and children with HIV known to be on treatment 12 months after initiation of antiretroviral therapy increased from 78.8% in 2017 to 95% in 2021</li> <li>Reduce mother to child transmission of HIV at six weeks from 10% to less than 5% by 2021</li> <li>Increase the coverage of anti-retroviral therapy from 21% to 90% by 2021</li> <li>Reduce the prevalence of TB by 2% annually from 118/100000 to 108/100000 by 2021.</li> <li>Reduce Malaria morbidity from 157/1000 pop. to 94/1000 and mortality from 15/100000 to 9/100000 by 2021</li> <li>Reduce the prevalence of viral hepatitis from 10% to 5% by 2021</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved, equitable access to safe and affordable water and sanitation, good hygiene practices, and environmental protection promoted for all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the proportion of the population with access to safe drinking water from 89.6% to 100%</li> <li>Increase proportion of the population with access to improved sanitation facilities from 64.9% to 75%</li> <li>Increase the proportions of households with a place for hand washing with soap and water from 30.3% to 60% (Urban) and from 26% to 50% (Rural)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved nutritional well-being of all Gambians, particularly mothers and children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease prevalence of underweight among children under 5 from 16% to 8.5% by 2021</li> <li>Decrease prevalence of stunting among children under 5 from 22.9% to 12.5% by 2021</li> <li>Decrease prevalence of GAM among children under 5 from 10.3% to 5.0% by 2021</li> <li>Increase prevalence of exclusive breastfeeding rate for six months from 48% to 60% by 2021</li> <li>Decrease the proportion of pregnant women with anaemia from 67.9% to 40%</li> <li>Decrease prevalence of underweight in non-pregnant women from 16.7% to 10%</li> <li>Decrease the proportion of the population who are food insecure from 37.2% to 20%</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The poor and most vulnerable benefit from social safety nets and social security as an integral part of a sustainable, affordable, and effective social and child protection systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase proportion of children whose births are registered under one year from 35.3% (MICS 2010) to 50%</li> <li>Increase proportion of children under 5 whose births are registered from 72% (DHS 2013) to 90%</li> <li>Increase proportion of beneficiaries under the safety nets programme from 25% to 80%</li> <li>Existence of a social health insurance scheme</li> <li>Increase the proportion of social welfare officers per capita from 3/30,000 to 5/20,000</li> <li>Existence of child labour policy</li> <li>Existence of child protection coordination mechanism</li> <li>Reduce rates of early child marriage from 46 to 36%</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance inclusiveness and participation of persons with disabilities in the National Development Agenda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase number of representatives for persons with disabilities in the national assembly from 1 to 3 by 2021</li> <li>Increase number of special schools for persons with disabilities from 3 to 4 (urban) and 1 to 3 (rural);</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A revolving fund for persons with disabilities established</li> <li>• Increase the number of rehabilitation services facilities from 1 to 3 by 2021</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Priority 5: Building our infrastructure and restoring energy services to power our economy (Energy, Transport and Public Works)</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved policy and regulatory frameworks for sustainable energy and infrastructure</li> <li>• improved access to electricity and enhanced household energy security for sustainable economic development</li> <li>• Petroleum resources and products developed for sustainable national development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of national energy and petroleum policy</li> <li>• Existences of revised tariffs</li> <li>• Increase the number of regulations for downstream operations from 3 to 7</li> <li>• Increase % of population with access to electricity from 40% to 60%</li> <li>• Increase electricity installed capacity in MW from 102 to 250</li> <li>• Reduce % of electricity losses from 25% to 17%</li> <li>• Increase share of renewable energy in total electricity generation from 2% to 40%</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced land, river, sea and air transport for affordability, accessibility, and competitiveness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase % of the primary road network in good condition (paved) from 80% to 100%</li> <li>• Increase operational capacity of air transport facilities in BIA from 326,757 to 500,000 persons</li> <li>• 250 km reconstructed urban roads in the Greater Banjul Area</li> <li>• 514 kms of Rural feeder roads built</li> <li>• Existence of a dual carriageway from sting corner to Airport junction</li> <li>• Existence of a bypass from Sting corner to Abuko</li> <li>• Increase the number of new roads constructed from 0 to 3</li> <li>• Increase the number of new bridges constructed from 0 to 2</li> <li>• Expansion of Banjul port</li> <li>• Existence of a “dry port” in Basse</li> <li>• Revitalized river transport system</li> <li>• Existence of an updated National Transport Policy</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved management and provision of public works infrastructure for enhanced socio-economic development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existence of a national public buildings and facilities policy</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Priority 6: Promoting an inclusive and culture-centred tourism for sustainable growth</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced contribution of Tourism for Economic Growth and Employment Opportunities</li> <li>• Cultural Assets Integrated into the Tourism Industry and Promoted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of Tourist arrivals by source markets from 161,127 to 350,000</li> <li>• Increase direct employment for Gambians from 35,000 to 70,000</li> <li>• Increase foreign exchange earnings from \$85 million to \$170million</li> <li>• Increase the amount of funds allocated to the promotion of culture from D4.2million to D10million</li> <li>• Increase the number of upgraded cultural heritage sites from 1 to 3</li> <li>• Existence of a multi-purpose cultural centre</li> </ul>

