

# GAMBIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

## ACTIVITY REPORT 2019



**GFF, ORGANISING & DEVELOPING FOOTBALL IN THE GAMBIA**



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## 1. President's Statement

Members of The Gambia Football Federation family, officials, distinguished delegates, it is with great pleasure, joy and excitement that I stand before this August gathering yet again to address on the occasion of the 2019 Annual General Meeting. This gathering is one of the most critical engagements of our family as it avails us, the opportunity to put before you report of our activities of the year ending and the program of activities and the budget for 2020 for your approval. It also ensures that we are accountable to you for the decisions we took on your behalf in a transparent, and democratic manner as one of the critical principles of good governance.

The year 2019 was one of the most successful periods for Gambian football. The Senior National Team won a competitive football match away from home for the first time in nearly four decades (36 years to be precise) following a 3-1 come from behind defeat of Angola in the opening game of the 2021 AFCON qualifiers. After

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inform you that he's currently scouting and talking to new players of Gambian descent living in Europe to switch allegiance to The Gambia. Starting the year on 166, these performances have seen an improvement of seven places with the team ending 2019 on 157 places on the FIFA World Rankings.

Both the CHAN/Olympics and U-20 teams qualified to the semifinals of the WAFU championship in Senegal and Guinea Conakry respectively and the latter finished third in the recently concluded edition. We now have an U-17 team made up of players from the schools and they entertained us to a scintillating performance with a 4-1 thrashing of Guinea Bissau in a friendly international earlier this year. Both the women's senior and U-17 teams were also engaged in series of activities over the same period.

The year actually started with the historic visit of a sitting FIFA President to The Gambia for when Mr. Gianni Infantino made a much publicized visit to the country in January 2019. It is no secret to anyone that Gianni was very impressed with the development and progress we've made as a family in our development efforts. He even compared the passion and energy seen at Football House to the same at FIFA House in Zurich and even urged other Member Associations to come to the Football Hotel so as to replicate it in their respective countries. "I'm very impressed with the developments taking place in football in The Gambia. We are here to witness some progress made by the GFF under Lamin Kaba Bajo. Earlier on I was informed that there will be a presentation but there's no better presentation than what I've seen with my own eyes. This is not what we've been told only but we at FIFA have seen the evidences with our own eyes and we're definitely very impressed," Mr. Infantino said. "The Gambia is being observed as a football country and I have seen the signs." Gianni also capped off the visit with a meeting with President Barrow at State House. During the high profile meeting in the Cabinet Room, President Barrow recognized the efforts being made by the GFF and the successes registered so far. He assured President Infantino and the GFF of his government's support to the development of football in the country.

At the GFF we have in place one of the best structures, and processes to develop our strategic goals and direction, monitor our performance against these goals and ensure that we act, at all times, in the best interest

of our members. Financial transparency is at a very high level at the GFF with the Federation disclosing its accounts to the members and other stakeholders to ensure proper scrutiny. We have never failed in publishing our annual reports, including financial statements, and for two years running, FIFA's external auditors have given our accounts clean bill of health. As well as the FIFA external auditors, the GFF is audited twice per year by our own external auditors elected by the General Assembly to ensure more transparency and accountability.

The Secretariat is given independence to ensure that they effectively run the affairs of the day to day management of the Federation. However, this is done with strict supervision from the Board to ensure compliance at all times.

The judicial organs of the GFF have also been very effective and independent from interference.

The Federation continues to give financial support to clubs in the form of preparatory money and transport refunds, and also to our clubs competing in the CAF Club Championship. As you are already aware, payment of registration fees by clubs for the leagues has been abolished since 2014.

The GFF is currently implementing infrastructure projects with the construction of new football fields in Busumbala and Gunjur, whilst those of Serrekunda Central and the National Technical Training Center are expected to commence after the completion of some pending paper works. The regional fields in Kuntair, NBR; Bansang, CRR; Kweinella, LRR; Bullock, WCR; and Basse, URR are currently processed.

The lighting projects at Serrekunda East, West, Brikama and Banjul are in progress. This would help us to play night matches in those venues for the first time, thus increasing the number of matches, teams and the player pool in our attempt to dig further into the market by ensuring more participation in football, especially among the youth.

