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THE TEKKI-FII PROGRAMME



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YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT
PROJECT
UNLOCKING POTENTIAL TO CREATE HEALTHY

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MAKE IT IN THE GAMBIA - THE TEKKI-FII PROGRAMME

The Tekkii-fii Programme, funded by the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF), was implemented from 2019-2022 to improve economic development and employment prospects for Gambian youth, including returning migrants. The programme sought to accomplish these goals - by promoting attractive employment and income opportunities and by nurturing a shift of perception from a “future through the backway” to a “future in the New Gambia”.

The programme focused on skills training programmes, entrepreneurship support, access to finance, institutional strengthening and rural infrastructural development. The programme built on and complemented two prior existing initiatives funded by the EU; the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) implemented by the ITC and the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration. Through collaboration with partner organisations across all regions and sectors, the programme has had a significant impact.

The Funder The European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF)

The European Union created the EUTF to address the root causes of instability, forced displacement and irregular migration and to contribute to improved migration management. The EUTF has adopted a two-fold approach to migration: awareness-raising to better inform young people about the risks of irregular migration complemented by migrant protection. In parallel, the Trust Fund targets the root causes of irregular migration through the development of in-country employment opportunities for young people.

THE TEKKI-FII IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE

ITC is a joint agency of the World Trade Organization and the United Nations. ITC assists small and medium-sized enterprises in developing and transition economies to become more competitive. In the Tekki-fii Programme in The Gambia, ITC implemented the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP).

For more information visit
intracen.org, yep.gm



INSTITUTO MARQUÊS DE VALLE FLÔR

IMVF is an international foundation for development and cooperation based in Lisbon. Established in The Gambia in 2018, IMVF is implementing a component of the Tekki-fii Programme targeting the youth and women of North Bank Region, Central River Region, Lower River Region and Upper River Region. The IMVF project was implemented in partnership with Agency for Development of Women and Children, United Purpose, Alianza por la Solidaridad.

For more information visit
www.imvf.org



ENABEL

Enabel is the development agency of the Belgian federal government, implementing and coordinating Belgium's international development policy. Enabel's intervention in The Gambia through the Rural Infrastructure for Economic Growth Project (RIEC) supports socioeconomic development and positive prospects for local populations and returning migrants.

For more information visit



DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is the German development agency and provides services in international cooperation for sustainable development. The Tekki-fii component implemented by GIZ International Services targeted youth and youth-led small businesses with skills training and business development support.

For more information visit



HOW THE TEKKI-FII PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTED TO THE GAMBIA'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The interventions and activities of the Tekki-fii Programme were implemented in close collaboration with the Gambian government and supported the strategic priorities of The Gambia's National Development Plan (2018-2021) in the following areas:



3. Modernizing our agriculture and fisheries for sustained economic growth, food and nutritional security and poverty reduction



3.2 Value chains enhanced for agriculture and livestock transformation



3.3 Increased production of basic agricultural commodities (crops and livestock) for enhanced food and nutrition security



6. Promoting an inclusive and culture-centred tourism for sustainable growth



6.1 Enhanced contribution of tourism for economic growth and employment opportunities



7. Reaping the demographic dividend through an empowered youth



7.1 Gainful employment opportunities created and entrepreneurial skills developed for Gambian youth



8. Making the private sector and trade the engine of growth, transformation, and job creation



8.3 MSME and industrial growth enhanced



8.4 Enhanced skills for employment and employability

COMPONENTS OF THE TEKKI-FII PROGRAMME

- **Skills training** for improved employability
- **Business development support & access to finance** for increased entrepreneurial income
- **Returnee integration** through training, start-up support and cash-for-work schemes
- **Institutional strengthening** of skill training institutions and business support organisations
- **Fostering of medium and small enterprises** in the focus sectors of poultry, horticulture, ICT, fashion, ruminant, food processing, agro-services, tourism and creative industries
- **Improving market linkages** through export coaching, quality programmes, trade fairs and other linking activities
- **Sensitisation on migration and social cohesion** for more awareness

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

9,535 direct jobs created in The Gambia



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

7,447 young people completed professional training through TVET programmes



INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

41 partnerships with local organisations to strengthen training capacities



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

4,612 young people benefitted from entrepreneurship and business advisory support



ACCESS TO FINANCE

979 young people received a start-up grant and 49 received loans

Over GMD 100 million were disbursed as Tekki-fii grants and start-up support



MSMEs

4,821 MSMEs created or scaled up with programme support



INCOME

11,736 people assisted to develop income-generating activities



FARMLANDS

124 hectares of land benefitted from improved agriculture management



OUTREACH

582,754 Gambians reached by Tekki-fii campaign



COVID-19 RESPONSE

212,910 pieces of personal protective equipment distributed

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The Tekki-fii Programme initiated a series of projects that focused on creating employment opportunities for young people, including migrant returnees. The programme partnered with stakeholders across sectors such as tourism, construction, security, fashion, and IT to unlock the potential of young people through skills development, entrepreneurship, and access to finance to enhance their employment and income generation opportunities.