**Strategic Priority 7: Reaping the demographic dividend through an empowered youth**

Outcomes	Key Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Gainful employment opportunities created and entrepreneurial skills developed for Gambian youth</i></li> <li>• <i>Physical, mental, social wellbeing, sexual and reproductive health and rights is improved for young people, including persons with disability in the Gambia</i></li> <li>• <i>Harmonized rights-based policies and improved coordination of programmes and interventions related to youth and sports</i></li> <li>• <i>Sports promoted and competencies developed for effective participation in national and international competitions for sporting excellence and glory</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of revised National Youth policy and Act</li> <li>• Existence of an inclusive entrepreneurship programme</li> <li>• Reduced youth unemployment (15-35yrs) from 35.3% to 25%</li> <li>• Existence of a youth development fund</li> <li>• Existence of regulatory standards for Youth organizations and facilities</li> <li>• Increased youths accessing reproductive health services to 50%</li> <li>• Availability of a revised national sports policy and act</li> <li>• Existence of regulatory standard for sports organizations and facilities</li> <li>• Increased numbers of sports academies established from 0 to 2</li> <li>• Increased number of youth friendly centres from 3 to 7</li> <li>• Existence of a multi-purpose indoor sports facility</li> </ul>

**Strategic Priority 8: Making the private sector the engine of growth, transformation, and job creation.**

Outcomes	Key Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Upgraded policies, laws, and regulations, for efficient functioning of the labour market</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An updated National Employment Policy and Action Plan (NEAP)</li> <li>• A revised Labour Act and regulations</li> <li>• Increase the number of updates in the Labour Market Information System from 0 to 8</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Promoted and facilitated trade, investment, and private sector development</i></li> <li>• <i>MSME and industrial growth enhanced</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase total exports as a percentage of GDP from 9.4% (2015) to 17%</li> <li>• Increase the area of land utilized out of the total land reserved for investment from 4.4 to 164 Hectares</li> <li>• Increase Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) as a percentage of GDP from 2.4% (2014) to 5%</li> <li>• Increase the number of regions with reserved land for investment from 1 region to 6 regions</li> <li>• Increase the proportion of MSME's contribution to employment from 62% (MSME mapping 2013) to 75%</li> <li>• Increase the MSME contribution to GDP from 20% to 30%</li> <li>• Increase the manufacturing contribution to GDP from 5% (2016) to 7%</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhanced skills for employment and employability</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease the unemployment rate disaggregated by (male/female/disability) from 29% (2012) to 20%</li> <li>• Decrease youth unemployment (male/female/disability) from 38% (2012) to 30%</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>National quality infrastructure improved</i></li> </ul>	



