



POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY

Reform Implementation Support

Development of an Innovation Fund in The Gambia



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OBJECTIVES

Provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (MoHERST) of the Gambia towards the development of a national Innovation Fund fostering a creative, self-reliant and knowledge-based society for sustained socio-economic growth.

FOCUS AREAS

The current National Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy (NSTIP, 2015-2024), under review, needs to better promote innovation and improve its performance in key sectors such as education, health, agriculture and fisheries (prioritised by the National Development Plan-2018-2021), in order to enhance its dynamics and accelerate sustainable development.

The national Innovation Fund will at least contribute to:

- Assist the Gambia become innovative and creative, and a global player in sustainable technologies by scouting, spawning and sustaining grassroots innovations.
Synergise the national R&I

system and promote open science and innovation, through partnerships among government, academia, industry and civil society.

- Increase private sector investment in innovative projects for better competitiveness and efficiency (notably of MSMEs).
Promote the implementation of scientific and technological innovations.
Improve inclusiveness (gender equality in STEM, Indigenous Knowledge Systems, etc.).
Achieve the UN SDGs, the objectives of STISA 2024 and the 'Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want'.

The PSF service will be carried out by an international panel of experts who will actively collaborate with the national team of The Gambia and the PSF team.

OUTPUTS

- Country Background Report: an assessment and review of R&I ecosystem in the Gambia (baseline information, existing structures, policies and policy instruments, SWOT analysis, etc.);
Policy Recommendation Report: provision of evidence-based recommendations towards the development of a national Innovation Fund (with step-by-step guidance on how to establish and manage it effectively, including budgetary and legislative requirements).

