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Q3 Does your national development strategy include trade priorities ? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities) **Yes**

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Q4 If yes, please indicate your Aid-for-Trade priorities:Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the ones listed below.(1 being the most important)

Connecting to value chains	3
Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)	1
Trade facilitation	4
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)	2
Other priority areas including: MSMEs, Women's economic empowerment, Youth, etc. (please specify)	5

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Q5 Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2016? **Yes**

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Q6 If yes, please rank the top 3 drivers of these changes :(Please choose no more than 3 options)

Economic diversification	2
MSMEs growth and development objectives	3
New national development strategy	1

Q7 Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners? **Yes**

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Q8 Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to Aid for Trade in your country.

National Development Plan 2018-2021
 National Trade Policy 2018-2022
 Industrial Policy and Trade Strategy 2018-2022
 National Investment Policy 2018-2022
 National MSME Policy 2014-2018
 National Entrepreneurship Policy 2016
 Gambia National Agricultural Investment Plan
 National Energy Policy, Strategy and Action Plan
 National Transport Policy
 National Quality Policy
 Diagnostic Trade Integration Study 2013

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Q9 Is economic diversification a priority in your national or regional development strategy? **Yes,**
 If yes, please provide additional information (including as to how economic diversification is defined and measured).:
 The National Development Plan in the quest to promote economic transformation, makes emphasis on the modernization of the agriculture sector, development of human capital, as well as the need for modern, reliable and efficient energy and infrastructural services.

Q10 What are the main constraints to economic diversification identified in your national or regional development strategy?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Inadequate network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)

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Limited access to trade finance

Limited agricultural production capacity

Limited e-trade readiness,

Limited industrial or manufacturing capacity

Limited network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature

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Limited standards compliance

Low levels of training and skills

Small domestic market

Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)

Unaffordable and/or unreliable electricity access

Q11 Please indicate in which of category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)

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Trade facilitation,

Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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Transport and storage infrastructure

Communications infrastructure,

Energy supply and generation infrastructure

Building productive capacity

Agriculture,

Fishing

Q12 Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification align with the priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)? **Yes**

Q13 Has your government recorded progress in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006?

Yes,
Additional information on whether your government has recorded progress in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006?:
The Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs prepares annual progress reports on the implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP). Under the new national development plan, sectors are also required to provide quarterly updates on the implementation of the NDP to the Office of the President.

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Q14 If yes, please specify in which area(s):(You may tick more than 1 box)

Structural transformation,
Industrialization, including manufacturing value added

Q15 If yes, please also indicate in which sector(s): (You may tick more than 1 box)

Agriculture,
Industry,
Additional information on the sector(s) where progress in economic diversification has been made.:
There has been an emergence of investments in the industrial sector since 2006. Two flour mills have been established, and there is ongoing investment to establish a cement production factory which is expected to commence operations in 2019. Furthermore, there are also a number of investments in agro-processing, and poultry.

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Q16 In which category(ies) of Aid for Trade is the support you receive impactful for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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Transport and storage infrastructure

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Communications infrastructure,

Energy supply and generation infrastructure

,

Building productive capacity

,

Agriculture

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Q17 What factors contribute to the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities

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Coordination among donors

,

Country ownership,

Donor interest in specific projects/programmes

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Additional information on the factors that contribute to the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification. :

Following the change of government, there has been a positive response from development partners to support The Gambia in its implementation of the National Development Plan, which was launched in February 2018.

Q18 What factors may limit the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors.)

Inadequate infrastructure,

Limited financing for the private sector

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Poor digital and ICT connectivity

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Q19 Does the Aid for Trade you receive help mobilize other forms of development finance for economic diversification (i.e. non-concessional financing, foreign direct investment, remittances, trade finance, etc.).

Yes,

Additional information on how Aid for Trade received helps mobilize other forms of development finance for economic diversification.:

Through government's programme with the Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA), the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) and the International Trade Financing Corporation (ITFC) collaborated to support an Aflatoxin Mitigation Program in The Gambia. Furthermore, support in the energy sector has also led to private sector investments in the energy sector.

Q20 Which development partner(s) are the most important source of aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

DAC COUNTRIES,

European Union,

France,

African Development Bank (AfDB) ,

Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)

,

Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF),

Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN (FAO) ,

Global Environment Facility (GEF) ,

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) ,

Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) ,

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ,

World Bank

Q21 Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

China,

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Q22 Looking ahead, in which sector(s) will future support for economic diversification be most required? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Agriculture,
Industry,
Services,
Fisheries

Q23 Looking ahead, in which category of aid-for-trade financing do you think that your government will require aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade facilitation,
Trade education/training,
Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
,
Transport and storage infrastructure ,
Communications infrastructure,
Energy supply and generation infrastructure ,
Agriculture,
Industry

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Q24 Is there any Aid-for-Trade project or programme for economic diversification that you would like to showcase as an example of best practice?(Please provide additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q25 Is economic empowerment a priority in your national or regional development strategy?

Yes,
If yes, please provide additional information on how economic empowerment is prioritized in your national or regional strategy.:
Agriculture, agribusiness and fisheries as well as youth empowerment, human capital development and private sector development are highlighted as strategic priorities in the National Development Plan (NDP). In addition, women empowerment and strengthening public institutions are captured as critical enablers in the implementation of the NDP.