In the implementation of a new National Football Development Plan (NFDP) for the years 2018-2022, otherwise called Contract of Agreed Objectives, we continue to train more Coaches, Referees, Administrators and Medics through our CARM Program.

The drive in the current leadership to ensure the sustainable development of women's football cannot be overemphasized and thus we will see the increase of teams in both the first and second divisions the current season. Through the Gambia-German football development project, the GFF continues to introduce more girls to football, especially at the lower basic schools' level. We've seen the signing of the much-awaited MoU between the Federation and the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education that availed us the opportunity to access these schools across the country as part of our implementation process of grassroots football. Several youth tournaments were organized across the country and we thank the Director of the Program, Ms. Monika Staab for her relentless services and commitment to the project.

In our bid to improve our leagues and ease communication between the Federation and the league clubs, we've also for the first time introduced the Online Player Registration System (PRS). It is a system that can keep track of players' records and enrollment processes, recent clubs, amongst others. This project is to replace the current paper-based to a web-based database system so that coaches, football stakeholders, sports institutions, and players can access data and information electronically. The System as at this time focuses on the first division and second division clubs and shall be gradually expanded to include all other regional structures.

The domestic first division season offered the most entertaining competition in the previous campaign when three teams, Brikama, Real de Banjul and Gambia Armed Forces all went into their final matches of the championship with the chance of been crowned

champions. In the end, Brikama saw off the challenge from the other two.

Real de Banjul also won a domestic double. After triumphing over Red Hawks in the prestigious FF Cup finals, they also defeated Marimoo in the deciding match of the first ever championship in honor of former Gambia Football Federation President Alhaji Omar Sey. The competition was contested between the eight best ranked sides in the first division.

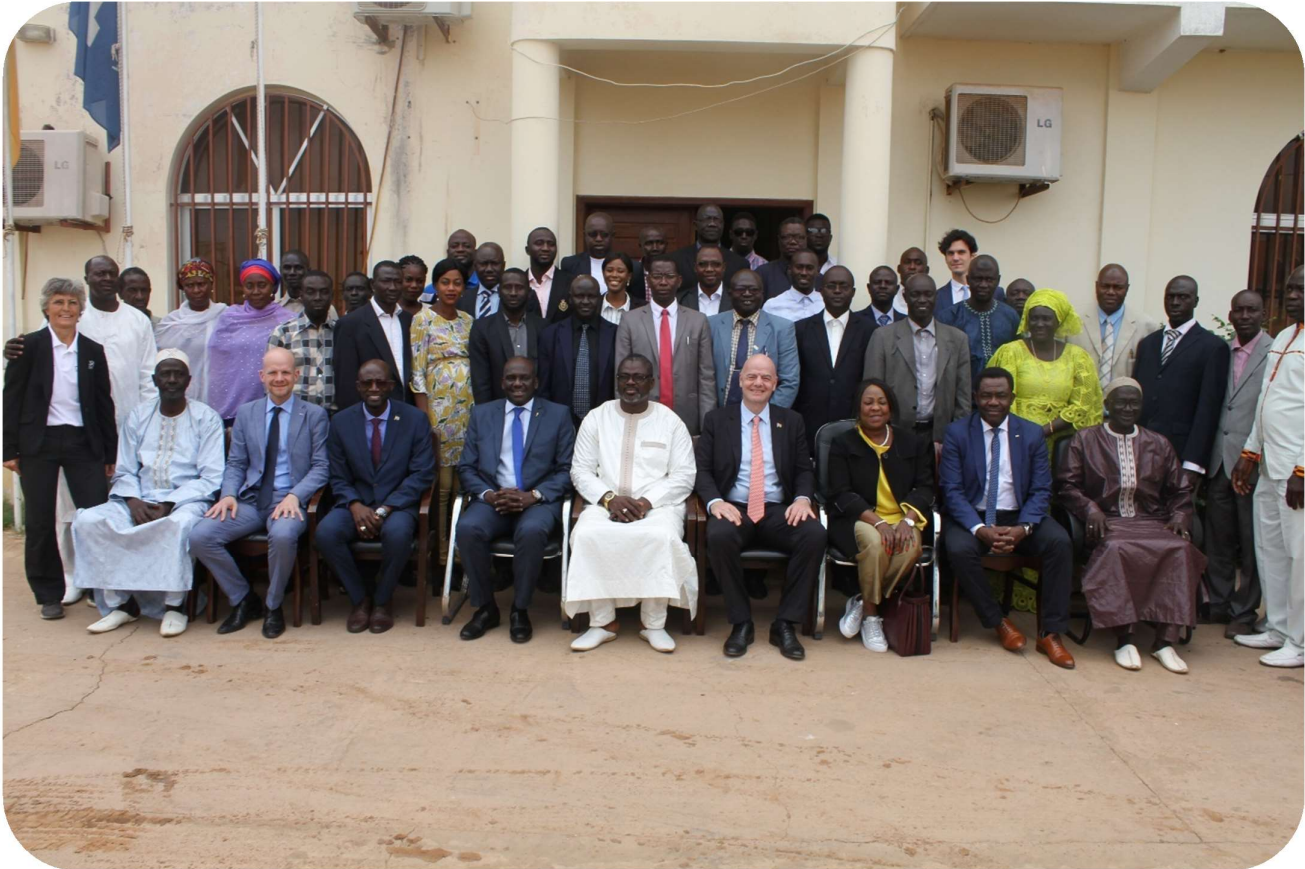
For the first time in our history, the domestic league was played in the form of a national character as Kiang West and 2nd Infantry Battalion played in the domestic second division as champions of Lower River and North Bank Regions respectively. We've seen the increment of regional teams in the league with the promotion of Jarra West for the current edition. We have also introduced a beach soccer league for the first time in 2019. This is a great milestone achievement for the Federation and the introduction of the league is in line with our National Football Development Plan 2018-2022, aimed at developing all aspects of football in the country. The competition will run side by side with the GFF first and Second division leagues. Preparations are ongoing to launch a Fusal League next year.

