

GAMBIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION



ACTIVITY REPORT 2021



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1. PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT



Members of The Gambia Football Federation (GFF) family, officials, distinguished delegates, colleagues in the Executive Committee and the Secretariat staff, it is indeed gratifying and heartwarming that I once again stand before this august gathering to address the football family on the occasion of the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

This end of year gathering is one of the most important engagements of our sport 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 the new year 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 2021, unarguably, has been the most successful in the history of association football in The Gambia. For despite the devastating effects of the Covid19 pandemic, which continues to ravage our society and being, there is so much to celebrate for Gambia football. It may have been in front of a near-empty stadium, but history was, however, made on March 25, 2021, when The Gambia qualified for the African Cup of Nations finals for the very first time in our history. We finished top of a group that also consisted Gabon, Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and bar the latter, we've defeated the former two during the qualification process.

Despite securing qualification, the team didn't rest on its laurels as it continues to participate in training camps as part of its technical preparations with six official matches played since. In that

period, we have recorded a win percentage of 50. In the five-year period between 2013 and 2018, the Scorpions have won only one international match but in 2021 alone, we've won four.

The National U-20 men's team also did us proud by equalling the finish ever finish for a Gambian team at the 2021 African Cup of Nations finals after they finished third in the Mauritania event, the same position we ended our campaign in 2007. As a reward for their performance at the tournament, some of the players in that team have since secured contracts with teams in Europe, thus increasing our foreign-based player pool.

The women's National Team also eliminated Sierra Leone in the first round of matches to progress to the final stage where they will play Cameroon, while the U-20 knocked out Burkina Faso in the initial stages of the FIFA U-20 World Cup qualifiers to book a date with Morocco.

Elsewhere, in our drive to promote and develop the women's game, in collaboration with the European football governing body, UEFA, conducted the girls' football festival and coaching series of coaching courses with women clubs across all the regions. The inter schools football competition, which serves as our grassroots programme, was also played across the country and the regional champions in both the boys' and girls' categories later gathered in Jarra Soma in the Lower River Region for the final phase of the competition.

The Technical Department in collaboration with The Gambia Football Coaches Association and the regional football associations conducted series of license coaching course and tens of coaches and trainers were trained across the country. This is in line with our drive to apply a

qualification criterion for coaches in the national leagues.

Series of elite referees and assessors' trainings were also conducted to abreast the participants with the latest amendments in the Laws of the Game as well as updating the retired referees on how to assess the performance of referees in a particular match.

We also launched the Fatim Jawara Initiative Day in collaboration with world football governing body, FIFA, on Wednesday 27th October, 2021. The initiative is an empowerment project aimed to honour the late former Gambia and Red Scorpions goalkeeper who drowned in the deadly waves of the Mediterranean along the coast of Libya in 2016.

The various national leagues were contested with Fortune Petroleum winning our flagship competition which earned them the right to represent the country at the CAF Champions League. The men's top flight has also been expanded to 16 while the second tier is also expanded to 18 teams. Wagadu FC of URR and Medical FC from CRR both been part of the promoted regional teams completed the absolute decentralisation of the national league. This means that every administrative region has now produced a team in the national league, while LRR currently has three teams in our national league.

In line with our objective of professionalising the domestic league, the GFF in partnership with UEFA held a capacity building workshop for staff of the Secretariat and managers of



first division clubs. The workshop was to look into financial management, technical development and football marketing.

The GFF also pride itself in training the human resource base of the Federation to enable our staff deliver in their core functions diligently and efficiently. While several of the staff are currently undergoing higher education programmes as various institutions in the country, the Director of Marketing and Communications Mr. Baboucarr Camara in September became the first Gambian to be awarded a Master's Degree in Sports Management from the prestigious Seoul National University of South Korea.

The Department is also equipped with the necessary communication gadgets to cover both domestic and international football activities through its various social media platforms. Our website; **www.gambiaff.org**, is streamlined with a Facebook page and twitter handle to maximize publicity. There is also livestreaming of events through our Facebook platform for both the domestic and international viewers and staff working in the Department are attached to the various national teams as media officers to ensure timely update of the teams' activities in whichever and wherever location they may be.

The Federation continues to commit itself in developing and improving the existing football infrastructure as enshrined in our National Football Development Plan (2019 - 2022) with the desire not to only develop the infrastructure but to ensure that it meets the standards of modern football facilities that

are capable of hosting local and international matches.

