

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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JANUARY 2017 - JUNE 2022



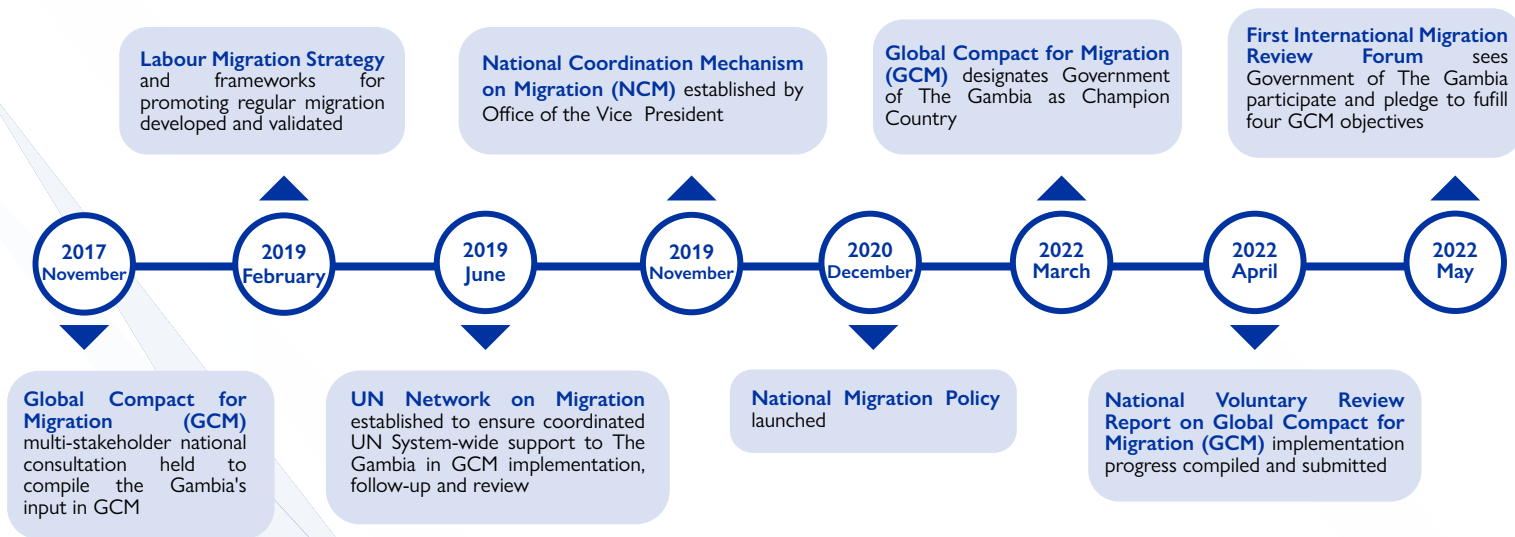