The Super Nawettan continued to be expanded with 20 teams taking part this year after the inclusion of Farrafenni, Kombo Central 2 and COSDA (Coastal Road Sports Development Association), while Bakau returned from a one-year suspension. Our investment in every nook and cranny of Gambian football in the past few years is paying dividend with a team outside of the Greater Banjul and Brikama winning the competition for the first time ever as Kombo East defeated Serrekunda West in the finals.

## 2. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

### FIFA PRESIDENT INFANTINO'S GAMBIA VISIT

FIFA President Mr. Gianni Infantino led a high-powered delegation, including Secretary General, Madam Fatma Samoura and Mr. Veron Monsengo-Omba, FIFA Development Manager for Africa and the Caribbean to The Gambia as part of his West Africa tour. He also met President Adama Barrow at State House.



#### Executive Committee Meetings

In line with article 37 of the GFF Constitution, the Executive Committee meets regularly during the year under review, to discuss and take decisions on matters of football development on your behalf. The meetings as usual are attended by all Executive Committee Members whether elected or co-opted, including Regional Football Association Presidents.

#### Senior Management Team Meetings

The Senior Management Team has been very effective and meets every Monday to review the week that was and plan for the new week. The composition of the SMT includes all Directors and Heads of Departments. This has ensured effectiveness and efficiency in the way the Secretariat has been administered.

## GFF-EXCO STAFF RETREAT



### Staff Matters

In our drive to consolidate the gains made and further ensure productivity, the Federation, this year added a highly qualified and competent workforce into the already existing staff base with the appointment of the following personnel:

Dr. Demba K. Darboe, holder of a doctorate degree in Peace & Conflict Transformation as the new Human Resources and Administration Manager.

Mr. Baba Saidykhan, a holder of Bachelor in Accountancy and a Diploma in Arabic Language Compliance Manager

Veronic Malack, a graduate of the University of the Gambia in Public Administration, and a former national team captain as the Assistant Women's Football Coordinator.

Modou Jagne, a former professional football and ex-National Team striker was recruited as Competitions Manager. The previous holder of that position, Baboucarr Jobe was promoted as Director of the Department

Mr. Bakary B Baldeh was rewarded for his commitment and hard work with promotion to the position of Communications Manager and

overseer of the Communications and Marketing Department.

