Selected 2011 GPS Key Results:

GAMBIA Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education



UN Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

HIV Prevalence (2009): 2%

Date completed 2011 GPS: 01.12.2011

Age	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Level								Low	er Prin	nary	Upper Primary		nary	Lower Secondary		Upper Secondary			
Grades/Forms								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

LEARNER NUMBERS BY LEVEL -2010

Pre Primary		Primary	Secondary	Total	
Pupils	64677	229013	124397	418087	

TEACHER NUMBERS BY LEVEL -2009

	Pre Primary	Primary	Secondary	Total
Teachers	779	6436		7215

PERCENTAGE CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL -2010

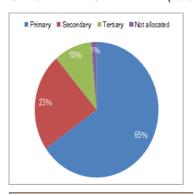
Primary	Lower Secondary
31	26

Adult literacy rate (estimate): 46.5 -2009

PERCENTAGE TRAINED TEACHERS BY LEVEL -2000

		Primary	Primary	Secondary
Percentage	Male		78	
trained	Female		69	

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE BY LEVEL (2010)



% Public Expenditure spent on Education: 22.8 -2010

% Expenditure on Teacher & Support staff salaries:

CHILDREN ORPHANED

Children (0-17yrs) orphaned by AIDS ('000): 2.8 (UNICEF 2009)

Children (0-17yrs) orphaned due to all causes ('000): 72 (UNICEF 2009)

Learners in the basic education system who have been orphaned ('000):

1.	EDUCATION SYSTEM					
		Pre Primary	Male	Growing		
		Fie Filliary	Female	Growing		
	Is total enrolment in your schools, over the last 10 years; growing, shrinking or remaining stable?	Primary	Male	Growing		
•	is total emolinent in your schools, over the last to years, growing, similiting or remaining stable?	Filliary	Female	Growing		
		Secondary	Male	Growing		
		Secondary	Female	Growing		
•	Total public expenditure (in local currency) on education			1,108.1 million dalasis Million Gambian Dalasis		
•	Estimate % of teachers employed who permanently left the system in the last academic year for any reason (e.g. retirement, resignation, promotion, illness, death etc.)?					
		Male				
•	Number of learners in the basic education system who have been orphaned	Female				
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2. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HIV&AIDS STRUCTURES					
National Level					
At the national level, do you have a dedicated committee or management unit that is responsible for coordinating	Committee	Yes			
the response to the HIV&AIDS epidemic?	Unit	Yes			
o If there is a management unit, how many permanent staff members does it have?	Unit	Six			
If there is a committee or management unit, does it include senior staff?	Committee	Yes			
in there is a committee or management unit, does it include senior stain:	Unit	Yes			
o If there is a committee or management unit, does it have a dedicated budget?	Committee	No			
in there is a committee or management unit, does it have a dedicated budget?	Unit	NR			
 If there is a committee or management unit, have members received orientation training? 	Committee	Yes			
	Unit	Yes			
 If there is no management unit, are there staff at the national Ministry level who only deal with HIV&AIDS issue 	s?	n/a			
If Yes, are they at a senior level?	n/a				
If No, are there staff members who responsibilities include HIV&AIDS?	n/a				
Is the Ministry involved in any current application for funding to any donor or development partner?		Yes			
is the willingtry involved in any current application for fulfully to any donor of development partner?	Tuberculosis	No			

		Malaria	Yes
•	Confirm the number of funding applications submitted in last 10 years (estimate % that have been successful)?		
		Internal/	
•	stimate the % of financial resources available (total HIV&AIDS budget) in the last financial year, which came from	Government	
	the following sources:	External/	
	and remaining december.	Donor	

Representation on HIV&AIDS coordinating structures

	National Committee	National management unit
Planning	✓	✓
Finance Management	NR	×
Curriculum Development	✓	✓
Human Resources Management	✓	✓
EMIS/Statistics & Research	NR	✓
Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting	NR	×
External partners – e.g. teacher unions, PLHIV, NGOs, etc.	✓	

Funds allocated and percentage utilized by the National HIV&AIDS coordinating structures by focus area

