

11. Internal markers and Tags	Policy objectives	Not targeted	Significant objective	Principal objective
	Digitalisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	digital connectivity digital governance digital entrepreneurship digital skills/literacy digital services	YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Connectivity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	digital connectivity energy transport health education and research	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Migration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reduction of Inequalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET INFORMATION			
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14 02 01 20 Total estimated cost: EUR 20 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 20 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Indirect management with the entity(s) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.1			

1.2 Summary of the Action

While over the last decade there has been a progression in enrolments at Senior Secondary Education (SSE) level in The Gambia, indicators for access and quality outside of the Greater Banjul Area remain very low. Based on the Government's official statistics², in 2023 the SSE completion rate was 46.6% of the population aged 15-19 completing secondary education. The completion rate was reported at 54.3% for girls and 39.1% for boys). Rural areas and regions like Basse record even lower completion rates (total completion: 11.2%; completion rate for girls at 10.6% and 11.7% for boys). Gender disparities further manifest in the gross enrolment rate (GER), which stands at 55.3% at SSE (63.7% of girls and 47.0% of boys), starkly lower than the basic education rate (of 77.6% , with 87.3% of girls and 68.1% of boys).

The gender gap concerns not only students' completion rates but also entry into the teaching force, where only 16.7% of teachers are female. Increasing the ratio of female teachers is critical to fostering girls' attendance and in providing positive role-models, with a consequent increase in SSE completion rates and enhanced skills and youth employability contributing to the country's human and socio-economic development.

² MoBSE Yearbook 2023