The substantive holder of that position, Mr. Baboucarr Camara secured a scholarship at the prestigious Seoul National University (South Korea) to study a Master's Degree in Global Sports Management.

In order to expand the Communications and Marketing Department to ensure more effectiveness and efficiency, we have also appointed two Communications Assistants in the persons of renowned sports journalists Ebrima Suwareh and Amadou O. Bah.

Following the end of their two years contracts and in line with our principle of giving youth the opportunity to shine, the Protocol Officer and Security Manager were allowed to proceed on their retirement. Pierre Jarju and Alhagie Badjie were recruited in their positions.

Alhaji Ebrima Nyassi was also rewarded with promotion to the position of Grassroots and Youth Football Manager.

### 3. YOUTH AND GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



#### 3.1 Boys & Girls Competitions

##### The GFF - GT BANK Principal's Cup U-15 & U-17 BOYS AND GIRLS

The Federation in collaboration with the School Football Association organised the annual inter school football competition in each of the seven administrative regions of the country. Bankrolled by the GFF, each region played preliminary rounds in a league format.

Upper Basic and Senior Secondary Schools took part in the competition which culminated with the one week gathering of the regional champions at Bakau's Independence Stadium for the final phase of the championship. The final phase, dubbed the Principal's Cup, is sponsored by Guaranty Trust Bank.





As the basis for our grassroots football, the tournament is used as a breeding ground for raw talents that are scouted for our various youth category National Teams. Domestic league clubs also use it as a platform to scout new talents that could be potentially drafted into respective teams.

**WINNERS UPPER BASIC CATEGORY (U-15)**

1. *Presentation (Girls)*
2. *Janjangbureh (Boys)*



**RUNNERS UP**

1. *Tallinding (Girls)*
2. *St Mulumba's (Boys)*

**WINNERS UPPER BASIC CATEGORY (U-15)**

1. *Presentation (Girls)*
2. *Janjangbureh (Boys) Full time one all won on penalty kicks*



**RUNNERS UP**

1. *Tallinding (Girls)*
2. *St Mulumba's (Boys)*

**3.1.2 Super Nawettan**



Following the completion of the community-based Nawettan competitions, it was time for the Super Nawettan that was played in November. The competition shows the expansion of the teams to 20 in our drive to give it a national character with the inclusions of Farafenni, Kombo Central 2 and COSDA (Coastal Road Sports Development Association), while Bakau returned from a one-year suspension. Kombo East defeated Serrekunda West in the finals, and emerged as the Winners for 2019.

Brikama finished third and Manjai fourth. Price monies were disbursed to the quartet respectively: **Two Hundred Thousand Dalasi (D200, 000:00)**; **One Hundred Thousand Dalasi (D100, 000:00)**; **Fifty Thousand Dalasi (D50, 000:00)** and **Twenty-Five Thousand Dalasi (D25, 000:00)**.

The Championship, which was sponsored by telecom giants Africell, saw all 20 participating teams each given **Ten Thousand Dalasi (D10, 000:00)** preparatory money and two sets of jerseys. As part of the package, the Organizing Committee was also given **One Hundred Thousand Dalasi (D100, 000:00)** as administrative cost.



### 3.1.3 Youth and Grassroots Football Development Programs



Several other youth and grassroots football activities were conducted by the Technical Department especially at primary schools' level. This was done through The Gambia-German Women's Football Development Project in line with our Youth Development Programs:

#### U-15 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

This competition targets girls between the above stated age limit in our continuous drive to introduce girls to football at a

young age. The championship was won by Abuko United Football Club. This tournament was officiated by women's football referees.



## Regional Football Jamboree



As part of our conceptualization process of the National Football Center of Excellence ahead of the 2020 deadline to kick start the program, regional football championships were held for each of the seven administrative regions of the country in the form of jamborees. This was conducted for both boys and girls and aside from the implementation of the school of excellence, the jamborees were also held with the aim of breaking social vices against the participation of the girl child in football.

## Banjul/Kanfing Municipality/West Coast Region



The Jamboree saw 90 boys and 90 girls participating in the two days intensive program. All the participants were drawn from lower basic

schools. Technical support for the programs was offered by the GFF's National Team Coaches, Regional Football Coaches and staff of the Technical Department as resource persons.