The Football Hotel is also gradually recovering from the effects of the Covid19 pandemic. As business was seriously affected with little or no income generated in the height of the pandemic, one of the measures put in place by the management through recommendation from the Board is to reduce the payroll by retrenching some staff. This has indeed paid dividends.

The facelift at the Hotel in order to meet our desired three-star level continues with the near completion of the swimming pool plus a pool bar and restaurant beside it. In order to secure the artificial playing surface at the facilities, we've also fenced the whole field as residents around the area were abusing the field due to its opened nature.

I thank you all for your kind attention and wish you a successful AGM.



2. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE & ADMINISTRATION



2.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In conformity with the GFF constitution (article 37) the executive committee meets regularly during the year under review to take decisions pertaining to football development on behalf of the football family. The meetings were normally attended by all elected and coopted executive members including regional presidents. Special executive committee meetings were also held to deal with the impact of Covid-19 on our football activities.

The First Vice President and General Secretary represented the GFF at the FIFA Global Summit on the Future of Football held online on the 20th of December 2021. At the summit FIFA presents the outcomes of the studies mandated by Member Associations to review the Global Football calendar. The following presentations were made:

- ***A presentation on the results of the feasibility study on a biennial FIFA World Cup for men***
- ***A presentation of the results of the feasibility study on a biennial FIFA Women's World Cup with an integrated, Global Women's Football competition concept; and***
- ***A presentation of a proposal for the Future of FIFA's Youth Competitions.***

2.2 SENIOR MANAGEMENT

The Senior Management Team meets every Monday to review the previous week and plan for the coming week. The composition of the senior management team includes all heads of department and units. The team ensures the effective and efficient running of the secretariat. Meanwhile, during the pandemic limited meetings were held to deal with emergency issues and other related matters.

2.3 STAFF MATTERS



The Marketing and Communications Department serves as the face of the Federation. It is the link between the GFF, stakeholders and the general public. As a result, the Federation continues to invest in

the human resources of the Federation and the Communications Department in general to enable them to better deliver in their functions and responsibilities. The Communications Manager is currently pursuing his Post Graduate Diploma in Management and Policy Analysis Studies at the Management Development Institute (MDI). The other two Assistants working under the Department are undergoing higher education courses at Media Academy for Journalism and Communications (MaJAC). The Director Mr. Baboucar Camara in September became the first Gambian to be awarded a Master’s Degree in Sports Management from the prestigious Seoul National University of South Korea. After the end of the two-year period of study, the University conferred on him the Degree in recognition of his academic achievement and the ability to conduct research.

The Department has additional personnel, Mariama Bojang a student from MaJAC on internship. She chose to do her attachment at the GFF in order to acquire more knowledge and skills from our well-experienced and dedicated staff.

3. NATIONAL TEAMS



3.1 SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM



GAMBIA QUALIFIES FOR FIRST EVER AFCON FINALS

History was made on March 25, 2021 when The Gambia qualified for the African Cup of Nations finals for the first time in its history. Assan Ceesay scored the all-important goal to secure the Scorpions a 1-0 win over Angola at the Independence Stadium in Bakau.

In securing this feat, The Gambia became the first team in African football history to start from the preliminaries and secure a place at an AFCON final. The team wrapped its campaign with a 1-0 defeat to the Democratic Republic of Congo but still finished top of a table that also consisted of Gabon. By the time the tournament gets underway in Cameroon next month, it would've been almost 70 years since the start of association football in The Gambia. With history been made and an entire nation behind the team, the Scorpions will be keen to break further records in Cameroon.

This qualification is a national effort, with the support of all stakeholders from the government to the public, but for the GFF leadership, six years of hard-work, patience, perseverance, commitment and determination has finally paid off. And together with Head Coach Tom Saintfiet, been the first Coach to secure us that elusive place at the continental level, their names, will forever be etched in the Gambian football history.

Since securing the qualification, the Team continues to participate in training camps as part of its technical preparations with six official matches been played. In that period, we have won three times and lost the other three, representing a win percentage of 50. We defeated Niger, Togo and South Sudan while we lost to Kosovo, Sierra Leone and New Zealand in that period.

It is worth noting that between 2013 and 2018, the Scorpions have won only one international match in a whole five-year period but in 2021 alone, we've won four times. After qualification, the technical staff, in collaboration with the GFF, chose to play against stronger oppositions, not to win easy but to develop the team.