•	Funds allocated	How funds are shared	% Funds utilised
Prevention (including awareness & behaviour change)	√	NR	NR
Access/Referral to Care and Support	NR	NR	NR
Curriculum Development	✓	NR	NR
Mainstreaming	✓	NR	NR
Planning	✓	NR	NR
Monitoring & Evaluation	✓	NR	NR

Areas of training provided to HIV&AIDS coordinating structures

	National Committee	National management unit
HIV&AIDS Impact	✓	✓
Response Management	✓	✓
Mainstreaming	✓	NR
Programme Budgeting	1	✓
Monitoring and Evaluation	✓	✓
Reporting	✓	✓
Gender Equality and Sensitivity	NR	✓

 Do you have decentralized structures responsible for managing a response to the HIV&AIDS epidemic? 					
o If Yes, do they include senior staff					
 If Yes, do they have sufficient dedicated resources (budgets) for the task 	?			No	
Pre Primar					
What % of schools have working groups or committees that address HIV&AIDS-related matters? Primary					
			Secondary		
Rank the HIV&AIDS roles and functions of decentralized structures in order	Planning	5			
of importance	Program Implementation	2			
·	Monitoring	3			
	Evaluation	5			
	Reporting	2			
	Other:				

3. ENABLING ENVIRONMENT						
 How often have you heard your Education Minister speak publicly about the impact of HIV&AIDS on the 	education sector	r?	Often			
Are HIV&AIDS response plans and implementation reports regularly reviewed at senior education management	A LIN (0 AID 0					
Does HIV&AIDS feature in the annual work plans of Teacher Unions and/or the Teacher Service Comm	nission?		Yes			
Does the Ministry provide school-fee waivers and exemptions for the poor, orphaned, vulnerable or HIV	&AIDS-affected?		NR			
	Pre Primary	NR	Lower Primary	Yes		
Levels of education that receive free education	Upper Primary	Yes	Lower Secondary	NR		
	Upper Secondary	NR	Tertiary	NR		
Does the Ministry of Education have a specific education sector HIV&AIDS policy?	•		Yes			
o If Yes, estimate how well this has been implemented?			51 - 75%			
o If Yes, provide date of original adoption and publication?			Apr-07			
 If Yes, has it been revised since its adoption 			No			
 If Yes, when has it been revised since its adoption 			n/a			
o If No, are HIV&AIDS issues mainstreamed in the national Education Sector Policy?			n/a			
Does the Ministry of Education have a workplace policy addressing HIV&AIDS impact?			Yes			
 If Yes, estimate how effective this workplace policy is in addressing HIV&AIDS impact? 			NR			
o If Yes, provide date of original adoption and publication?			NR			
o If Yes, has it been revised since its adoption and if so, when?			NR			
 If Yes, when has it been revised since its adoption 			NR			
Have Education Sector HIV&AIDS-related policies been regularly reviewed since their introduction?			Yes			
o If "Yes", indicate how often these policies are reviewed?			Every 2 - 5 ye	ars		
Have other Ministry rules and regulations been reviewed to address the impact and implications of HIV	&AIDS		Yes			
Is Education included in the National HIV&AIDS Strategy?			Yes			

4	. HIV&AIDS MAINSTREAMING AND IMPLEMENTATION	
•	How seriously does the education sector regard the impact of HIV&AIDS on the sector?	Major problem

¹ There is an Education Sector HIV&AIDS policy which covers Prevention; Stigma and Discrimination; Care and Support for its clientele.

