



THE GAMBIA FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP 2023, ARGENTINA REPORT

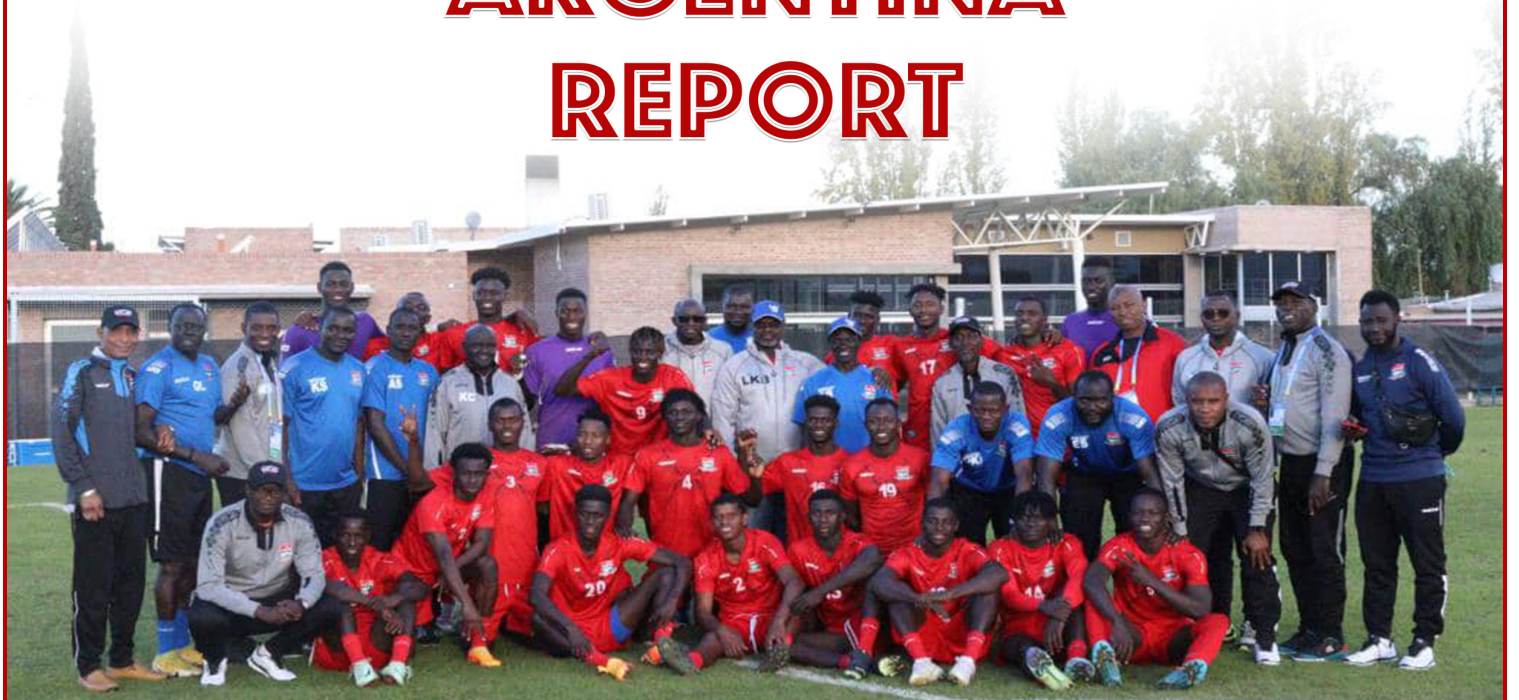


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PREFACE



It's a great honor and privilege to be entrusted by my Colleagues on the Gambia Football Federation Executive Committee to head the Gambia National U-20 Team delegations during its participation in various international competitions in 2023. This report chronicled Gambia's participation in the various U-20 category competitions ranging from the WAFU Cup of Nations which was played in Mauritania and served as the qualification for the Total Energies Africa U-20 Cup of Nations. After finishing second to Senegal, the Young Scorpions secured qualification to the AFCON played in Egypt where it again finished as runners up to Senegal in the finals.

It was the first time that the Team played in the finals of an AFCON and the highlight of our campaign came in the 5-0 thrashing of South Sudan in the quarterfinals, where Adama Bojang scored a hattrick. The performance in Egypt secured the team a place in the FIFA

U-20 World Cup in Argentina in 2023. After been grouped in one of the toughest groups in the competition together with France, Korea Republic and Honduras. The Young Scorpions finished top of the log with seven points, which included wins over France and Honduras. That was the first time that the U-20 finished top of a World Cup finals group having finished second to Mexico in our previous appearance in Canada 2007. The result also secured us a place in the round of 16 where we faced and lost 1-0 to eventual winners Uruguay.