**Annex 2: Key Outcomes and Results of the Seven Critical Enablers of the NDP  
(2018-2021)**

<b><i>Critical Enabler 1: A public sector that is efficient and responsive to the citizenry</i></b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Appropriately remunerated, motivated, and well managed public service</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase change in salaries and pensions payments as % of GDP from 0% to 5%</li> <li>• Increase the number of MDAs inspected (staff inspection exercises) from 0 to 18 (covering all ministries)</li> <li>• Increase the number of staff audit exercises from 0 to 3</li> <li>• Existence of a Pay and Pensions Policy</li> </ul>
<b><i>Critical Enabler 2: Empowering the Gambian Woman to realize her full potential</i></b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhanced women's economic empowerment and sustainable livelihoods</i></li> <li>• <i>Increased representation and participation of women in decision-making</i></li> <li>• <i>Gender-based violence reduced</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of gender mainstreamed sector policies from 4 to 16</li> <li>• Decrease proportion of female headed households below the poverty line from 24.6% to 22%</li> <li>• Existence of an enterprise development fund;</li> <li>• Increase proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments from 10% to at least 30%</li> <li>• Increase the proportion of women holding ministerial positions from 21% to 30%</li> <li>• Decrease the proportion of girls and women aged 15-49 who have undergone FGM/C from 76.3% to 50%</li> <li>• Decrease the proportion of women who are subjected to physical violence from 40.9% to 10%</li> <li>• Existence of a centre for survivors of domestic violence</li> </ul>
<b><i>Critical Enabler 3: Enhancing the role of the Gambian diaspora in national development</i></b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Structured and facilitative approach to diaspora engagement</i></li> <li>• <i>Leveraging Diaspora remittances and investment</i></li> <li>• <i>protection of vulnerable migrants and facilitation of regular pathways</i></li> <li>• <i>Active and enhanced participation in national policy and development practice</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Diaspora strategy validated by 50 Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA)</li> <li>• A Gambia Diaspora Directorate with focal points in 50 MDAs, embassies and missions</li> <li>• Capacity developed for 2,500 government and NSA personnel on Diaspora development</li> <li>• Transaction cost of remittances sent to The Gambia reduced to an average of 3%</li> <li>• 20 Diaspora Direct Investments (DDIs) and issue 2 Diaspora Bonds facilitated</li> <li>• Co-financing of 100 civil society and social impact projects from the Diaspora Development Fund (DDF)</li> <li>• Irregular (back-way) migrants reduced by 60%</li> <li>• Negotiate and sign 4 migration and development bilateral agreements</li> <li>• Facilitate circular migration contracts for 350 skilled migrant workers</li> <li>• Complete full registration of diaspora voters, and oversee diaspora voting in Presidential elections</li> <li>• Facilitate 14 representatives of the diaspora to have observer status in the 7 Local Government Areas</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create platform for 50 diaspora-development organizations, covering 10 sectors, in 3 continents</li> <li>• Access and utilize the services of 100 highly skilled diaspora professionals</li> </ul>
<b>Critical Enabler 4: Promoting environmental sustainability, climate resilient communities and appropriate land use</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Environment and climate change-friendly policies, programmes and awareness strengthened at all levels for resilience</i></li> <li>• <i>Emergency and disaster risk reduction and response strengthened at all levels</i></li> <li>• <i>Natural resources sustainably managed and utilized</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease CO2 emission from Btw 2118 to 2528 GgCo2e (2016) to Btw 967.9 to 1155 GgCo2e</li> <li>• Availability of a updated NEMA</li> <li>• Increase the number of communities implementing adaptive mechanisms from 10 to 100</li> <li>• Increase the % of wildlife protected areas for coastal and marine from 7.4% to 10%</li> <li>• Increase the % of wildlife protected areas for terrestrial and inland from 0.16% to 1%</li> <li>• Increase the area of forest under community management from 50,000 hectares to 70,000 hectares</li> <li>• EWEA DRR and CC Available nationwide</li> <li>• Increase community based non-wood forest products/services enterprises from 80 to 100.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Strengthened policy environment and tools for appropriate land use planning and management</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of a national land policy</li> <li>• Availability of a Land Use plan</li> <li>• Availability of a Cadastral map of the country</li> </ul>
<b>Critical Enabler 5: Making The Gambia a Digital Nation and Creating a modern information society</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhanced ICT infrastructure and services for increased access to quality broadband services and solutions to support inclusive and sustainable development</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the % of population using the internet daily from 46.8% to 90%</li> <li>• Increase the proportion of population with access to mobile phones from 78.9% to 90%</li> <li>• Increase the proportion of schools connected to broadband internet from 6% to 12%</li> <li>• Existence of National Information and communications Infrastructure policy II</li> </ul>
<b>Critical Enabler 6: A civil society that is engaged and is a valued partner in national development</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Civil society positioned as representative, dynamic and credible consortium</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced relationship maintained with government and other stakeholders</i></li> <li>• <i>Effective, relevant, and sustainable services delivered in a participatory way</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of a revised NGO Act</li> <li>• Increase the proportion of communities trained on HRBA and Social Accountability from 0% to 80%</li> <li>• Conduct annual NGO Forum</li> <li>• Availability of an updated strategic plan</li> <li>• Availability of a resource mobilization strategy</li> <li>• Increase the level of investment from low to high</li> <li>• Increase the level of CSO participation in Government decision making platforms from low to high</li> <li>• Increase the level of NGO representation in government delegations to international for a from low to high</li> </ul>

<b>Critical Enabler 7: Strengthening evidence-based policy, planning and decision-making</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Key Results</b>
<i>Statistical governance, coordination of the NSS and data quality enhanced</i> <i>Enhanced and sustained quality human resources, physical, ICT and statistical infrastructures</i> <i>Quality data produced, disseminated and adequately monitored and evaluated</i> <i>Sustainable funding and partnerships</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existence of a revised Statistics Act</li> <li>• Increase in functional statistic units in MDAs, including LGAs from 10 to 100</li> <li>• Existence of functional NSS coordination/steering committee</li> <li>• Availability of data quality frameworks</li> <li>• Increase in number of trained professionals from 20 to 50</li> <li>• Increase in proportion of censuses and surveys completed from 0 to 100</li> <li>• Availability of a CRVS system</li> <li>• Increase in proportion of statistical reports and data on GBOS portal from 35% to 100%</li> <li>• Existence of number of NDP indicators from 0 to 100%</li> <li>• Government budget allocation increased from less than 1% to 5%</li> <li>• Increase number of chapters of professional societies from 0 to 2</li> <li>• Establish an NDP result measurement database</li> </ul>