- **9,535 jobs (69% women)** were directly created through support by the Tekki-fii Programme



- **11,736** people were assisted by the programme to develop income-generating activities



- **1,521** entrepreneurs have started their own business after receiving Tekki-fii funded support contributing to the creation of more than 750 jobs.



- **4,821** micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises were created or scaled up through support of the Tekki-fii Programme which employed additional young Gambians



- **564** young people were hired through cash-for-work programmes

VOICES OF TEKKI-FII BENEFICIARIES



Ramatoulie Mbye

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The YEP digitalisation programme has benefited my business in several ways, the greatest of which is that I now have an online store for my products”.

Ramatoulie Mbye is the owner of Dignified - a made-in The Gambia garment and accessories business. She realised substantial growth in her company’s visibility through Tekki-fii. The programme supported her business in building a digital home, opening doors to new markets, thereby enabling her to currently employ six young people.



Fatou Bah

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The Tekki-fii Programme supported my training in catering. Upon completion, I was also supported with start-up kits to start my business. Today, I’m running a restaurant in Jarra Soma & employing other young people.”

Fatou Bah was given a scholarship to study catering at Gaye Njorro Skills Academy. To further support her entrepreneurial journey, when she completed her training, the Tekki-fii Programme supported her with start-up kits. She currently runs Munyagen restaurant where she is earning income and employing other young people.



 Luwang Ceesay

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Before the Tekki-fii grant, my only market was my relatives and people in my immediate surrounding. But now, a lot of people see my shop and they get to see me work.”

The only seamstress in Pakalinding, Luwang Ceesay, is on a journey to achieve her goal and carry on her father’s legacy. With the Tekki-fii Mini Grant, she expanded her initial business to a tailoring shop with three sewing machines located along the highway.



 Fatou Jallow

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I now have more products than before, and I’m also venturing into catering. I don’t want to stop here and God willing, I plan to expand, get machines to process my products in bulk”.

With the support of the Tekki-fii Programme, Fatou Jallow participated in a several Trade Fairs in The Gambia and the Youth Agribusiness and Tourism Exhibition. This helped her business to increase its visibility, market exposure, and sales.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPROVED EMPLOYABILITY

An important objective of the Tekki-fii Programme was to increase the employability of young people. The programme strengthened the operational and strategic capacity of institutions and supported the development of curricula to improve the provision of quality services and equip young Gambians with skills.

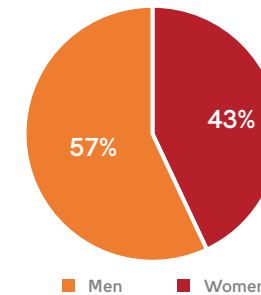


7,447 youths completed a project funded technical or vocational training programme or apprenticeship



41 partnerships with local organisations to strengthen training capacities and deliver quality services

Gender of skill trainees



28 new standards and curricula developed in entrepreneurship, agribusiness, tourism, ICT, and creative industries



489 migrant returnees supported through skills training, entrepreneurship support and reintegration assistance



6,885 young people received career guidance and counselling



 Modou Korkea

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Through the Tekki-fii Programme, I have learnt better ways to manage my business and maintain a standard record of my earnings. It has given me room to network with other professionals and realise my ambitious dreams”.

Modou Korkea travelled to Morocco with the objective of making it to Europe. As a result of the constant suffering and everyday struggles he experienced abroad, Modou decided to return to The Gambia and pursue his dreams. Today, Modou owns two barbershops in Bakau and earns a decent income, while employing, and training other young people.



 Kawsu Jaiteh

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I plan to expand and build a company on electronics so that I can employ more young people. My advice for the youth is for them to seek knowledge. Learn a skill and work because what we are searching for in other countries is here in The Gambia”.

Kawsu Jaiteh set out on the perilous journey to Libya in the hope of traveling across the Mediterranean Sea to Europe. He had a terrible experience in Libya which led him to decide to return home. Returning to The Gambia, Kawsu received support from the Tekki-fii Programme to attend a 6-month skills training in solar installation at Sterling Technical Training Centre. Today, he has a decent job and already trained 8 other young people.



 Masamba Ceesay

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The course was a great experience in many ways. I learnt the modern techniques involved in earth construction and would like to implement the same techniques in my construction business. I would also want to transfer this knowledge to my fellow youth.”

The Tekki-fii Programme supported a group of young Gambians to travel to The Auroville Earth Institute in India to participate in a training programme on Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB). Back in The Gambia, Masamba Ceesay and his fellow craftsmen have applied the environmental and sustainable construction technique. That way, illegal sand mining was reduced, and new jobs were created.

FOSTERING A CULTURE OF YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Entrepreneurship has a critical role in promoting innovations and is one of the main drivers of sustainable economic growth. The Tekki-fii Programme worked with Business Support Organisations and other partners to provide entrepreneurship training, coaching and business advisory support to start-ups and MSMEs. The Programme further built the capacity of these institutions to enable them to provide these services efficiently.