This Report is divided into five different parts. Part One is the Technical Report of the Coaching Staff aspect of our participation starting from our local preparations to the international ones from the WAFU Cup of Nations to the World Cup, through the AFCON. Part Two deals with the deals with the medical aspect of the team, where it chronicled the processes before and during the competition and made recommendations to improve upon ahead of future competitions. Part Three addresses all the Administrative and Logistics steps taken to ensure our smooth participation. Part Four is the Financial Statement chronicling the Sources and Application of Funds used to finance our Training Camp and Competition Expenses. Since it is a Youth Competition, FIFA does not provide any Preparatory or Participatory prizes. FIFA Provides air tickets and full board for a total number of 29 people (21 Players + 8 Officials) thus all additional participants cost is paid for by the GFF. The Government of The Gambia through the Ministry of Youth and sports provided 50% whilst the GFF provided 50% of the total amount spent. Part Five is the memories of The Gambia U20 in FIFA World Cup Argentina 2023.

In conclusion, The Gambia U20 participation and excelling in the WAFU A U20, AFCON U20 and FIFA U20 World Cup competitions did not only put The Gambia on the world map but offered opportunity to many young players to live their dreams by turning professional and signing contracts with clubs in major leagues across the world.

Bakary K Jammeh

1st Vice President & Head of Delegation

TECHNICAL REPORT

By: Sang Ndong, Abdoulie Bojang, Yaya Manneh & Coaching Staff.



Another grateful, privileged moment to present you the Technical Report of The Gambia Men's U20 national team performance in the ended FIFA U20 World Cup played in Argentina from the 20th May to the 11th June, 2023.

The report will provide an insight into;

- The introduction
- **The FIFA U-20 World Cup Draw 2023**
- The preparatory and Training camp phase
- The delegation (Registered Players and staff)

- The team travel and test Match
- The group stage and Round 16 matches and results
- Total stats
- End of cycle
- Challenges / Recommendations and
- Appreciation

The introduction

In the light of our historic five 5-0 win against South Sudan at the quarter final stage of the 2023 U-20 AFCON in Egypt, February of 2023, the match result confirmed the Gambia's participation in the 2023 FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup played in Argentina from the 20th May to 11th June, 2023.

The Gambia U-20 were eliminated by Uruguay at the round of 16 following a 1-0 loss, thus marking our exit from the tournament at the same stage as the last Gambian team to participate in the FIFA U20 back in 2007 hosted in Canada.



The FIFA U-20 World Cup is a biennial championship tournament for FIFA members' men's national team with players under the age of 20. The tournament is organized by the world football governing body every two (2) years and focuses on the under 20 age brackets.

The Argentina 2023 is the 23rd edition of FIFA U-20 championship since inception in 1977 hosted in Tunisia and won by the Soviet Union.

A total number of twenty-four (24) national U-20 teams all over the world participated in the tournament and The Gambia is amongst the four (4) nations that occupied the spots allocated by FIFA for Africa.

Eventually, we lost not just to any Team, but a team that emerged as the Champions of the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Argentina and that is Uruguay which shows the standard we put together as The Gambia Men's U20 team.

The FIFA U20 World Cup Draw 2023



The draw for the tournament was held at the FIFA Headquarters in Zurich on the 21st of April, 2023 and The Gambia were drawn in group F alongside France, Korea Republic and Honduras.



GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
Argentina	USA	Senegal
Uzbekistan	Ecuador	Japan
Guatemala	Fiji	Israel
New Zealand	Slovakia	Colombia
GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F
Italy	Uruguay	France
Brazil	Iraq	Korea Republic
Nigeria	England	The Gambia
Dominican Republic	Tunisia	Honduras

The preparatory and Local Training camp phase

The team started its preparatory stage on Tuesday 11th April, 2023 with afternoon sessions at the National Technical Training Centre for three (3) days and later rescheduled for night training sessions under the floodlights of the Banjul Mini Stadium for another four (4) nights that marked the end of Ramadan before we shifted to our normal morning training sessions at the NTTC.



The team trained for a total of twenty-eight (28) days and had additional five (5) days local camping inclusive in the twenty-eight days.

As part of the preparatory phase, the team played two (2) test matches with the national U-23 selection coached by the Head Coach, Mr. Abdou Jammeh and below are the match results;

DATE	TEAM A	SCORES		TEAM B
FRI 05/05/2023	GAMBIA U-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salifu Colley • Mansour Mbye • Adama Bojang 	3	1	GAMBIA U- 23
TUE 09/05/2023	GAMBIA U-23	1	2	GAMBIA U-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muhammed Sawaneh • Mansour Mbye

After notably realizing that a good number of players within the AFCON Squad are going to be missing during the local preparatory phase, the technical staff invited the below listed players to make numbers at the training ground and also to observe any breakthrough which eventually doesn't happen;



NO	NAME OF PLAYER		POSITION	CLUB
01	KEBBA	SONKO	GOAL KEEPER	HAWKS
02	ASSAN	BADJIE	MIDFIELDER	TEAM RHINO FC
03	EBRIMA	KINTEH	FORWARDER	BK MILAN FC
04	FAKEBBA	JAMMEH	WINGBACK LEFT	FALCONS FC
05	LOUIES	JATTA	CENTRE BACK	GAMBINOS STARS AFRICA
06	DAWDA	DARBOE	FORWARDER	WALLIDAN FC
07	BABOUCARR	SALLAH	WINGBACK RIGHT	BRIKAMA UNITED FC
08	MUHAMMED	JALLOW	WINGER	FORTUNE FC

LOCAL TRAINING CAMP

The technical staff together with the twenty-five (25) man squad went to camp on



Sunday the 7th May, 2023 to be able to intensify our sessions and beef up the tactical aspect of the preparation.