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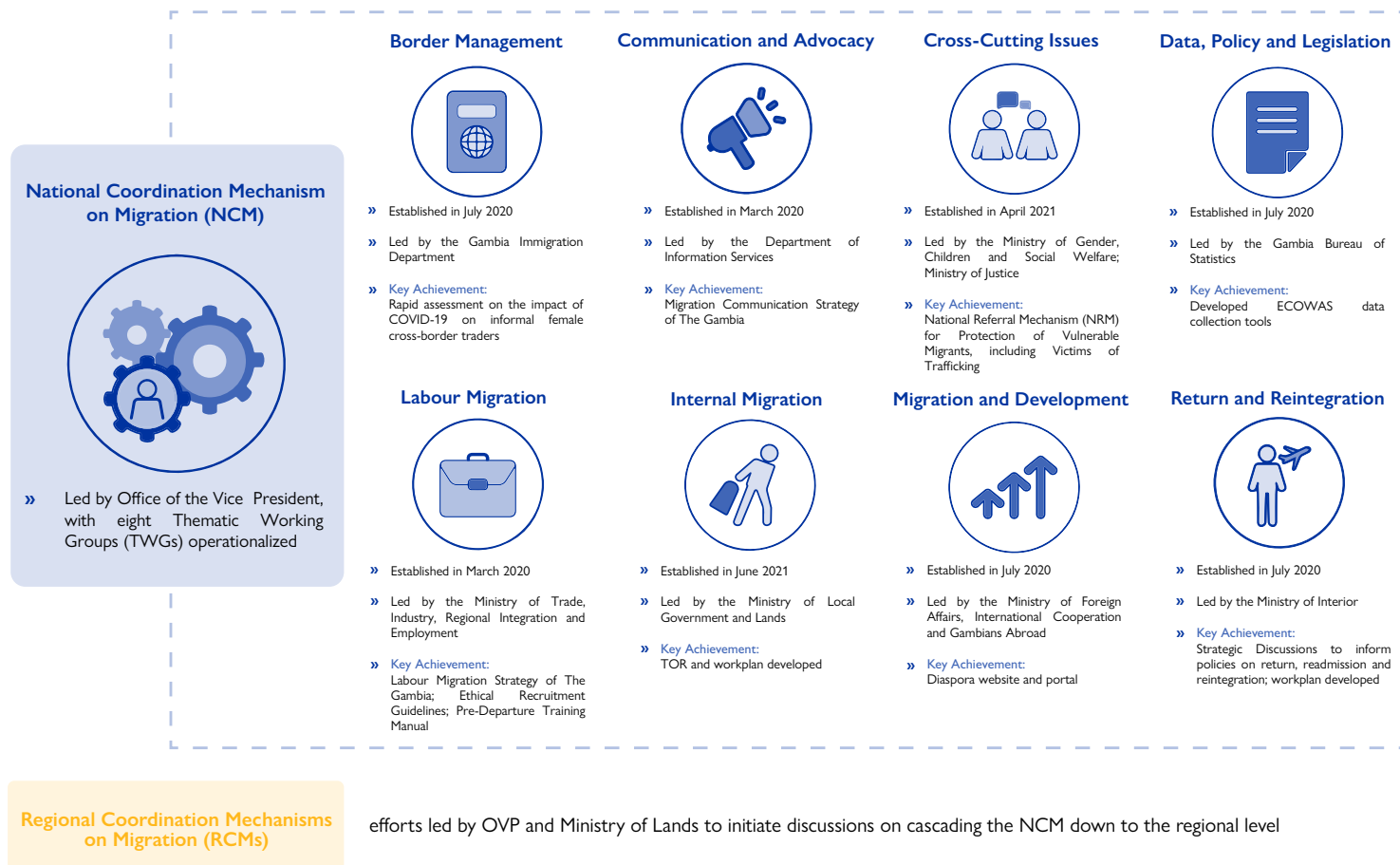
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MIGRATION POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