3.2: U-20 NATIONAL TEAM (MALE)

Total U-20 AFCON, MAURITANIA 2021



Ahead of its participation in the 2021 U-20 African Cup of Nations Finals in Mauritania, the Young Scorpions had a successful training camp in Morocco. The boys proved to be more determined winning both of their friendly matches against strong opponents. A 1-0 win over Cameroon was followed by a 2-1 defeat of Burkina Faso.



The team took off starting with a 1-0 defeat to Morocco and a 1-1 stalemate against Tanzania played in Nouadhibou before moving to Nouakchott for their final group match and a 2-1 come from behind win was secured over Ghana to secure a place in the knockout stages of the competition.

The Gambians played probably their best match in that tournament against the Central African Republic who were completely dominated, outclassed and outperformed with a classic 3-0 win to book another date with Ghana for a place in the finals. However, this time, they fell short as the Ghanaians won 1-0.



The Young Scorpions then played Tunisia in the third and fourth place playoff where they played out in a goalless stalemate. However, the Young Scorpions equaled their 2007 record by winning the bronze on a post-match penalty shoot-out.

The young Scorpions under the guidance of Coach Mattar M'Boqe played 12 official matches where it won 8, drew 1, and lost 3, scoring 16 goals and conceding 14 in the process. The team's performance at regional and continental stages came with bigger bonuses as some of the lads explored the platforms at their disposal to impress and secure contracts abroad.

3.3: NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAMS

3.3.1: SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM (WOMEN)



In September, 2021, the women's national team started training in preparation for the Africa Women's Cup of Nations (AWCON) qualifiers against Sierra Leone

The team eliminated Sierra Leone in the first round of matches beating the counterparts 2-0 in the first leg played in Liberia before playing to a

1-1 at home in Banjul to progress to the final stage where they will play Cameroon.



3.3.2: WOMEN'S U-20



The women's national U-20 team also took part in the FIFA World Cup qualifiers for Costa Rica 2022. They lost 1-0 at home to Burkina Faso in the first leg but the team put up a remarkable away performance winning by a similar score line before securing its place in the next round following a post-match penalty shootout win.

They now face Morocco in the next stage of the qualifiers and both matches were played in the north African country after the decision to close their airspace to passenger flights in an attempt to contain the new Covid19 variant, omicron. The team was airlifted to Morocco via a chartered flight provided for by the Moroccans. They played the first leg where we lost 3-1.



4. YOUTH & GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

4.1: BOYS & GIRLS COMPETITIONS

UEFA ASSIST GIRLS PATHWAY



UEFA in collaboration with the GFF in its drive to promote and develop the women's game conducted the girls' football festival and coaching courses for coaches working with women clubs across all the regions. The activities captured 96 girls and sixteen coaches in each region.

OBJECTIVE

The aim is to promote and increase the number of girls and women participation in football nationwide. The main objective is to build a solid foundation for girl's football development across all regions. The training was conducted by renowned women's football expert Monika Staab from Germany and assisted by Ebrima Nyassi the Youth and Grassroots Manager and Veronic Malack Assistant Women's Football Coordinator.

4.2: YOUTH AND GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

As a part of our grassroots and youth development competitions, the inter schools football competition was played during the year. The competition as usual was played across all the regions and the regional champions later gathered to contest for the national championships in both male and female categories.

This year's national championship was played in Soma in the Lower River Region to actually reflect our objective of giving our competitions a national character.

In the girls' competition, Presentation won the Upper Basic category while Bottrop won the senior secondary school category. New Covenant of Kunkujang Jataya won the upper basic boys' trophy while Tahir won the senior category.

The final was graced by the GFF President and other executive members.



Elsewhere, in our bid to increase women's participation in football, especially from the grassroots level, The Gambia Football Federation (GFF) in partnership with football's world governing body, FIFA, organised a national tournament for girls called the U-17 Girls League Development Tournament in Jarra Soma, Lower River Region.

The tournament featured teams from the North Bank, Upper, Central and Lower River regions. It is been used as a pilot phase to develop women's grassroots football initiated by the Football House and funded by FIFA to increase girls' participation in football, thus getting them ready for league football.

The tournament came to an end last Sunday and North Bank Region representatives Mansawally FC were crowned champions following a 3-0 defeat of Upper River Region's Kuteh Jumbulu.

Meanwhile, the second phase of the league is set to take place in the Greater Banjul Area for teams from Banjul, Kanifing Municipality and the West Coast Region.