Is there an Education Sector HIV&AIDS strategic plan in place?	Yes
 If Yes, in what year was this plan developed?² 	2006
o If Yes, in what year was this plan introduced?	2006
 If Yes, is there an action plan for the implementation of this strate 	gic plan? Yes
o If Yes, to what extent is this plan funded?	51 - 75%
 Estimate the % implementation of this strategic plan? 	76 - 100%
 Is HIV&AIDS response mainstreamed in the education management and plan 	Inning process at the National level?
 If Yes, estimate the effectiveness of mainstreaming HIV&AIDS res 	sponse? 51 - 75%
Does the education sector have an Education Information Management Sys	tem (EMIS)?
 If Yes, has the EMIS system been reviewed and amended to inclu 	ude HIV&AIDS-sensitive indicators?
 What was the most recent year for which EMIS captured and repo 	orted on these indicators?
 Has EMIS undertaken any HIV&AIDS trend or impact analysis? 	No
Is HIV&AIDS considered (e.g. as a line item) when making and budgeting disconsidered.	strict level plans?
Has the Ministry decentralized any of its data collection and processing (EM	IS) systems? Yes
 Is HIV&AIDS-relevant data (e.g. teacher absenteeism/attrition, incidence of of levels of the system? 	orphaning, etc.) being collected at decentralized Yes
Has an assessment of the impact of HIV&AIDS on the education sector beel	n conducted?
o If Yes, in what year did this assessment take place?	2000; 2005
o If Yes, how much of the country did this assessment cover?	26 - 50%
 Have the key findings of this assessment been published 	Yes
 When were the key findings of this assessment published 	2002; 2008
 If no assessment has taken place, is one planned 	n/a
 When is an assessment planned 	n/a
Identify and rank 5 key barriers to implementation	1 Inadequate funding
·	2
	3
	4
	5

5. HUMAN RESOURCES		
 Has an analysis of the impact of HIV&AID conducted? 	S on demand and supply of human resources in the educati	on sector has been No
Is there evidence of increased teacher att	rition (e.g. permanent loss) in the system?	No
 If Yes, are there plans to increa 	se teacher recruitment and training?	n/a
	wed and amended to minimize vulnerability and susceptibility and susceptibility ance of teacher deployment away from their families, etc.)	y to HIV&AIDS (e.g. In process
 If Yes, indicate how often these 	e policies are reviewed?	n/a
Are human resource issues possibly rela leave, compassionate leave, attrition, incr	ed to HIV&AIDS impact being monitored and reported on (e easing pension costs)?	.g. absenteeism, sick

6. EDUCATION SECTOR WORKPLACE HIV&AIDS PROGRAMS		
	National	Yes
Does the Ministry have a gender-sensitive HIV&AIDS awareness program for all its employees?	District	Yes
	Education instituion	Yes
Does the Ministry have a program aimed at preventing HIV infections among staff?		Yes
o If Yes, are these prevention programs gender sensitive?		Yes
 Have gender-sensitive guidelines for implementing universal precautions and ensuring safety in the workplace for use by all staff? 	been developed	In process
 Do Education Ministry teachers and staff have access to HIV voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) facilities? 		No
 Estimate % teachers and staff who have such access? 		NR
 Estimate % teachers and staff who use these facilities? 		NR
 Has a referral system for access to HIV&AIDS treatment been established for Education Ministry teachers and 	staff?	No
o If Yes, estimate % effectiveness of this referral system?		n/a
 Does the Ministry have a policy of non-discrimination with regard to recruitment, advancement, continued emp benefits for personnel affected by HIV&AIDS? 	loyment and	Yes
Does the Ministry of Education enforce confidentiality of information about Ministry employees affected by HIV	&AIDS?	Yes
 Are there accessible outlet points within or in the vicinity of all education sector workplaces (e.g. offices, school institutions) for the distribution of condoms? 	ls or educational	No

² It is part of the broader Education Sector Strategic plan 2006 -2015 Country Summary Report 2011 GPS

7. HIV&AIDS AND THE CURRICULUM

Topics included in the core curriculum; support materials developed; and confirmation of adaptation of tertiary curriculum by level of education

	Inc	clusion in	core curricu	lum	Sı	Tertiary			
	Lower Primary	Upper Primary	Lower Secondary	Upper Secondary	Lower Primary	Upper Primary	Lower Secondary	Upper Secondary	curriculum adapted
Generic life skills	NR	✓	✓	✓	NR	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adolescent and reproductive health	NR	✓	✓	✓	NR	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sexuality education	NR	×	✓	✓	NR	×	✓	✓	✓
Gender equality and empowerment	NR	✓	✓	✓	NR	✓	✓	✓	✓
HIV&AIDS and other STIs	NR	✓	✓	✓	NR	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stigma and discrimination, including homophobia	NR	✓	✓	✓	NR	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family life and inter-personal relationships	NR	√	✓	√	NR	✓	√	✓	✓

