

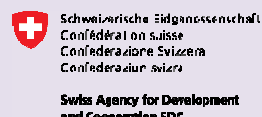
Recognition of MSDG as an Innovative and Impactful Diaspora-Led Technical Cooperation Programme

The 2018 post-dictatorship Gambia National Development Plan (NDP) recognised MSDG as the third 'Flagship Project of the NDP Strategic Priorities'. In his introduction of the NDP, the Minister of Finance stated: "My particular thanks go to the members of all the thirteen (13) Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) who worked diligently over many months to prepare the plan, as well as the Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia project (MSDG/GKP) for its contribution". MSDG is implemented by GK Partners, and has been supported by the Governments of Switzerland and The Gambia since 2017. The experience and empirical lessons learnt since 2017 make MSDG a suitable programme for feasible and viable scale-up and replication.

MSDG is recognised in the United Nations Repository of Good Practice



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<https://migrationnetwork.un.org/practice/migration-and-sustainable-development-gambia-msdg>

	Diaspora Technical Cooperation <i>Structured diaspora-led Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)</i>
	Comprehensive Diaspora Action <i>Portfolio of 200 diaspora-led development interventions since 2017</i>
	Diaspora Development Fund <i>DDF in line with Objective 19 of the UN Global Compact on Migration (GCM)</i>
	Remittances and Financial Inclusion <i>Technical support to the Central Bank and Ministry of Finance</i>
	Integrated Rural Development <i>Portfolio of integrated rural development projects and programmes</i>
	Annual Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF) <i>National policy, diaspora and stakeholder consultative forum</i>
	National Assembly Television (NATV) <i>Online parliamentary television and secure video-conferencing platform</i>
	University Scholarship Endowment Fund <i>Endowment fund for the University of The Gambia Students Union</i>
	Cultural and Scientific Development <i>Portfolio of cultural and scientific education and development activities</i>
	Diaspora Institutionalisation in the Public Sector <i>Portfolio of actions to embed and institutionalise diaspora contributions</i>

The Gambian Diaspora Strategy (GDS) produced by MSDG on behalf of the Government of The Gambia Government is older than the Global Compact on Migration (GCM), yet its provisions are remarkably similar to the GCM Objectives. This is partly due to the fact that MSDG incorporates globally accepted and emergent good practices on Migration, Diaspora and Development (MDD). MSDG is in compliance with all the 10 GCM Guiding Principles.

MSDG covers 11 of the 23 GCM Objectives, with emphasis on Objectives 1, 19, 20 and 23



MSDG is also aligned to 11 of the 17 SDGs



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- *Support of Job Creation and Employability*
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- *Design of the AU Legacy Project on Diaspora Investment*
- *Creation of RemitPlus™ Diaspora Bond Models*
- *Design and Management of Diaspora Development Funds*
- *Production of National Diaspora Strategies*
- *Creation of Diaspora Ministries and Directorates*
- *Leadership Roles on the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)*
- *Negotiation and Implementation of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM)*
- *Influence of Global Concepts and Practices in Migration, Diaspora and Development*
- *Pioneering Diaspora Technical Cooperation Programmes in Africa*
- *Capacity Development and Funding of Charitable, Civil Society and Diaspora Organisations*
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