5. CAPACITY BUILDING

5.1: TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

CAF C LICENSE





As the Federation intends to apply a qualification criterion for coaches in the national leagues, three batch of CAF C License courses were conducted, training a total number of 90 coaches during the period.

GFF D LICENSE



Our strategy in football development is based on the Coaches, Administrators, Referees and Medics (CARM) project. The Technical Department in collaboration with The Gambia Football Coaches Association and the regional football associations conducted the D License coaching course and trained 90 coaches in West Coast Region, 90 in Kanifing Municipality, 30 in Banjul and 30 in the North Bank Region, bringing the total number of trained D License coaches in the year to 240.

5.2: FIFA YOUTH COACHING COURSE

In our efforts to empower coaches at the youth level, a five-day FIFA Youth Coaching Course was conducted for 25 participants working across the various youth levels. The course was conducted by our CAF/FIFA local instructors Sang Ndong, Alhaji Sillah and Lamin Sambou with mentoring conducted by FIFA Instructor John Kaputa from Malawi.

5.3: COACH EDUCATORS COURSE

A five-day coach educators' course was also conducted which brought together 25 coach educators. The training is geared towards preparing our young coach educators for the next batch of the CAF/FIFA training. The training was conducted by FIFA instructor Jan Poulsen from Denmark.

5.4: REFEREES MATTERS

FIFA MA ELITE REFEREES COURSE



The Federation in collaboration with FIFA/C A F organised a five-day training course for elite referees and assistant referees from the 13th to 17th July 2021 at the home of Gambian football, the National Technical Training Centre (NTTC) in Old Yundum.

The course was organised to update referees on the new amendments of the Laws of the Game, to access the application and interpretation of the Laws in the field of play and access the role of the local instructors (technical and physical fitness). The course was instructed by Felix Tangawarima, a FIFA instructor from Zimbabwe.

MA REFEREES ASSESSORS COURSE



Another FIFA and CAF four-day assessors training course for retired referees was held from the 18th to 23rd July 2021 at the NTTC. The course was aimed at updating retired referees to be abreast with the new amendments of the Laws of the Game, train and educate them on how to assess the performance of referees in a particular match.

6. WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE COMPETITIONS (WOMEN) 2020-2021 SEASON



In the women's first division, The Gambia Police Force FC emerged champions. They were presented with a cash reward of D400, 000. Second place Red Scorpions received D200, 000, while Abuko Utd FC finished third and received D100, 000 as cash price. Kinteh's FC got relegated to the second division. In the second division, Berewuleng FC emerged as champions and were promoted to the top flight.



with D200, 000 while Future B FC as runners-up received D50, 000 and third place Jeshwang Utd FC got D50,000 Hart's FC of LRR were relegated to their regional third tier.

In our bid to promote the development of the women's game, the Federation provided jerseys, boots and balls to all first and second division teams.

6.2: FATIM JAWARA'S INITIATIVE LEGACY



FIFA in collaboration with the GFF launched the Fatim Jawara Initiative Day on Wednesday 27th October, 2021. The initiative is an empowerment project aimed to honour the late former Gambia and Red Scorpions goalkeeper Fatim Jawara.

Fatim drowned in the deadly waves of the Mediterranean along the coast of Libya in 2016, after embarking on the perilous

journey to Europe in search of greener pasture. Her untimely death, coming at the peak of her career, generated a lot of international media attention at the time.

As a consequent, football's world governing body and the Football House decided to use her image and launched

this program aimed at sensitising women footballers to stay home and by teaching them with life skills that have the potential to develop into income generating opportunities for them in their home countries instead of embarking on such risky journeys.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATORS COURSE

On Monday 28th June 2021, The Gambia Football Federation collaborated with FIFA and organised a virtual five-day capacity building course for Women's football administrators nationwide which includes clubs, allied associations, regional associations and women football association.

The course aimed to widen the horizon of competent and skilled women's football managers in the women's football administration nationwide.

This initiative came as part of our strategies to enhance women football administrators in football. Our objective is to educate and increase managerial expertise of responsible personnel in Women's Football administration in all Teams.

Course Facilitator: Thuba Sibanda of Federation International Football Association

Course Coordinator: Sainey S M'boge & Veronic Malack of Gambia Football Federation.