## Provincial Regions

Following the hosting of the program for the Greater Banjul Area at the National Technical Training Center, the four provincial regions also took part in a similar event at the Soma Mini Stadium. That event brought together 120 boys and 120 girls.



## Petrogas Sponsored Girl's Football Development Project



**Signing MOU between MOBSE and GFF on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



**Coaching Course for 1st and 2nd division women's teams for head and assistant coaches 20-25 January 2019**



**Girls Festival at the SOS Kindergarten with 50 girls taking part on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019**



**Girls Football Festival in Brikama and Abuko on 16<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**



**Referee Recruitment Program March 2019**



**Coaching Course for School Teachers/Festival in NBR 20-21 February 2019**



Coaching Course for School Teachers/Festival in URR 05-06 March 2019



Coaching Course for School Teachers/Festival in CRR 07-08 March 2019



# 4 Capacity Building

## 4.1.1 Coaches Training

### Introduction

The Technical Department in collaboration with The Gambia Football Coaches Association organized a three-day Coach Educators Course at the National Technical Training Center in Old Yundum. The program was held from 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019, and it brought together 20 participants. The course was held with the objective to:

#### Build internal capacities in coach education

Facilitate the delivering of coaching courses through an adult learning and reality-based approach for coach educators

Provide a development pathway and continuous professional development for coach educators and mentorship programs

Support coach educators in meeting requirements of the CAF Coaching Convention in the areas of Coach Education.

### 4.1.2 Referees

#### FIFA Forward 2.0 Referee development program

1. An intensive **eight-day** regional training on basic and intermediate refereeing was held in Jarra Soma, LRR. The course, conducted by the GFF/FIFA local instructors was held 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2019. A total of twenty-two (22) participants, all male, were trained on basic and intermediate refereeing in terms of theoretical and practical aspects of the trade



2. Similar eight-day training was held in Bansang, CRR from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and this time 23 participants, all male, attended the course. The courses were sponsored by the GFF and conducted by GFF/FIFA locally trained referee instructors.





3. In September, a similar five-day intensive training for only women's referees was organized for the Greater Banjul Area and 30 participants were trained at the National Technical Training Center. The 30 underwent basic trainings between the 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

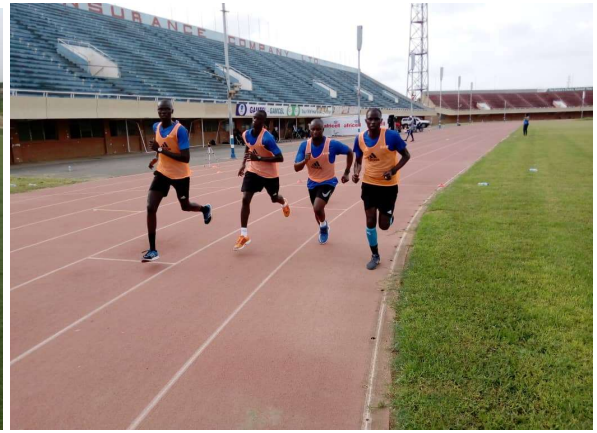




4. Elsewhere, in our efforts to produce a local crop of elite referees that would be a model for the African continent, the FIFA/MA Referees Training for elite GFF referees was also held from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 with 30 participants, 24 men and 6 women taking part. The course was conducted by FIFA instructors and coordinated by the GFF on both practical and theatrical aspects. They were trained on the application and interpretation of the Laws of the Game as well as to update them on the New Amendments of the Laws of the Game.







***FIFA Technical Instructor on  
Flag techniques demonstration***

***Fitness for the referees***

5. A first ever FIFA/MA Referees Assessors Course was held in The Gambia for four days between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019. It brought together 25 participants, 24 men and 1 woman with all participants being retired referees. All regional associations were represented at the event. The course was conducted by FIFA/CAF instructor Mr. Felix Tangwarima and coordinated by the GFF.



## 5 Women's Football

### 5.1.1 Development Activities

The first ever CAF Women's Football Strategy Task Force Workshop held in Cairo, Egypt from 12 to 14 November 2019



The Gambia took part in the first ever Women's Football Strategy taskforce workshop held in Cairo, Egypt to develop the strategy of the feminine game in Africa for the next four years. The workshop was attended by ten (10) members from the CAF.