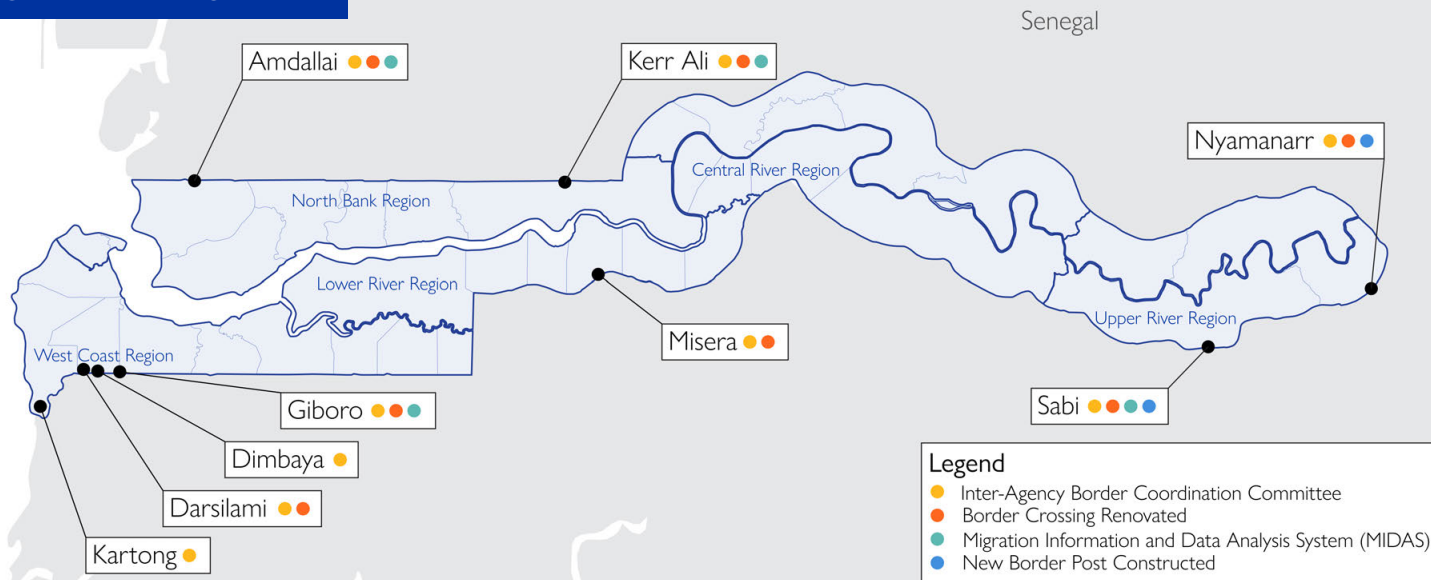
Key Milestones



Coordination Mechanisms



BORDER MANAGEMENT



9 **Inter-Agency Border Coordination Committees** established to strengthen coordination and exchange of information (April 2020 – April 2021)

6 **Border Crossing Points** renovated and equipped with furniture, motorcycles, patrol vehicle, speed boat solar panels and document security equipment (October 2018 – March 2022)

4 **Migration Information and Data Analysis System's (MIDAS)** installed at border crossing points, connected to the central database at Immigration Headquarters in Banjul, to collect, analyse, and share real-time traveller information (June 2020)

2 **New Border Posts** constructed and unveiled (December 2021; February 2022)



Border Procedures Manual

for the Gambia Immigration Department (GID)'s updated (February 2021)



MIDAS Training Laboratory

established at GID Immigration School in Tanji (September 2021)

10

Gambia Immigration Department officials

participate in study tour to Nigeria to learn and share best practices and foster collaboration between the two countries (February 2020)

10

Immigration officers

trained as trainers on the advanced use of MIDAS (March 2020)

278

Border officials

trained on border management (November 2018 – September 2021)

- » Document examination, fraud detection and protection of vulnerable migrants
- » Integrated border management practices
- » Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS)
- » Transnational organized crime

5,000+

Community members

engaged in activities aimed at promoting social cohesion at two Gambia-Senegal border crossing points (February-March 2019)

- » Amdallai (The Gambia) – Karang (Senegal)
- » Giboro (The Gambia) – Seleti (Senegal)



COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT



Communication training program launched for government officials to improve public discourse on migration over the course of 15 months (June 2021)



4 **Migration Information Centres (MICs)** established with the National Youth Council to promote informed decision-making on migration (March 2019 – January 2020)

- » Barra, North Bank Region
- » Basse, Upper River Region
- » Brikama, West Coast Region
- » Pakalinding, Lower River Region



68 **returnees join nationwide volunteer network** to lead community outreach and social mobilization on migration issues (February 2020)



187 **journalists** trained on migration reporting to improve accuracy, balance and depth of migration discourse (January 2018 – June 2022)



70,169 **youth and potential migrants**
in 314 communities engaged in activities promoting informed decision-making on migration (January 2017 – June 2022)



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



National Contingency Plan updated, and **crisis simulation exercises** conducted (December 2021 – May 2022)



Regional Contingency Plans updated, and **crisis simulation exercises** conducted:

- » Banjul (July 2020)
- » Kanifing (July 2020)
- » West Coast Region (May 2019)



35 senior government officials and **105** government officials trained on Disaster Risk Reduction (September 2021)



1,700 Internally Displaced Persons supported with non-food items (April – June 2022)



3,408 beneficiaries reached with community-based mental health and psychosocial support (April – June 2022)





DATA AND RESEARCH



Comprehensive Border Assessment Report developed to strengthen border management efforts (June 2018)



Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) launched to provide better understanding of mobility trends and migrant needs (June 2021)

- » Barra, North Bank Region
- » Basse, Upper River Region
- » Brikama, West Coast Region
- » Farafenni, North Bank Region



Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) National Report developed to provide comprehensive picture of The Gambia's migration governance architecture, its strengths and gaps (May 2021)

Local Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) exercise launched for Kanifing Municipality Council, to provide comprehensive picture of the municipality's migration governance architecture, strengths and gaps (December 2021)