7. COMPETITIONS

7.1: DOMESTIC LEAGUES

NATIONAL LEAGUE COMPETITIONS (MALE) 2020-2021 SEASON



The 2020/21 first division league season was held successfully with Fortune Football Club winning the championship. The Petroleum Boys as Winners received prize money of D750, 000, while Elite FC finished second and received D300, 000, and Real de Banjul's efforts for finishing third was rewarded with a D150, 000. 00. B/K Milan and Tallinding United were relegated to Division Two.



The league has been expanded to 16 teams with two extra promotion slots available via the playoffs. Falcons FC won the League Div Two Championship and were rewarded with D350,00 and thus gained automatic promotion to the top flight where they were joined by second place Samger. Steve Biko and Team Rhino completed the four promotion slots from the second division having navigated their way through a playoff.

The second tier is also expanded to 18 teams and Wagadu FC of URR and Medical FC from CRR both been part of the promoted Regional teams completed the absolute decentralization of the national league. This means that every administrative region has now produced a team in the national league. The other four promoted teams are Dibba Oil of LRR, increasing that region's number to three teams in the national league, Waterside of Banjul, WCR champions Greater Tomorrow and Kanifing East from the KM.

As from week Four (4) The current League table stands as thus:

1st Division Men								2nd Division Men						
2021-2022 Season								2021-2022 Season						
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F
1	Falcons FC	4	3	1	0	10	4	1	PSV Wellingara	4	4	0	0	7
2	Wallidan FC	4	2	2	0	4	1	2	BK Milan	4	4	0	0	9
3	Real De Banjul	3	2	1	0	7	3	3	Immigration FC	4	4	0	0	6
4	Hawks FC	3	2	1	0	4	1	4	Tallinding United	4	3	1	0	7
5	Waa Banjul FC	3	2	1	0	3	0	5	B4U Kiang West FC	4	3	0	1	9
6	Brikama United	4	1	3	0	2	0	6	Medical FC	4	2	1	1	3
7	Gamtel FC	4	1	1	2	4	4	7	Gunjur FC	4	2	1	1	4
8	GAF	4	1	1	2	5	6	8	Jarra West FC	4	2	0	2	5
9	GPA	3	1	1	1	1	2	9	Dibba Oil FC	4	1	2	1	6
10	Fortune FC	3	1	1	1	2	4	10	Bombada FC	4	1	1	2	7
11	Steve Biko FC	4	1	1	2	2	5	11	Wagadu FC	4	1	1	2	6
12	Elite United FC	4	1	0	3	2	6	12	Water Side FC	4	1	1	2	4
13	Maripas FC	3	0	2	1	1	2	13	Young Africans FC	4	1	1	2	2
14	Greater Tomorrow FC Men	4	1	0	3	3	3	14	Greater Tomorrow FC Men	4	1	0	3	3

7.2: INTERNATIONAL CLUB COMPETITIONS

CAF INTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Fortune FC was registered for the CAF Club Championship making them the country's sole representative. The team played in the two-legged preliminaries against ES Setif of Algeria winning comfortably at home 3-0 but lost by a similar score line away to their hosts and eventually exit the competition after losing on post-match penalty shootouts.



7.3: LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT (UEFA SUPPORT/ASSIST)