Women's Football Committee; 10 women's football experts from different Member Associations; the CAF and FIFA Women's Football Departments. The Gambia was represented at the event by Ms. Sainabou Cham the Chairperson of the GFF Women's Football Committee.

## 5.1.2 Women's Leagues

### National League First Division (Women)



The domestic league competition for women ended with Red Scorpions crowned as champions and Interior as the runner up. Red Scorpions also lifted the FF cup trophy making it their second trophy in the year in a hard fought final against Interior. As the season closed Kinteh's FC and Brikama Utd were promoted to the first division. No team relegated down to the second division due to the increase of clubs in the women's first division to eight teams.

### National League Second Division (Women)



In the second division, Kinteh's FC won the competition as Brikama Utd women's team finished in second place. Jam City women's team relegated to the third division while regional champions such as, Lower Nuimi FC, Hart FC, Koita FC and Prisons FC earned a well

deserved promotion to the National league second division. As the season closed the women's football association increased the teams in the competition from six (6) to nine (9) teams. Teams added are Lower Nuimi, Hart FC, Koita FC and Prisons FC

### 5.1.3 Women's National Teams



The Gambia invited Guinea Bissau to play two international friendly Matches in the Gambia on the 16 and 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. The Federation delegated the Women National Team to participate in that encounter to serve as a preparatory game for their upcoming AWCON qualifiers the Darling Scorpions drew by 1-1 in both legs in a trilling encounter.

# GAMBIA VS SENEGAL

The Gambia women national team played two international friendly matches in Senegal on the 18th and the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2019. The darling scorpions lost both matches with the results of 3-2 for the first leg and 4-2 in the second leg in favour of Senegal.



## Women U20 National Team

The Gambia women U20 national team played two international friendly matches with Liberia in the Gambia on the 6th and the 9th of July 2019. The darling scorpions won the first leg by 3 goals to 2 and lost the second leg by 1 – 0 in a trilling and entertaining encounter



# Competitions

## 5.1 Domestic

### National League Division One (Men)



The domestic league competition for men started with the annual Super Cup as the traditional curtain raiser and as usual was played between the league and FF Cup champions, Brikama Utd and Real De Banjul at the Independence Stadium in Bakau. The season was successfully completed with Brikama United securing their second crown after piping Real and Gambia Armed Forces to the title in a dramatic final day.

At the end of the season, Samger FC and PSV Wellingara were relegated to the second division after finishing as the two lowest ranked sides on the 14-team table.

Real, nonetheless, took home the big matter of the domestic FF Cup title following a 2-1 defeat of Red Hawks in the decider.



A tournament in honor of the former President of the Federation and ex-Chairman of CAF Refereeing Committee, Alhaji Omar Sey, was held for the first time in 2019. The tournament brought together the top eight ranked sides of the final first division table and following a fiercely contested battle, Real de Banjul secured their second title of the season after edging Marimoo in the finals.

### National League Division Two (Men)



As a campaign promise, a first ever national league competition in the form of a national character was delivered when Kiang West and 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion played in the domestic second division as champions of Lower River and North Bank Regions respectively.

At the end of the championship, Waa Banjul Football Club finished top and was followed in second by Sporting Real (now called Elite United) and the duo replaced the relegated teams in the top flight.

Lions of Banjul and Brufut United finished at the base of the 16-team league and were thus relegated to their respective regional third divisions. They were replaced in the division by Falcons FC of Kanifing and Jarra West of the Lower River region. Falcons triumphed at the Greater Banjul triangular while the latter saw off the challenge from Wagadou FC of URR in the finals of the four-team provincial regions' playoffs. The playoffs are played in two separate formats; the Greater Banjul and provinces in order to ensure the increasing number of participants from the latter part of the country.

## Beach Soccer Competition



The GFF introduced a beach soccer league for the first time in 2019. This is a great milestone achievement for the Federation and the introduction of the league is in line with our National Football Development Plan 2018-2022, aimed at developing all aspects of football in the country. The competition will run side by side with the GFF first and second division leagues.