All the players and staff were camped at the GFF Football Hotel for a duration of five days before the team travelled to Argentina on the 12th May, 2023.

Regrets

The team like any other participating team was allocated by the registration status of FIFA for only twenty-one (21) players but the Federation gave us Technical support for extra two (2) players after the appeal of the Coach to travel with in order to help us make numbers at training.

From the twenty-five players that went into camp, a list for twenty-one (21) players who are to travel for the World Cup with the extra two (2) players totaling to twenty-three (23), was called on the night of 10th May, 2023 and the players who

didn't make it to the list were given options either to decamp that very night or the next morning.

The two stand-in players were Alieu Gibba and Mamadou Bah but to the dismay of all, Alieu Gibba decamped himself without any due notification to any official the very night the list was called which was and still remain unacceptable to all the staff.

The delegation (Registered Players and staff)

STAFF

No.	NAME	POSITION
01.	MR. BAKARY K. JAMMEH	HEAD OF DELEGATION
02.	MR. SANG J. NDONG	TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
03.	MR. ABDOULIE BOJANG	HEAD COACH
04.	MR. YAHYA MANNEH	ASSISTANT COACH
05.	MR. GIBRIEL G. LOBBA	GOAL KEEPER'S TRAINER
06.	MR. PA SUWAREH FAYE	TEAM MANAGER
07.	MR. MODOU JAGNE	TEAM ADMINISTRATOR
08.	MR. ALFUSAINY SISE	FITNESS TRAINER
09.	MR. EBRIMA SAINE	TEAM PHYSIOTHERAPIST
10.	MR. KARAMBA SUWAREH	TEAM DOCTOR
11.	MR. AMADOU O. BAH	MEDIA OFFICER
12.	MR. OMAR K.I PHATTY	EQUIPMENT'S MANAGER

THE PLAYERS

No.	GOAL KEPPERS	12.	MUHAMMED SAWANEH
01.	PA EBOU DAMPHA	13.	BAILO BAH
02.	EBRIMA JAITEH	FORWARDERS	
03.	YOUKASSEH SANYANG	14.	ADAMA BOJANG
DEFENDERS		15.	EBRIMA SINGHATEH
04.	ALAGIE SAINE	16.	KAJALLY DRAMMEH
05.	MOSES JARJU	17.	MANSOUR MBYE
06.	DEMBO SAIDYKHAN	18.	MODOU MARONG
07.	SAINEY SANYANG	19.	MAMIN SANYANG
08.	BAKARY JAWARA	20.	BA LAMIN SOWE

MIDFIELDERS		21.	SALIFU COLLEY
09.	MAHMUDOU BAJO	STAND – BY PLAYER	
10.	HARUNA RASHID NJIE	22.	MAMADOU BAH
11.	MUHAMMED JOBE		

The Team travel and test match

The delegation left The Gambia on the 12th May via Dakar - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and arrived in Argentina on the 14th June, 2023.

After spending a night in Buenos Aires, we finally arrived at our base in Mendoza on the 15th June, 2023.

The Test Match

The team had a light session in the evening of our arrival in preparation of a test match scheduled against a local U20 team of Godoy Cruz FC which we won by four (4) goals to nil and goals courtesy of;



Salifu Colley × 2 ⚽



Kajally Drammeh × 1 ⚽ and Sainey Sanyang × 1 ⚽



The group stage and Round 16 matches and results

The team had played a total number of four (4) matches accumulating a total of four hundred and twelve (412) minutes whereas we played three (3) matches in the group stage amounting to three hundred and seven (307) minutes and one hundred and five (105) minutes in the Round of 16 match.

Below are the total stats for the entire group stage and round 16 match against Uruguay;

TOTAL GP	WON	DREW	LOST	GF	GA	GD	CLEAN SHEETS	CAU.	EXP
4	2	1	1	4	3	+1	1	7	1

After the stats of the group stage matches, the team has been established as the first Gambian U-20 team to top a group heading to the Round of 16 as compared to the 2007 team which played in the FIFA U-20 in Canada.