RESEARCH STUDIES

Migration in The Gambia: A Country Profile 2017
(2017)

Community Mapping and Socio-Economic Profiling Assessment of Areas of Return in West and Central Africa: The Gambia Country Report
(May 2018)

Study on Internal Migration to Provide Socioeconomic Profile of Rural-to-Urban Migrants
(February 2020)

Study on the Impact of Returnee Debt on Their Reintegration
(June 2020)

Assessment of COVID-19's Impact on Youth's Perceptions Toward Migration
(January 2021)

Research on Implications of Return and Reintegration Toward Peacebuilding in The Gambia
(January 2021)

Study on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Toward COVID-19 in Border Communities, to Inform COVID-19 Response Efforts
(February 2021)

Assessment of COVID-19's Impact on Informal Female Cross-Border Traders to Inform COVID-19 Recovery Efforts
(June 2021)



LABOUR MIGRATION



Labour Migration Strategy, Ethical Recruitment Guidelines and Pre-Departure Training Manual developed and validated to ensure protection of Gambian migrant workers (February 2019 – February 2021)



Jobs Centres in Kanifing Municipality and Basse renovated and established under the Department of Labour (July 2020; July 2022)

35

Government institutions, private recruitment agencies and security officials trained on promoting and managing the regular labour migration of Gambians and improving their protection (September 2019 – December 2021)

81

Informal female cross-border traders supported with cash grant as part of COVID-19 recovery efforts (August 2021 – December 2021)

- » North Bank Region
- » Upper River Region
- » West Coast Region

150

Youth provided with skills training and start-up kits (July – November 2021)

- » North Bank Region
- » Upper River Region
- » West Coast Region

364

Youth graduated from 'Standing for Youth' entrepreneurship and coaching program and received cash grants averaging **GMD 125,000** (February – April 2021)



MIGRANT PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE



Guidelines for National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for Protection of Vulnerable Migrants, including Victims of Trafficking, validated to improve coordination in migrant protection (August 2021)



Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) developed to strengthen protection of unaccompanied and separated migrant children (September 2019)



Capacity Building for Bakoteh Shelter the only government-run shelter in the Kanifing Municipality for children and the elderly, through refurbishment and trainings to strengthen migrant protection (February 2020 – December 2021)



Government consular visits to Libya and Niger facilitated to strengthen mechanisms for migrant protection and consular assistance (April 2018; January 2021)

132

Government and non-government stakeholders nationwide trained on the operationalization of the NRM (April– June 2022)



COUNTER-TRAFFICKING



National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons revived to coordinate counter-trafficking efforts (July 2019)



Communication Strategy and Action Plan developed to combat trafficking in persons (July 2020)



National Plan of Action (NPA) Against Trafficking in Persons 2021-2025 developed to guide counter-trafficking efforts (March 2021)



National Action Plan Against Trafficking in Persons in The Gambia (NAATIP) 2021-2025 updated to address TIP issues in the country validated (November 2021)



Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for law enforcement actors on identification, investigation and prosecution of Trafficking in Persons cases validated (November 2021)





4 **one-stop centres (OSCs)** established and supported with medical supplies to provide comprehensive services to victims of trafficking (June 2020 – June 2022)

- » Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital (Banjul)
- » Serrekunda General Hospital (Serrekunda, Kanifing)
- » Bakoteh Home for the Elderly and Shelter for Children (Bakoteh, Kanifing)
- » Bansang General Hospital (Bansang, Central River Region)



56 **victims of trafficking** received protection assistance (July 2019 – June 2022)

- » Medical and psychosocial support
- » Food and essential supplies
- » Return and reintegration



473 **government, civil society and media personnel** trained to combat trafficking in persons and protect victims of trafficking (October 2019 – June 2022)

RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration developed to ensure strengthened and streamlined approach to return and reintegration (September 2018)

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Post-Arrival and Reintegration Assistance for Migrants Referred from European Union Member States, Norway and Switzerland developed to ensure strengthened and coordinated approach to assisting forced returnees (March 2019)

6,276 Stranded Gambian migrants

received voluntary return assistance (January 2017 – June 2022)



Health
Screenings



Food & Essential
Supplies



Temporary Overnight
Accommodation



Pocket Money

4,955 Gambian returnees

received reintegration assistance (January 2017 – June 2022)