## 6.2 GFF Player Registration System

The screenshot displays the GFF PRS (Gambia Football Federation Player Registration System) website. The header features the GFF PRS logo and navigation tabs: HOME, NEWS, FIXTURES, STANDINGS, LIVE SCORES, and TEAMS. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is titled '10 OMAR TOURAY' and includes a player profile with a photo and the following details:

- Nationality: Gambia
- Position: Midfielder
- Date of Birth: 05-10-1989
- Current Team: Brikama United
- Seasons: 2019/2020 Season

On the right side, there is a 'COUNTDOWN' section for a match between BANJUL UNITED VS WALLIDAN FC at Banjul Mini Stadium, 1st Division Men. The countdown shows 13 days, 06 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds remaining. Below this is a calendar for November 2019.

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*A system that can keep track of Players records and enrolment processes, recent clubs, past teams and the year of registration of a particular player with a team.*

*This project is to replace the current paper-based to a player history database system in football institution with a web- database system so that coaches, football stakeholders, sports institutions, and players will be benefit from data collection and information sharing efficiency.*

*The System as of now focuses only on the first division and second division and shall be gradually expand to include all other regional division clubs. Not only will our system automate the data collection and storage process but it will also transform the paper-based or stand-alone systems into a web-based real time database system.*

## 6.3 National Teams International Competitions



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Even though we have missed out on a place in the World Cup qualifiers following a preliminary round defeat to Angola, which takes center stage in the first half of next year, we are currently discussing with our partners to organize two friendly matches for the team in Europe in March and a training camp in Morocco in June.

**Senior National Team**  
**Gambia 1 – 0 Morocco (12th June 2019)**



**Gambia 1 vs. Guinea 0**





**Gambia 0 - 1 Angola**



**Angola 2 – 1 Gambia**



**Djibouti 1 - 1 Gambia**



**Gambia 1 – 1 Djibouti (4 :3 Pens)**



## Angola 1 vs. Gambia 3



## Gambia 2 vs. DR Congo 2



## U-23 National Team

The National CHAN/Olympic Team resumed action in August of this year when it lost to Senegal in a friendly international in Banjul. The team participated in the WAFU Cup of Nations in Senegal and qualified to the semifinals of the Plate Competition where it lost to Cape Verde.



Gambia 0 – 1 Ghana



Gambia 5 - 3 Mauritania

Gambia 0 - 1 Cape Verde



# U-20 National Team

## Gambia vs. Qatar 1-0



The Gambia was invited to play an international friendly by our Qatari counterparts, and the Federation delegated the U-20 Team to participate in that encounter to serve as a preparatory game for their WAFU -20 championship in Guinea. The Young Scorpions won 1-0 and in the championship it finished third following a post-match penalty shootout defeat of Sierra Leone.

## Gambia vs. Mali 1-1



## Gambia vs. Liberia 1-0





# U-17 National Team

## Gambia vs. Bissau 4-1



The U-17 national team played a friendly international match with Guinea Bissau in the Gambia. The players, made up of school going boys entertained the Stadium to a scintillating performance with a stylist 4-1 defeat of Guinea Bissau but lost the second one 1-0.

## Gambia vs. Bissau 0-1



## 6 Infrastructure Development:

During the year under review, the GFF sought and obtained approval from FIFA for the implementation of the following Infrastructure projects:

### Football Fields



The construction of Football Fields in Busumbala, Gunjur, Serrekunda Central and at the NTTC in phases. The design and tender processes are completed and the projects have since started in some of the venues.

### Regional Football Field



The construction of 5 Regional Fields in Kuntair NBR, Bansang CRR, Basse URR, Kwinella LRR and Bullock WCR. The design and tender processes are in progress and constructions shall commence in 2020.

## Lighting Projects

The construction of Lights at 4 Fields, Banjul Mini Stadium, Serrekunda West Mini Stadium, Serrekunda East Mini Stadium and Brikama Mini Stadium are in progress and shall be commissioned shortly to enable night matches at these venues for the first time.