2007 GROUP STAGE RESULTS

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Mexico	3	3	0	0	7	2	+5	9
2	Gambia	3	2	0	1	3	4	-1	6
3	Portugal	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	3
4	New Zealand	3	0	0	3	1	5	-4	0

2023 GROUP STAGE RESULTS

GROUP F		GP	W	D	L	PTS
	GAMBIA	3	2	1	0	7
	KOREA REPUBLIC	3	1	2	0	5
	FRANCE	3	1	0	2	3
	HONDURAS	3	0	1	2	1

Below are the results the team had achieved in the whole group stage and Round 16 matches together with the starting team;



HONDURAS VS THE GAMBIA



FRANCE VS THE GAMBIA







THE GAMBIA VS KOREA REPUBLIC



R16 THE GAMBIA VS URUGUAY







TABLE STANDING AFTER GROUP STAGE



GROUP F		GP	W	D	L	PTS
	GAMBIA	3	2	1	0	7
	KOREA REPUBLIC	3	1	2	0	5
	FRANCE	3	1	0	2	3
	HONDURAS	3	0	1	2	1

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PLAYING TIME RECORDS OF FIFA U20 ARGENTINA 2023

NO.	NAME OF PLAYER	HON		FRA				TOTAL MINUTES PLAYED	GOALS	CAUTIONS & EXPULSION	
01	ALAGIE SAINE	106	104	97	105	412					
02	SAINEY SANYANG	106	104	97	105	412				1	
03	MAHMUDOU BAJO	106	104	97	105	412					
04	BAKARY JAWARA	106	104	97	93	400					
05	ADAMA BOJANG	106	85	97	105	393	2 				
06	DEMBO SAIDYKHAN	57	104	97	105	363					
07	PA EBOU DAMPHA	-	104	97	105	306					
08	HARUNA RASHID NJIE	106	104	-	88	298				2	
09	SALIFU COLLEY	88	76	44	69	277					
10	MAMIN SANYANG	39	58	44	69	210	1 				
11	MUHAMMED JOBE	-	104	84	-	188					
12	EBRIMA SINGHATEH	39	46	-	36	121				1	
13	MANSOUR MBYE	-	27	68	16	111				1	1
14	YOUKASSEH SANYANG	106	-	-	-	106					
15	KAJALLY DRAMMEH	66	-	29	-	95				1	
16	MUHAMMED SAWANEH	66	-	-	16	82					
17	MODOU MARONG	18	-	52	11	81					
18	BA LAMIN SOWE	-	19	12	36	67					
19	BAILO BAH	-	-	52	-	52					
20	MOSES JARJU	49	-	-	-	49					
21	EBRIMA JAITEH	-	-	-	-	000					

End of cycle

The cycle started with the qualifiers at the Nouakchott, Mauritania 2022 WAFU Zone A AFCON qualifiers thereafter proceeded to AFCON Egypt 2023 and then eventually completed the round object in Argentina 2023 for the FIFA U20 World Cup.



In the **WAFU ZONE A** played in Nouakchott, Mauritania where nine (9) countries from the sub region took part from the **28th August** to the **11th September, 2022**, the **Gambia U-20** played a total of six (6) matches scoring seven (7) goals and conceding only four (4) and finished second place behind Senegal whom we lost 1 nil in the final.

As results from the above, the team automatically qualified to the AFCON U-20 Men's tournament hosted by Egypt from the 19th February to 11th March, 2023 and there also the team played a total of six matches, scoring ten (10) goals and conceding only two (2).

After the historic 5-0 defeat to South Sudan, The Gambia automatically booked her ticket to the FIFA U20 Men's World Cup in Argentina. In the AFCON, the team

finished with another silverware, second position behind Senegal and being the first Gambian team to play in the AFCON U-20 Men's final.

To complete the cycle, the team after booking its place to the semifinal at the AFCON U-20 Egypt 2023, occupied one amongst the four (4) spots for Africa to the FIFA U-20 played in Argentina from the 22nd May to the 11th of June, 2023.

During the course of the cycle

We wouldn't be able to get this accomplishment, decent achievements, within the cycle without the genuine support and personal involvement with reflection of certain people. We therefore appreciate and show sincere gratitude to the following individuals;

Firstly, **Mr. Bakary K. Jammeh**, the 1st Vice President of the GFF who also served as the Head of Delegation to both the U-20 AFCON and FIFA World Cup.

Mr. Jammeh has explicitly without any iota of doubt, immensely contributed to the motivation of both the players and staff which has made the environment very competitive.



Mr. Jammeh in many cases will use his personal resources to motivate both the players and the technical staff and he was given the title “**GAINDEH**” by the players for always fulfilling his words of promise that extrinsically keep them motivated and inspired.



Secondly, **Mr. Sang John Ndong**, being the Technical Director of the GFF has been so influential and supportive to the Technical needs of the staff. His presence around the team served as a challenge to the staff to be at their best and not only on the pitch but outside too.

Mr. Pa Suwareh Faye, the Team Manager, has been so exceptional and special towards managing the welfare of the team and effectively for that matter. He is someone who is opened to anything and accept our different personalities but yet still being able to manage us as one team.

Mr. Modou Jagne, Competitions Manager who also served as the Team Admin. Mr. Jagne has absolutely done a very diligent job in effectively administering the affairs of the team and moreover with the modern days demand.

Mr. Lamin Jassej and Mr. Kemo Ceesay, the General Secretary, & CEO and Finance Director of the GFF respectively for their individual contributions in the extra bonus allocation.

Finally, to Mr. Ebou Faye, 2nd Vice President of GFF and WAFU H.O.D, Mr. Mustapha Jallow, the President of KMRFA for their devoted support during the start of the cycle in Nouakchott, Mauritania.