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Q26 For which groups does your national or regional development strategy seek to promote economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Women's economic empowerment ,

Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises ,

Youth economic empowerment ,

Additional information on the groups for which your national or regional developing strategy is seeking to promote economic empowerment.:

Both youth empowerment and private sector development (mainly MSMEs) are strategic priorities of the National Development Plan.

Q27 Does the national or regional development strategy propose any indicators to track economic empowerment or include any targets to achieve?

Yes,

If yes, please provide additional information on the indicators, or targets, on economic empowerment that are included in your national or regional development strategy.:

The NDP has a target to reduce youth unemployment from 38% to 30% by 2021. It also has targets to increase MSMEs contribution to GDP from 20% to 30% and increase the proportion of MSMEs contribution to employment from 62% to 75%. Regarding women empowerment, the NDP has a target that seeks to establish an enterprise development fund to support women in business and to access productive resources.

Q28 Does the national or regional development strategy link economic empowerment to participation in international trade?

Yes,

If yes please provide additional information on how your national or regional development strategy links economic empowerment to participation in international trade. :

Under Agriculture, the NDP seeks to promote the transformation of agriculture and fisheries through enhanced commercial investments and value chain development. Emphasis is also made to promote trade, investments and private sector development as well as to support the development of MSMEs and light manufacturing. Productive sector development for trade will be complemented with the development of quality infrastructure to enhance compliance to standards and to support producers gain better access to international markets.

Q29 Please indicate in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

Transport and storage infrastructure

Communications infrastructure,

Energy supply and generation infrastructure

Building productive capacity

Agriculture,

Fishing,

Additional information on the categories of aid-for-trade financing in which you receive aid-for-trade support for economic empowerment.:

Support under agriculture aims at strengthening the productive capacities development in the sector, value chains, agribusiness and agro-processing. Support from the EIF, World Bank, Youth Empowerment Project etc. seeks to promote MSMEs productive capacity development, improve access to energy, development of trade related infrastructure (roads, storage facilities), promote youth entrepreneurship and improve compliance of Gambian products to international standards and market requirements.

Q30 Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic empowerment align with the empowerment priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

Yes,

Additional information on how the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic empowerment aligns with the empowerment priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies).:
Most of the projects and aid for trade support interventions are designed based on the priorities of the national development plans.

Q31 How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Improving digital connectivity ,
 Improving the flow of goods at borders (Trade Facilitation)
 ,
 Providing access to finance ,
 Supporting the growth and economic development of women
 ,
 Upgrading the energy infrastructure

Q32 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support women's economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade facilitation,
 Trade education/training,
 Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
 ,
 Transport and storage infrastructure ,
 Communications infrastructure,
 Energy supply and generation infrastructure ,
 Business support services,
 Banking and financial services ,
 Building productive capacity ,
 Agriculture,
 Fishing

Q33 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities
 ,
 Coordination among donors ,
 Country ownership,
 Donor interest in specific projects/programmes ,
 Good trade-related infrastructure

Q34 How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the economic empowerment of MSMEs?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Providing access to finance ,
- Upgrading business skills,
- Upgrading the energy infrastructure ,
- Improving access to information ,
- Improving access to foreign markets

Q35 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Business support services,
- Agriculture,
- Trade facilitation,
- Trade education/training,
- Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
- ,
- Transport and storage infrastructure ,
- Energy supply and generation infrastructure

Q36 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities ,
- Capacity to draft funding applications ,
- Good digital and ICT connectivity ,
- Good trade-related infrastructure ,
- Leveraging of foreign direct investment

Q37 How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Providing access to finance ,

Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth ,

Upgrading business skills,

Upgrading ICT skills ,

Improving access to information

Q38 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Business support services,

Building productive capacity ,

Agriculture,

Trade education/training,

Transport and storage infrastructure ,

Energy supply and generation infrastructure

Q39 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting to Youth economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities ,

Donor interest in specific projects/programmes ,

Good digital and ICT connectivity ,

Good trade-related infrastructure ,

Mobilization of domestic private investment

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Q40 In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

Yes,
Please provide a weblink to the relevant national strategy or policy document in which SDGs are referred to.:
<https://mofea.gov.gm/ndp>

Q41 If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goal or Goals (SDGs) Aid for Trade can help to achieve.(You may tick more than 1 box)Sustainable Development Goals:

1. No poverty ,
7. Affordable and clean energy ,
8. Decent work and economic growth ,
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
10. Reduce inequalities ,
17. Partnership for the goals

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Q42 Which donor(s) are now the most important source aid-for-trade financing for your economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box)

- European Union,
- France,
- African Development Bank (AfDB) ,
- Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) ,
- Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF),
- EU Institutions,
- Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN (FAO) ,
- Global Environment Facility (GEF) ,
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) ,
- Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) ,
- OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) ,
- World Bank ,
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Q43 Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

- China,
- Kuwait,
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Q44 Looking ahead, in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing do you think that further support for economic empowerment will be required.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Business support services,
Building productive capacity ,
Agriculture,
Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards).
 ,
Trade facilitation,
Trade education/training,
Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
 ,
Transport and storage infrastructure ,
Communications infrastructure,
Energy supply and generation infrastructure ,
Fishing,
Industry,
Travel and tourism

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Q45 Please provide any additional information that you think may be relevant.(Please references in the form of weblinks, document symbols etc.)

Respondent skipped this question

Q46 Is there any Aid for Trade project or programme for economic empowerment you would like to showcase as particularly important for your country or as an example of best practice?(Please provide any relevant additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q47 CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

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