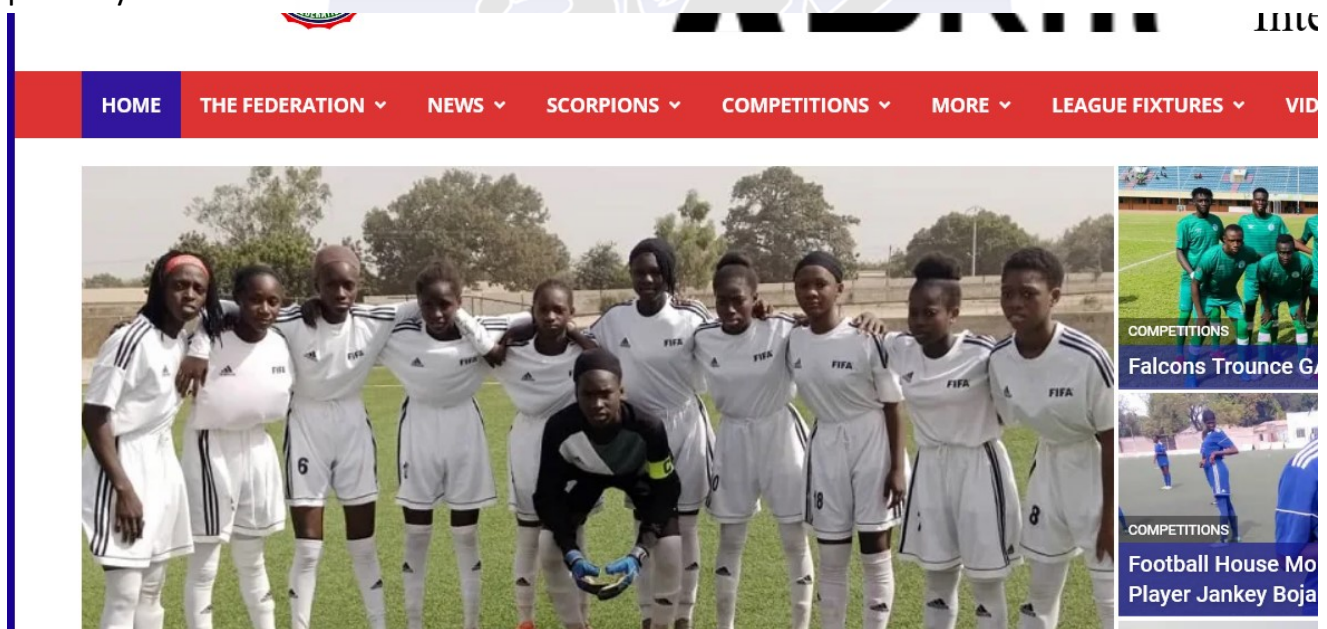
In line with our objective of professionalizing the domestic league, the GFF in partnership with European football governing body, UEFA, held a capacity building workshop for staff of the Secretariat and managers of first division clubs. The workshop was to look into financial management, technical development and football marketing. The training is part of UEFA's project dubbed UEFA Support Assist through its league development strategy.

The training also delved into issues of structures and models were presented with the aim of organising all club activities and working more professionally, focusing on collaboration between clubs and the league to improve football in The Gambia. The participants were exposed skills to understand working relationship amongst on how to understand league organisation in collaboration with the Federation for overall league development.

It also highlighted on the need to focus on income generation as one of the key aspects because until now, the Federation’s income has been largely dependent on FIFA and CAF, thus there is a need to generate other sources of income to make the clubs' financial position more independent. The training is expected to make the clubs understand that a change in their professional attitude and the possibilities to go more professional is paramount.

8. COMMUNICATION

The Department is also equipped with the necessary communication gadgets to cover both domestic and international football activities through its various social media platforms. As a result of these, there has been remarkable improvements at the Department since its creation. The website carries up to date information on league matches in all categories and other information that make its outlook better with more content updated. The site; www.gambiaff.org is streamlined with a Facebook page and twitter handle to maximize publicity.



There is now livestreaming of events through our Facebook platform for both the domestic and international viewers. We have begun livestreaming of our leagues in all categories – with the live broadcast of two matches at least each week. Weekly updates of the league situation on our website automated on the Facebook page Equally, the staff working in the Department are attached to the various national teams as media officers to ensure timely update of the teams’ activities in whichever and wherever location they may be.

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

UPDATES ON GAMBIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Football infrastructure in the country is grossly inadequate and highly underdeveloped. Quality infrastructure improves performance and competition leading to the production of more quality players and teams which is sine-qua-non in ensuring the overall development of the game.

It is against this backdrop that the Federation committed itself into developing and improving on the existing football infrastructure in every region of the country as enshrined in our National Football Development Plan (2019 - 2022). It is our desire not to only develop the infrastructure but to ensure it in line with modern football facilities that are capable of hosting both local and international matches.

In 2016 through the Contract of Agreed Objectives with the world football governing body FIFA approved the GFF's desire to use part of its Development Support of (two Million US Dollars per cycle of 4 Years) to develop the football infrastructure in The Gambia in phases. In this regard, the GFF in its Infrastructure development plan wishes to partner with FIFA, Government of The Gambia, Local Government Authorities and Private Developers to improve the standards of our football parks.

The approval of these projects does not mean the whole amounts approved/allocated to it was accessed and disbursed to member associations.