In summary of the cycle, the team achieved the below stats within the duration of ten (10) months from August of 2022 to June of 2023;

COMPETITION	TOTAL GP	WON	DREW	LOST	GF	GA	GD
WAFU A	6	3	1	2	7	4	3
AFCON	6	5	-	1	10	2	8
FIFA WC	4	2	1	1	4	3	1
TOTALS	16	10	2	4	21	9	12

Challenges & Recommendations

1. Training camps and international test matches

We will still continue to solicit from the Federation to be able to get the team training camps and also international friendlies as it massively helps to recognize gaps in respective departments and also helps to remedy it by giving adequate time for the corrections during training camps.

The local camping's and test match are very much appreciated but they are not enough in stretching the team to face international challenges

To also create room to have enough or lengthy local camping, whereas the players will only focus on the national team trainings after selection as it will give the technical staff enough room for technical and tactical preparations.

2. Improvement on sports science / physiotherapist's department

The medical personnel department needs to be improved so as to be able to create enough or varieties of recovery schemes for players also notwithstanding being able to effectively diagnose, treat and bring about injury preventive measures.

The need for proper assessment and diagnosis of musculoskeletal conditions of players is of high demand in modern day football, especially in tournaments where you have few players and always get to the path of appropriate treatment and rehabilitation strategies.

3. About the Staff

We seek the indulgent and support of the Executive Committee to create room where the staff will be fully employed under the federation for smooth continuity and stability

Appreciations

We value the virtue of appreciation and with that believe we will continue to celebrate success together under the dynamic leadership of the current GFF Executive Committee

The Gambia Government, Ministry of Youth & Sports & National Sports Council

We graciously thank them for the invaluable support rendered to the team campaign through the Ministry of Youth & Sports and the National Sports Council.

The Gambia Football Federation

As an institution, we owe you an immeasurable word of appreciation for creating the enabling environment to effectively do our Technical works with the players independently.

We thank you for all the support and encouragement during the entire campaign and we are hopeful of celebrating more successes with you during your tenure in office.

The tournament serves as a very memorable experience for all and we believe it will serve as a benchmark for experience gaining in the next campaign.

MEDICAL MATTERS REPORTS

By, Dr Karama Suwareh & Ebrima Saine



INTRODUCTION

The medical team of the U-20 male team comprises of a team doctor; Dr. Karamba Suwareh and a team physiotherapist; Mr. Ebrima Saine, the team is also part of the technical staff responsible for the day-to-day management of medical matters of both the players and the entire delegation during the course of the engagement period.

MEDICAL ITEMS AND MEDICINES LIST

The following medical items and medicines were purchased by the Gambia Football Federation through recommendation of the medical team to be exclusively used to take care of all medical matters during the preparatory phase of the tournament and during the course of the tournament. These items were added to the previously purchased items for the AFCON in Egypt.

THE TABLE BELOW SHOWS THE LIST OF MEDICAL ITEMS AND MEDICINES PURCHASED BY THE GFF FOR THE MEDICAL TEAM

NO.	ITEM	QTY purchased	QTY used	QTY in stock
1	Wound dressing plaster	1 roll	1 roll	0
2	Heat spray	8 bottles	8 bottles	0
3	Crepes bandages	1 packet	1 packet	0
4	Gauze bandage	1 packet	1 packet	0
5	Pain gels/ creams	2 packets	2 packets	0
6	Massaging oil	4 bottles	4 bottles	0
7	Adhesive tapes 2.5cm	3 packets	3 packets	0
8	Adhesive tapes 5cm	1 packet	1 packet	0
9	Bandages 5cm	1 packet	1 packet	0
10	Pain plaster	2 packets	2 packets	0
11	Ibuprofen 200mg	1 packet	1 packet	0
12	Arthemeter + lumefantrine (coartem)	1 packet	none	1
13	Amoxicillin 250mg	1 packet	1 packet	0
14	Amoxicillin 500mg	1 packet	0.5 packet	0.5
15	Co-trimaxazole tablets 480mg	1 packet	none	1 packet
16	Lubricating jelly (KY)	2 bottles	2 bottles	0
17	Omeprazole 20mg	2 packets	1 packet	1
18	Lactulose syrup	3 bottles	none	3
19	Cotton wools	1 roll	All used	0
20	Povidine iodine	2 bottles	2 bottles	0
21	Surgical spirite	2 bottles	2 bottles	0
22	Ketoconazole cream	1 packet	1 packet	0

23	Povodine iodine	2 bottles	1 used	1
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MEDICAL ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FIFA IN MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

ITEMS	QTY
Portable ice box with wheel (cooler) big size	2
Portable ice box without wheel (cooler) small size	2
Medical bag	2
Portable massage bed	2
Water bottles	70

PRE -COMPETITION MEDICAL ASSESSMENT (PCMA)

The pre-competition medical assessment (PCMA) is mandatory for participating teams at FIFA competitions. In order to protect players' health, each participating member association is required to ensure that all its players have undergone a PCMA in the 12 months prior to the start of the final competition and provide FIFA with confirmation that such PCMA's have been completed. The medical assessment that was done for the players during AFCON in Egypt is within the 12 months' period required by FIFA, hence those medical assessment was updated to the meet FIFA standards.