•	Estimate the % of schools in which these issues are covered in the curriculum and taught,	Lower Primary		Upper	r Primary	78
	by school level:	v school level: Lower Secondary 69 Upper				
•	Is HIV&AIDS and related life skills issues a compulsory part of the curriculum?					Yes
•	Is the HIV&AIDS subject area examinable?				Under c	onsideration
•	Has there been an orientation process for parents regarding life skills-related programs in s	chools?				Yes
	o If Yes, indicate frequency of orientation sessions?				Ar	nually
	 If Yes, indicate whether this orientation process is ad hoc (e.g. limited to informal local initiatives) or formally structured across the system? 					stemic
•	Have efforts been made to ensure that religious, community and/or traditional leaders support the HIV prevention approach adopted by the education sector, the messages it communicates and the materials it uses?					Yes
	o If Yes, estimate % effectiveness of these efforts?					
	o If Yes, indicate whether these efforts are ad hoc (e.g. limited to local initiatives) or systematic?					stemic
•	Estimate the % of students in the tertiary sector who have open or regular access to HIV&A prevention materials through their educational institutions? ³	IDS information, av	vareness an	d		40

Is there professional preparation of teachers through orientation and training in the following subject areas, by level?

	Primary 1	raining	Secondar	y Training
	Pre Service	In Service	Pre Service	In Service
Orientation Generic life skills	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orientation Adolescent and reproductive health	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orientation Sexuality education	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orientation Gender equality and empowerment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orientation HIV&AIDS and other STIs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orientation Stigma and discrimination, including homophobia	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orientation Family life and inter-personal relationships	✓	✓	✓	✓

Where orientation sessions for parents are conducted, they include the following topics

Sexuality education	✓
Life Skills	✓
Adolescent and reproductive health	✓
Gender	✓
STIs	✓
HIV&AIDS	✓
Homophobia and discrimination	✓

	Have systems to monitor the success of HIV&AIDS prevention messages throughout the education system been established?			
	o If Yes, how often are the results of this monitoring reported?	n/a		
_	 Have efforts been made to include out-of-school youths in life skills and HIV&AIDS awareness efforts? 	Yes		
	o If Yes, estimate % the success of these efforts?	0 - 25%		

8. ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN Does the Ministry have a system for identifying and categorizing orphans and vulnerable children?⁴ Does the Ministry have a gender-sensitive program to address the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children in the education system?

Does a gender-sensitive program for OVC address the following areas?

Nutrition	NR	Supervised medication	NR
Counselling	NR	Flexible school hours	NR
Fee waivers/exemptions	NR	Other:	NR
Referrals (e.g. to Social Services)	NR	Other.	INIX

On what basis are learners included in in the feeding schemes?

Orphaning	×	Geographic Location	✓
Vulnerability	✓	Programme Scaling	✓
Poverty	✓	Other:	NR

• Is there currently a school feeding scheme in place?

If Yes, estimate the coverage of this feeding scheme by school level

	res				
Lower Primary	30	Up	per Primary	70	
Lower Secondary	0	Uppe	r Secondary	0	

³ The Gambia College, School of Education is offering the subject as compulsory for all its students and they form 40% of tertiary student. The University of the Gambia offers it as an optional subject so the percentage cannot be ascertained

⁴ The issue of OVCs is the responsibility of the Department of Social Welfare under the Ministry of Health & Social Welfare

o If Yes, confirm whether this coverage is growing, stable or shrinking?							
•	Have teachers received training in caring for HIV-infected pupils?				Yes		
•	To what extent (%) are counseling services, by trained counselors, available at schools at	Lower Primary	23	Upper Primary	46		
	the following levels?	Lower Secondary	52	Upper Secondary	78		

9. PARTNERSHIPS Does the education sector have a shared strategy on HIV&AIDS response with its local and international partners?⁵ Yes Please estimate the degree of success of this shared strategy: NR