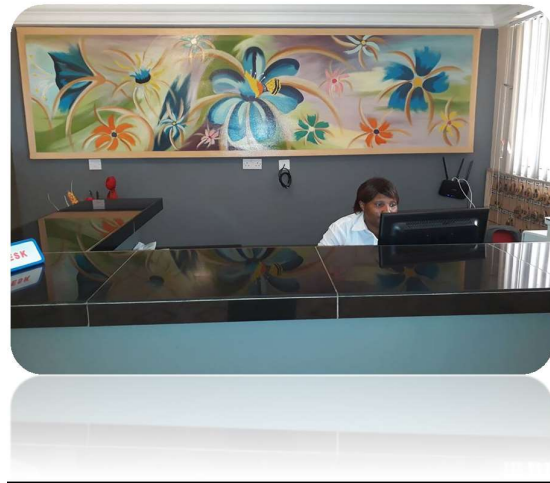
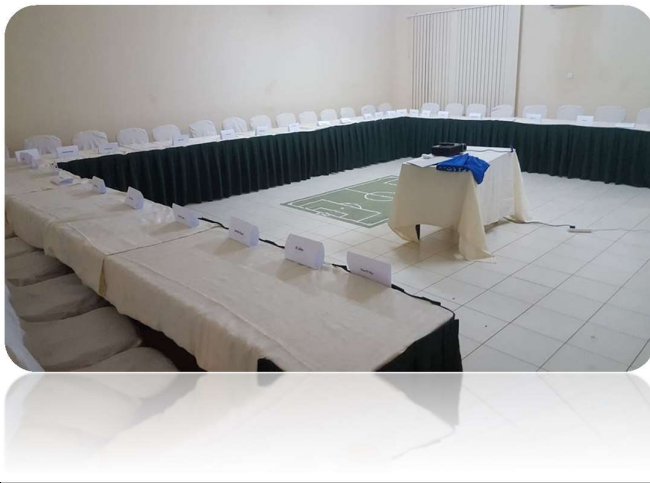
## 9 Transportation - Buses

The Gambia Football Federation commissioned two new 35-seater Asok Leyland buses through the GFF Forward project during the year, the project is to improve the quality of transport of the National Teams, Football Clubs and as well as saving cost for the federation.



## 9 Football Hotel/National Technical Training Center

The Football Hotel continues to operate under the supervision of the Board of Directors. During the year under review, the Hotel accommodated GFF junior national teams, host our technical programs and other activities in line with the Federation's objective to save cost and raise revenue for football development.





## 10 Financial Report

| PERIOD                                  | 2018              | 2017              | 2016              | 2015              |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| CURRENCY                                | GMD               | GMD               | GMD               | GMD               |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                     |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Tangibles (Property, Plant & Equipment) | 66,997,414        | 67,221,934        | 70,767,086        | 51,388,822        |
| Investment                              |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Fixed Deposit                           |                   | -                 | -                 | 4,000,000         |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Bank and Cash Balances                  | 415,448           | 854,120           | 574,882           | 262,216           |
| Staff Debtors                           | 400,592           | 406,139           | 363,348           | 349,189           |
| Other (Club Fines Due to Federation)    | 111,015           | 52,300            | -                 | 574,987           |
|   | 927,055           | 1,312,559         | 938,230           | 1,186,392         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                     | <b>67,924,469</b> | <b>68,534,493</b> | <b>71,705,316</b> | <b>56,575,214</b> |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>              |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Bank Overdraft                          | 8,221,316         | 290,683           | 135,113           | 113,851           |
| Creditors                               | 4,438,207         | 3,529,073         | 1,973,723         | 1,043,716         |
| Audit Fee                               | -                 | -                 | -                 | 86,250            |
|   | 12,659,523        | 3,819,756         | 2,108,836         | 1,243,817         |
| <b>Equity &amp; Reserves</b>            |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Accumulated Fund                        | 8,950,717         | 13,281,948        | 13,045,133        | 17,610,971        |
| FIFA Capital Grant                      | 46,314,229        | 51,432,788        | 56,551,347        | 37,715,426        |
|   | 55,264,946        | 64,714,736        | 69,596,480        | 55,326,397        |
| <b>Total Equity &amp; Reserves</b>      | <b>67,924,469</b> | <b>68,534,492</b> | <b>71,705,316</b> | <b>56,570,214</b> |

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