The medical assessments tools used were as follows:

- Detailed personal medical history
- Detailed family medical history
- Medication and food allergy history
- Number of games played in the last 12 months
- General and specific physical examination
- Vital signs check-up (temperature, blood pressure, pulse rate, heart rate)
- Anthropometrics measurements (weight and height)
- Echocardiography and electrocardiography
- Final conclusions and recommendations

On 5th may, 2023, the team doctor reviewed the player Modou Salieu Jallow at Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital (EFSTH) in Banjul after he sustained injury of the ankle at his club game. A day prior, after examining, X-ray done on the leg showed severe contusion of the ankle joint, was given treatment and follow-up physiotherapy rehabilitation, however after carefully analyzing the injury and prognosis of recovery he was found to be ineligible for the tournament and hence was excluded from the final list of the players by the head coach through the recommendation of the medical team.

Between 20th April to 10th May 2023, Declaration of Agreement by participating teams to the PCMA, Team Doctor's declaration of agreement to the PCMA. The Declaration regarding matters of minor players (Anti-Doping), declaration of doping control, Team doctor current license to practice, and Medication and medical equipment importation list were completed and sent to FIFA extranet through team administrator Modou Jange.

VACCINATIONS

On 2nd May, 2023, a team of public health officers from New Yundum Medical Health Center conducted Covid 19 vaccination at the National Technical Training Centre in Old Yundum. A total of 18 players and 2 officials who were not fully vaccinated were vaccinated and issued Covid 19 vaccination cards.

The entire team were issued vaccination (yellow) card by the Ministry Health through the GFF protocol officer.

DETAILED LIST OF MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND INJURIES

No.	Name and surname	Medical condition	Action	Status
1	Haruna Rasid Njie	Inner thigh muscle injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analgesics • Physiotherapy 	Rehabilitation
2	Moses Jarju	Hamstring muscle tear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency evacuation from the field of play to the hospital • Ultrasound scan done at Cuyo clinic in Mendoza • Orthopedic doctor review • Analgesics • physiotherapy 	Rehabilitation
3	Muhammed Jobe	Ankle and foot tendinitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analgesics • Physiotherapy 	Rehabilitation
4	Bailo Bah	Knee injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analgesics • Physiotherapy 	Rehabilitation
5	Alagie saine	Hamstring muscle contusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analgesics • physiotherapy 	Recovered
6	Salifu Colley	Mild ankle and thigh contusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiotherapy 	Recovered

7	Mahmud Bajo	Ankle bruises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiotherapy • Analgesics 	Recovered
8	Kajali Drammeh	Ankle and thigh inflammations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiotherapy • Analgesics 	Recovering

NOTE:

- There was no major injury or medical condition that required hospitalization

DOPING CONTROLS

Doping control is a process of testing and detecting the used of banned substances in competitive sport. It seeks to protect the health of athletes and to provide the opportunity for athletes to pursue human excellence without the Use of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods. These prohibited substance lists are published and reviewed annually by the World Antidoping Agency (WADA).

The substance is classified as follows:

SUBSTANCES & METHODS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES can be tested any moment, in the FIFA tournament, the testing was done at the hotel where the players are residing.

SUBSTANCES & METHODS PROHIBITED IN-COMPETITION: these are substances prohibited only during the competition, the testing is conducted at the end every game played.

A total of 12 doping control testing was conducted on the Gambian players, 2 players are selected at the end of each game played for in-competition testing with a total of 8 testing in 4 games played. Furthermore, a total of 4 testing was done out of competition at NH hotel in Santiago del Estero.

The result of the doping control is communicated to players or their representatives only when there is adverse outcome, at the time of writing this report there is no such communication to any of the Gambia players tested.

The following players were tested for doping controls:

NO.	DATE	NAME	PLACE OF DOPING CONTROL	PURPOSE
1	22 ND MAY, 2023	Kajally Drammeh	Mendoza Stadium	INCOMPETITION TEST

2	22 ND MAY, 2023	Balamin Sowe	Mendoza Stadium	IN COMPETITION TEST
3	25 TH MAY, 2023	Mahmud Bajo	Mendoza Stadium	IN COMPETITION TEST
4	25 TH MAY, 2023	Sainey Sanyang	Mendoza Stadium	IN COMPETITION TEST
5	28 TH MAY, 2023	Mamin Sanyang	Mendoza Stadium	IN COMPETITION TEST
6	28 TH MAY, 2023	Mansour Mbaye	Mendoza Stadium	IN COMPETITION TEST
7	30 TH MAY, 2023	Alagie Saine	NH Hotel	OUT OF COMPETITION TEST
8	30 TH MAY, 2023	Adama Bojang	NH Hotel	OUT OF COMPETITION TEST
9	30 TH MAY, 2023	Salifu Colley	NH Hotel	OUT OF COMPETITION TEST
10	30 TH MAY, 2023	Bakery Jawara	NH Hotel	OUT OF COMPETITION TEST
11	1 ST JUNE, 2023	Haruna Rasid Njie	Santiago del estero Stadium	IN COMPETITION TEST
12	1 ST JUNE, 2023	Ebrima Singhateh	Santiago del estero Stadium	IN COMPETITION TEST

MEDICAL PROGRAMS DURING THE TOURNAMENT

The doctor attended all match coordination meetings conducted by FIFA in Mendoza and Santiago del Estero.

