



The Gambia

Summary of country engagement at SWA

The Gambia joined SWA in 2013. In line with the SWA collaborative behaviours, a strong emphasis to strengthen Government systems has been the core priority of all stakeholders in the Gambia. Planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of WASH programs in the country are channelled and led by Government structures both at National, Regional and community level through a participatory process and working together with development partners in the sector.

Commitments by the government

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
Increase proportion of The Gambian population with access to improved sanitation facilities from 64.9% to 75% by 2021	Ministry of Health	2021		Government	50%

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Increase the proportion of households with a place for handwashing with soap and water from 30.3% to 60% (urban) and from 26% to 50% (rural) by December 2021.	Ministry of Health	2021		Government	Reviewing progress
Increase the proportion of population in The Gambia with access to safe drinking water from 89.6% to 100% by 2021.	Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources	2021		Government	75%

Focal Points

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