Government ministries or agencies working on HIV&AIDS as partners with the Ministry of Education

	Partner?	Major or Minor Partner?
National AIDS Commission	✓	Major
Ministry of Health	✓	Minor
Ministry of Social Services	✓	Major
Ministry of Finance	✓	Major
Ministry of Planning	NR	NR

Non-government education sector agencies, interest groups and partners which work on HIV&AIDS response in collaboration with the Ministry of Education

Local NGOs	✓	International NGOs	✓
Teacher Unions	✓	Teacher Service Commission	*
Parent/Teacher Associations	✓	School Committees	✓
Youth Groups	✓	Private Sector	✓
Community-based organisations	✓	Faith-based and/or religious organizations	✓
Other:		Other:	

10.	RESEARCH						
•	Has a gender-sensitive research agenda been defined that prioritizes gaps in knowledge relating to the impacts of and response to HIV&AIDS within the education sector?						
•	 Has any research been commissioned to inform the education sector response to HIV&AIDS? 						
•	• If research has been commissioned, indicate whether this has been undertaken by in-country institutions/agencies or by external institutions/agencies or both?						
•	If both internal and external institutions/agencies were involved in research, were there any partnering arrangements providing mentoring or training?						
•	If EDSEC HIV&AIDS impact or response research has been commissioned, indicate when thi	s wa	s conducted?	NR			
		1	NR				
	ICLUM/O ALDO	2					
•	If HIV&AIDS and education-related research has been conducted, please list these studies	3					
	with approximate dates of completion and publication?	4					
		5					

11. SELF-ASSESSMENT AND PRIORITIZATION

How would you rate your Ministry, in terms of the		Low				High
implementation of response in each of the following areas?	Rank order	1	2	3	4	5
Ministry of Education HIV&AIDS structures	4					
Enabling environment for an effective response to HIV&AIDS	3					
HIV&AIDS mainstreaming and implementation	4					
Human resources adaptation to the impacts of HIV&AIDS	2					
Workplace HIV&AIDS programmes	3					
HIV&AIDS and the curriculum	4					
Orphans and Vulnerable Children	2					
Partnership development in response to HIV&AIDS	3		1			
Research guiding the response to HIV&AIDS in the education sector	1					

⁵ It is embedded in the broader Education Sector Strategic plan 2006 -2015

Rank the following priority areas in order of importance for funding	Rank	Most in	nportant						Least im	portant
	order	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ministry of Education HIV&AIDS structures	2									
Enabling environment for an effective response to HIV&AIDS	3									
HIV&AIDS mainstreaming and implementation	2	1								
Human resources adaptation to the impacts of HIV&AIDS	3									
Workplace HIV&AIDS programmes	2									
HIV&AIDS and the curriculum	3	1								
Orphans and Vulnerable Children	6									
Partnership development in response to HIV&AIDS	3									
Research guiding the response to HIV&AIDS in the education sector	7									

Rank the following priority areas in order of importance	Rank	Rank Most important							Least important				
for Technical assistance	order	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Ministry of Education HIV&AIDS structures	6												
Enabling environment for an effective response to HIV&AIDS	6												
HIV&AIDS mainstreaming and implementation	3												
Human resources adaptation to the impacts of HIV&AIDS	5												
Workplace HIV&AIDS programmes	5												
HIV&AIDS and the curriculum	3												
Orphans and Vulnerable Children	1												
Partnership development in response to HIV&AIDS	7									•			
Research guiding the response to HIV&AIDS in the education sector	1												

Rank the following challenges to HIV&AIDS response	Rank	Most o	challeng	ing					Lea	ast chall	enging
implementation	order	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lack of leadership	9										
Funding/budget constraints	4										
Human Resource capacity and skills limitations	4										
Stigma and discrimination	2										
Lack of HIV&AIDS mainstreaming	6										
Lack of data and management information	2										
Little or no research	2										
Lack of training and orientation	7										
Ineffective monitoring, evaluation and reporting	4										
Lack of mandatory HIV&AIDS subject coverage in the curriculum	7										