At the end of every game played, ice bath, physiotherapy recovery session was organized for all the players that played in the game to enable them for good recovery and better preparation for the next game.

The medical team inspected and controlled all food and waters that are to be served for the delegation to enable us to meet the required standard of hygiene, health and nutritional values during the camping periods.

FIFA U20 WORLD CUP 2023 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Grassroots football development has been championed by the sitting GFF Executive Committee as a core mandate from the onset of their tenure. This has indeed culminated in the harvest of fresh talent from all corners of the country, which is an unprecedented approach. This has been the lifeblood of the sustained success registered in the various national team categories, particularly the U-20.



The Gambia U-20 National Team's World Cup campaign in Argentina marked another milestone in the Gambia's consistent presence and success in international football competitions in recent years. Preparations began in earnest from August 2022 for the first qualifying tournament, the WAFU Zone A tournament held in Mauritania. The Gambia finished as runner up, automatically qualifying for the TOTALENERGIES CAF AFCON U-20 Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt. With stellar performances, the team finished as runner up again and qualified for the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2023 held in Argentina.



The success on the field was the result of the meticulous planning, organisation, and careful recruitment of the backroom staff, technical personnel, as well as the selection of players.





The administrative process required total coordination between the team administrator and the world football governing body FIFA to meet deadlines pertaining and not limited to visa processing, registration of players and officials, training camp and international friendly match arrangements in Argentina.

Being that the initial hosts for this biannual tournament was Indonesia, due an unforeseen circumstance, the venue had to be moved to Argentina. This was after much of the pre-tournament administration processes were already in full gear with Indonesian authorities and the Local Organising Committee (LOC). The decision to change the host was made only two months before the tournament's kick off date. It took another couple of weeks before Argentina was finally confirmed as the new hosts. During this period, an atmosphere of uncertainty engulfed the camp. All correspondences were put on a halt between FIFA and team administrators representing all 24 participating countries.

However, with the collaboration of FIFA Team Services, FIFA Travels, and the Argentinian Football Association (AFA), the Team Administrator was able to satisfactorily complete the required processes.

Collaborations with the various departments of the Football Federation was essential to execute tasks and meet deadlines.

The oversight and supervision received from the Head of Delegation and GFF 1st VP was immense and cannot be understated.

Administrative Duties and Functions



- Selection of players was primarily done by the Head Coach and his coaching staff. However, invitation letters for local and foreign based players were done by the Team Administrator.
- Weekly training budget during the initial stages of the preparations were also prepared by the Team Administrator.
- Flight arrangements for foreign based players who joined the local based core of the squad were done in cooperation with the Finance Department and the Procurement Officer
- All correspondence with FIFA pertaining to registration, training plan, hotel arrangements, transport coordination, menu selection etc.
- Coordinating planning meetings with the Head of Delegation and GFF 1st VP, the EXCO members, Technical Director, and the technical staff.
- Arranging for pre-tournament camp training sessions in Mendoza as well as a friendly match against local club Godoy Cruz U19 team.
- Arrangement of GFF EXCO and Government Officials boarding in Mendoza.
- Coordinating the match day transport arrangements with FIFA Security Officer and Team Liaison Officer.
- Attending FIFA Match Coordination Meeting alongside the Team Manager, Team Doctor, Kit Manager, and the Head of Delegation.
- Administer and supervise coaches on how to operate the FIFA "E-Start list".
- Coordinate the visa process for the entire group with the various Argentinian embassies where foreign based players reside.
- Due to the unavailability of time to host a mega event such as the FIFA U20 WORLD CUP, the Argentinean immigration had to be immensely flexible with the Gambian delegation's VISA procedures. Virtual interviews were conducted with each player and technical official. This was done at the GFF Technical Training Center in Yundum.
- Special Electronic Visas were issued for travel for the entire delegation of 45 people (except 3 players who joined the squad in Mendoza, Argentina, an unprecedented measure in Argentina.
- Coordinating with FIFA Travel to organize regional flight charter to Santiago Del Estero, the host city for the Round of 16 match up against Uruguay.
- Hotel arrangements for Gambia government representatives and GFF EXCO members in the city of Santiago del Estero.



TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS AND GLOBAL IMPACT!



FIFA officials requested for a special item from the Gambia to be displayed in the FIFA Museum in Zurich. The Head of Delegation in consultation with the Team Manager and Technical Team decided to gift the Gambian national team home jersey of star striker Adama Bojang.