- » Medical and psychosocial support
- » Career counselling
- » Support to pursue education or vocational training
- » Support to set up or strengthen a small business
- » Employment support
- » Support to acquire a national ID card
- » Referrals to other programmes and services



3,458

Gambian migrants from Libya

assisted through Voluntary Humanitarian Return programme
(January 2017 – June 2022)

1,852

Gambian migrants from Niger

supported through Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programme
(January 2017 – June 2022)

223

Non-Gambian migrants

received pre-departure assistance to return from The Gambia
to their countries of origin (January 2017 – June 2022)

73

Shipwreck survivors

received post-arrival reception assistance (December 2019)

40

Community-based reintegration projects established

(January 2017 – June 2022), including the following areas:

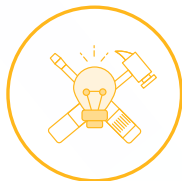
- » Animal husbandry, horticulture
- » Bakery
- » Commercial transport
- » Fashion
- » Horticulture
- » Multi-purpose milling, threshing

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Central Africa

MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT



70 Senior planners and migration focal points trained on migration and development (May – September 2021)

- » Mainstreaming migration into development planning
- » Integrating relevant SDGs and GCM objectives



Diaspora Roundtable Conference as part of the governments ongoing effort to strengthen partnership with members of The Gambian diaspora to further enhance their contribution to sustainable development (November 2021)



Four-week Diaspora Mentorship Program conducted through four Gambian diaspora mentors in three institutions (October 2021)

- » Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad
- » Ministry of Health
- » National Youth Council



MIGRATION HEALTH

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Health Border Management: Detection, Management and Referral of ill Passengers at Points of Entry developed and validated (August 2020)

National Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Strategic Framework for Returnees developed (April 2020)

Training Curriculum on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Services for Migrants in The Gambia developed for healthcare workers (April 2020)

3,295 **UK-bound migrants** supported with tuberculosis screening (January 2017 – June 2022)

2,136 **Gambian returnees** with medical and/or psychosocial support (January 2017 – June 2022)

1,718 **host community members** reached through the deployment of mobile health clinics to address stigma against returnees and improve access to health services (April 2019 – September 2021)

4 **migrant peer support groups** established to strengthen community-based psychosocial support for returnees (March 2021)

- » Greater Banjul Area
- » North Bank Region
- » Upper River Region
- » West Coast Region



COVID-19 RESPONSE

COVID-19 Specific Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Frontline Border Officials at Points of Entry developed and validated (April 2022)

160 **Border officials** trained on infection prevention and control (March 2020 – June 2021)

752 **Health officials** from private and public facilities, including frontline workers trained on infection prevention and control and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) (April 2019 – December 2020)

2,025 **Protective suits and shoe coverings produced by returnees** donated to border officials while providing income-generating activity for returnees (April – December 2020)

3,579 **Border community leaders supported** to develop community action plans for risk communication and community engagement (March 2020 – July 2021)

4,246 **People vaccinated in 20 border communities** each, in **CRR, LRR, NBR, and URR** (December 2021 – May 2022)

17,449 **Bars of soap produced by returnees**, families and community members donated to border communities while serving as an income-generating activity for returnees (July 2020 – January 2021)

50,000 **Face masks produced by returnees** donated to support reopening of schools while providing income-generating activity for returnees (October 2020 – March 2021)

54,000+ **Individuals reached through risk communication and community engagement activities**, focused on border communities (March 2020 – June 2022)





Generator and printer donated to the National Public Health Laboratory for uninterrupted energy supply for PCR testing machines and printing of results (October 2020)

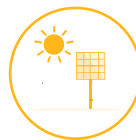


Hygiene kits, queue lines and data collections kits provided to health and border officials (June 2021)



3 sanitation facilities provided to strengthen infection and prevention measures at points of entry (January – May 2022)

- » Kerr Ali, North Bank Region – handwashing station
- » Nyamanarr, Upper River Region – handwashing station
- » Sabi, Upper River Region – toilet facility



9 solar-powered boreholes drilled to improve water access in border communities and points of entry (April – June 2022)



31 West African nationals stranded in The Gambia received emergency food assistance (July -- September 2020)



200 households in the North Bank and Upper River Regions received hygiene kits (April 2021)

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