Below regarding the state of the projects currently being implemented by the GFF:

No.	Project Description	Contractor/Consultant	SOA No:	Project Value	SOA Approved	SOA Received	Amount Paid	Balance
1	Gunjur Grass Pitch and Pavilion Consultancy	Lerr Group Fenta Consultants	14628	9,944,254.95 1,003,933.33	6,244,087.50 -	5,619,678.75 -	5,560,010.85 868,516.67	4,384,244.10 135,416.66
2	Busumbala Grass Pitch and Pavilion Consultancy	Zen Construction	14628	8,838,638.00 1,003,933.33	5,549,512.50 -	4,994,561.25 -	1,213,498.00 868,516.67	7,625,140.00 135,416.66
3	Biri Biri Grass Pitch and Pavilion Consultancy	SMATEQ Fenta Consultants	14628	6,153,235.00 1,003,933.33	3,865,050.00 -	3,478,545.00 -	1,679,000.00 868,516.67	4,474,235.00 135,416.66
4	Bakau Grass Pitch and Pavilion Consultancy	Bafaad Enterprise Fenta Consultants	14628	10,500,000.00 750,000.00	- -	- -	6,118,750.00 397,500.00	4,381,250.00 352,500.00
5	Banjul Lights	LED	14628	2,909,040.00	1,826,212.50	1,643,591.25	2,909,040.00	-
6	Serrekunda West Lights	LED	14628	2,909,040.00	1,826,212.50	1,643,591.25	2,909,040.00	-
7	Serrekunda Est Lights	Gambia Electrical	14628	3,437,100.00	2,156,962.50	1,941,266.25	2,456,310.00	980,790.00
8	Brikama	Gambia Electrical	14628	3,437,100.00	2,156,962.50	1,941,266.25	2,456,310.00	980,790.00
	Totals			51,890,207.94	23,625,000.00	21,262,500.00	28,305,008.86	23,585,199.08
	USD \$			1,037,804.16	472,500.00	425,250.00	566,100.18	471,703.98
1	Swimming Pool at Football Hotel	Doorri	14883	3,237,100.00	3,125,000.00	312,500.00	2,237,100.00	1,000,000.00
2	Soma Pavillion	Shyri	14883	4,812,500.00	4,812,500.00	481,250.00	481,250.00	4,331,250.00
3	5 Regional Fields		14883	12,500,000.00	12,500,000.00	1,250,000.00	-	12,500,000.00
	Totals			20,549,600.00	20,437,500.00	2,043,750.00	2,718,350.00	17,831,250.00
				410,992.00	408,750.00	40,875.00	54,367.00	356,625.00
1	Banjul Civil Work	E S Trading		8,150,035.00			5,703,469.00	2,446,566.00
	Artificial Turf	Coach Investment		5,424,196.40			5,424,196.40	-
	Consultancy	GAP		416,166.67			261,050.17	155,116.50
	Laying of Turf	Newman		7,551,216.50				7,551,216.50
2	Brikama Civil Works	JKF company		11,850,343.00			5,716,024.97	6,134,318.03
	Artificial Turf	Joofen Trading		5,666,922.50			5,666,922.50	-
	Consultancy	Masterplan		471,975.00			235,987.50	235,987.50
	Laying of Turf	Newman		3,108,335.50				3,108,335.50
3	Serrekunda East Civil Works & Field Consultancy	Kalifa Bayo & Sons Masterplan		10,487,255.00 471,975.00			6,124,676.96 235,987.50	4,362,578.04 235,987.50
4	Serrekunda West Civil Works & Field Consultancy	E S Trading GAP		8,150,035.00 416,166.67			814,781.00 261,050.17	7,335,254.00 155,116.50
5	Manjai Consultancy	E S Trading GAP		8,150,035.00 416,166.67			814,781.00 261,050.17	7,335,254.00 155,116.50
	Totals			70,730,823.90	-	-	31,519,977.33	39,210,846.57
	Claimed from FIFA			1,414,616.48	-	-	606,153.41	784,216.93
	Grand Total			143,170,631.84	44,062,500.00	23,306,250.00	62,543,336.19	80,627,295.65

As stipulated in the Table Above the GFF is currently engaged in the following Infrastructure works:

- 1) New Construction - (Gunjur, Busumbala, Old Yundum and Bakau), the first phase entails the construction of modern grass football pitches with perimeter fences to be followed by pavilions in the second phase.
- 2) Lights - (Banjul, Brikama, Serrekunda East and Serrekunda West), provision of lights to enable GFF to play league matches at night in these parks.
- 3) Swimming Pool at the Football Hotel in Old Yundum, to enable the Football Hotel to attain 3-star status.
- 4) Pavilion at Soma Field
- 5) 05 New grounds upcountry
- 6) Refurbishment of existing grounds - (Banjul, Brikama, Manjai, Serrekunda East and Serrekunda West), fitting of two New artificial turfs in Banjul and Brikama, reconstruction of the grass pitches in Manjai, Serrekunda East and Serrekunda west. Reconstruction of perimeter fences and dressing rooms of all the 5 parks.