There were tens of club representatives and football agents from around the world frequenting our hotel (MDD Mendoza) during our group stage matches in the city of Mendoza. Almost every player in the squad has been sought after by agents and in some cases actual club scouts. Wolfsburg (Germany), Botafogo

(Brazil), L A Galaxy (USA), Napoli (Italy), OG Nice (France), to name a few, all had at some point showed genuine interest in signing our players.

The head coach of mighty France accorded tremendous respect to the Gambian gaffer for his tactical nous and team discipline, a huge compliment considering the contrast in fortune. This was before the Gambia went on to defeat France to shock the football world, except the Gambian camp!



The crowd favorite in all our group matches due to the style of play and the surprise element this group exhibited during the tournament.



The unique connection between the Gambian delegation and the locals also had an impact in the energy created, culminating in the passion displayed by fans at the Malvinas Stadium in Mendoza.



The President and the Finance Director also took time to take pictures with young fans showing humility and accessibility throughout the journey. Also gifting memorabilia to our hotel chef and staff as well as the TLO (Tomas Duiulio) and security officer delegated by the local organizing committee.



The Team Manager playing the role of ambassador by presenting a flag to an airline worker during our transit flight from Buenos Aires to Mendoza.

SUMMARY



The FIFA U-20 World Cup 2023 in Argentina set a benchmark for future participations in this global event which is increasingly garnering significance in our national football development plan. Our performance as a football team, and executive representation. It is reasonable to foresee the continued representation of our U-20 national team in subsequent events.

However, there is always a learning curve for the whole team from which improvements and adjustments must be made to maximize our chances of further success.

It is also noteworthy to mention the disruption and eventual change of the host country by FIFA at the 11th hour. There was unpredictability during this period, and it made planning ahead difficult. However, all deadlines were met regarding the administrative processes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

GAMBIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION		Gambia Football Federation		Gambia Government		TOTAL	
FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE U20 WORLD CUP 2023		DALASI	USD	DALASI	USD	DALASI	USD
INCOME							
Direct Contribution	5,253,885.00	80,829.00	5,269,550.00	81,070.00	10,523,435.00	161,899.00	
EXPENDITURE							
Additional Travel cost for U20 Delegation	1,651,130.00	25,402.00	2,197,000.00	33,800.00	3,848,130.00	59,202.00	
Additional accommodation cost for U20 Delegation	3,602,755.00	55,427.00	-	-	3,602,755.00	55,427.00	
TRAINING CAMP & OTHER COST NOT COVERED BY FIFA							
Hire of Facilities for Test Game and Pre Tournament Training	-	-	286,000.00	4,400.00	286,000.00	4,400.00	
Logistics for Test Game and Training	-	-	45,500.00	700.00	45,500.00	700.00	
Transport Hire for Training	-	-	32,500.00	500.00	32,500.00	500.00	
Medical Expenses	-	-	3,900.00	60.00	3,900.00	60.00	
MOD Hotel Service Cost for U20	-	-	64,025.00	985.00	64,025.00	985.00	
Accommodation Buenos Aires AIRPORT HOTEL	-	-	47,086.00	724.40	47,086.00	724.40	
Extra Accommodation Accommodation Mendoza	-	-	149,500.00	2,300.00	149,500.00	2,300.00	
Extra Accommodation Accommodation Santiago	-	-	32,370.00	498.00	32,370.00	498.00	
Air ticket for 2 Journalists to Santiago - Buenos Aires	-	-	27,820.00	428.00	27,820.00	428.00	
Accommodation for 2 Journalist on return at Buenos Aires	-	-	17,390.10	267.54	17,390.10	267.54	
Food for players During transit	-	-	31,200.00	480.00	31,200.00	480.00	
Hire of Vehicle (Uber) for evening errands	-	-	8,450.00	130.00	8,450.00	130.00	
TEAM MATCH BONUSES							
Gambia 2 vs Honduras 1	-	-	815,750.00	12,550.00	815,750.00	12,550.00	
France 1 vs Gambia 2	-	-	815,750.00	12,550.00	815,750.00	12,550.00	
South Korea 0 vs Gambia 0	-	-	407,875.00	6,275.00	407,875.00	6,275.00	
Total Bonus to Officials	-	-	162,500.00	2,500.00	162,500.00	2,500.00	
Special Individual awards for Best Players etc	-	-	120,250.00	1,850.00	120,250.00	1,850.00	
TOTAL COST DURING THE U20 WORLD CUP	5,253,885.00	80,829.00	5,264,866.10	80,997.94	10,518,751.10	161,826.94	
Balance	-	-	4,683.90	72.06	4,683.90	72.06	
FOOT-NOTES							
<i>FIFA Provides Transportation, Lodging & Feeding for 29 people and The GFF has to pay for the extra 10 people.</i>							
<i>The U20 Delegation had a Training Camp in Mendoza from 15th to 17th May 2023 fully funded by the GFF.</i>							
<i>The U20 had a test game with a local team at a shared cost (Field Hire, Referees Indemnity and Other Expenses).</i>							
<i>FIFA started paying for the Gambia U20 team from the 18th May 2023.</i>							

PICTURES