BANJUL



SEREKUNDA EAST



BAKAU



BRIKAMA



GUNJUR



All above works are approved by FIFA and the monies received and spent are clearly stated in the table above. It can be seen that GFF is yet to receive any money for Item No: 6 - Refurbishment of existing grounds (Banjul, Brikama, Manjai, Serrekunda East and Serrekunda West) works estimated at USD1,414,000 Million. The works done so far, plus payments to the consultants, and the procurement of two new sets of Artificial Turfs for Brikama and Banjul were paid from the GFF

Covid Fund and GFF Pre-financing from our operational support and short-term Bank Loans. Both Turfs are received awaiting installation after the completion of the civil works.

Elsewhere, the ongoing works in Banjul, Serrekunda East and Brikama resumed on Monday 11th October 2021 following payments to the contractors last week. The continuation of works in Gunjur and Bakau as well as the Football Hotel swimming pool and all other existing works will begin in November of this year upon receipt of the relevant funds from FIFA.

In the meantime, works in Manjai and Serrekunda West will remain suspended to allow us concentrate on the afore-mentioned grounds in preparations for the upcoming GFF League Season.

10. FOOTBALL HOTEL / NTTC

The Football Hotel has been hit very hard by the Covid-19 pandemic, thus affecting our operations. However, as we enter the third year of this global health crisis, the Hotel is making some gains with the return of business, mainly from the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) through its returnees from the irregular route of the Mediterranean.

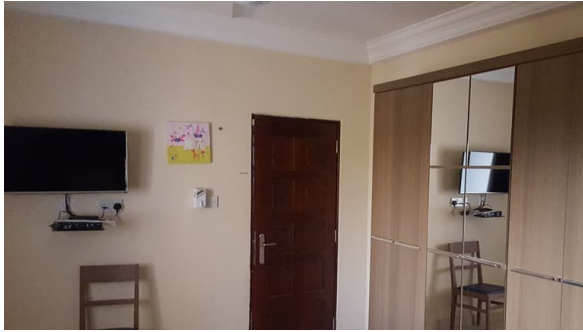
As business was seriously affected with little or no income generated in the height of the pandemic, one of the measures put in place by the management through recommendation from the Board is to reduce the payroll by retrenching some staff. This has indeed paid dividends and coupled with the gradual return of business, it has contributed 20% to its total returns. The remaining 80% of our turnover has been shared by approximately the 10 to 11 other institutions or companies.

The facelift at the Hotel in order to meet our desired three-star level continues with the near completion of the swimming pool plus a pool bar and restaurant beside it.

In order to secure the artificial playing surface at the facilities, we've also fenced the whole field as residents around the area were abusing the field due to its opened nature.







11. FINANCIAL REPORT

Period	2020	2019	2018	2017
	GMD	GMD	GMD	GMD
Fixed Assets				
Tangibles (Property, Plant & Equipment)	76,334,126	70,137,285	66,997,414	67,221,934
Investment				
Fixed Deposit		-	-	-
	76,334,126	70,137,285	66,997,414	67,221,934
Current Assets				
Bank and Cash Balances	3,128,881	943,582	415,448	854,120
Staff Debtor	1,127,708	570,087	400,592	406,139
Other (club Fines Due to Federation)	-	117,315	111,015	52,300
	4,256,589	1,630,984	927,055	1,312,559
Total Assets	80,590,715	71,768,269	67,924,469	68,534,493
Current Liabilities				
Bank Overdraft	92,978	8,172,801	8,221,316	290,683
Creditors	2,125,627	2,950,620	4,438,207	3,529,073
Bank Loan	9,962,630	-	-	-
	12,181,235	11,123,421	12,659,523	3,819,756
Equity & Reserves				
FIFA Capital Grant	32,332,369	19,449,178	8,950,717	13,281,948
	36,077,111	41,195,669	46,314,229	51,432,788
	68,409,480	60,644,847	55,264,946	64,714,736
Total Equity & Reserves	80,590,715	71,768,268	67,924,469	68,534,492

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12. PICTORIALS