- **11,736** young people benefitted from entrepreneurship and business advisory support



- **979** young entrepreneurs received a Tekki-fii grant or start-up kit
- **Over GMD 100 million** were disbursed as Tekki-fii grants and start-up support
- **GMD 13 million** of private capital were unlocked for young entrepreneurs through the Tekki-fii Mini Loan scheme in 37 working capital and 8 equipment loans

VOICES OF TEKKI-FII BENEFICIARIES



Abdoulie Njie

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I benefited from the Tekki-fii mini-grant, which aided in the establishment of my business. I currently employ three young individuals.”

Abdoulie Njie is the owner of Jabana Enterprise. The business specializes in electrical installation and sale of electrical equipment. The mini grant helped him expand his services offered and his customer base.



Muhammed Ceesay

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I must say, Tekki Fii is one of the best youth programmes in The Gambia. It is encouraging and challenging youths to learn skills, do business and make it in The Gambia.”

Initially thinking of migrating to Europe, Muhammed Ceesay instead challenged himself to improve his skills and start a business. With the support of the Tekki-fii mini-grant, Muhammed Ceesay started his digital business PROSPECTIVE. Today, he already employs five people and accommodates interns from different schools. Muhammed Ceesay calls young people to challenge themselves to do something beneficial for the country.

BOOSTING SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of the Gambian economy. A vibrant and strong MSME ecosystem drives innovation and promotes job creation. In collaboration with partners, the Tekki-fii Programme supported the competitiveness of MSMEs through access to finance and market opportunities to promote inclusive and sustainable development.



- **4821** micro, small and medium-sized enterprises were directly supported by the programme



- **20** agro-processing centres, 5 beekeeping parks and 5 bakeries have been created, directly benefiting more than 500 agropreneurs.



- **74** production centres and community gardens were strengthened and assisted to increase production



- **108** trainers trained in quality related programmes to improve compliance of Gambian products to international standards and market requirements.



- **381** MSMEs sensitized in programmes on quality improvement and food safety.



- In close collaboration with Gambian Horticultural Enterprises (GHE), the programme established a Packaging Hub to support rising companies with training on packaging and access to equipment and materials. In parallel, the Programme provided technical training and coaching to young entrepreneurs to improve their product packaging



- The first Gambia Angel Investors Network (GAIN) was established and 2 investments facilitated with support of the Tekk-fii Programme

THE HORTICULTURE AND PROCESSING SECTORS

Agriculture accounts for 22.8% of The Gambia's GDP and employs more than 70% of the work force including many young people and women living in rural areas. The Tekki-fii Programme focused on horticulture as a priority sector providing support along the entire value chain.

- Over **100** groundnut and cereal processing machines were distributed to **14** enterprises in **2018** creating more than **1000** direct jobs
- More than **3,300** small holder farmers supported
- **17** Farmer Field Schools (FFS) rolled out
- **295** agro-enterprises created or supported
- **21** vegetable gardens supported with new or improved infrastructures for access to water and/or fencing
- **8** large garden walls, 3 processing plants and 4 youth booths for agricultural processing and marketing constructed
- **474** youths received skills training in small ruminants, poultry, horticulture processing and small engines for agriculture
- More than **604** women and youths have been supported with solar-powered irrigation systems





Alfu Sarr

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I am a full-time agribusiness entrepreneur. Today, thanks to the Programme, I am earning a decent income which I use to support myself and my family.”

Alfu Sarr benefitted from a mini grant and a training programme. The Tekki-fii Programme aided him formalise his business. Alfu is creating jobs and supporting other young entrepreneurs in the rural areas to excel in business

THE POULTRY SECTOR

The poultry sector offers interesting opportunities for young Gambians thanks to the high demand, relatively low start-up costs and short time needed to start earning money. The Tekki-fii Programme fostered opportunities along the value chain, from feed production, breeding, farming, slaughtering to marketing. The programme invested in business infrastructure and offered technical training and coaching to scale the businesses and add more value in the sector.



Burama Dampha

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I benefited from entrepreneurship training. I had only one processing machine before the training. After the training, I received support in the form of a mini grant, which enabled me to grow my business. Now, I have 6 employees.

- **More than 100** young poultry farmers supported with training and access to finance
- Youth and women group were supported with poultry inputs, including a small-scale slaughter unit, freezer and marketing unit in Janjanbureh
- A curriculum on poultry farming was developed and **4** training institutions supported in implementation
- The Department of Livestock was supported with lab equipment and data collection advisory support
- Young Poultry Farmers Association was strengthened to coordinate sector support, collect data and facilitate marketing and business
- New dual purpose chicken breed was introduced in The Gambia (pilot)



Alieu Kebbeh

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I started poultry farming with only 50 birds. But I increased to 200 when I received the mini-grant. This package came with entrepreneurship training that allowed me to gain skills to expand my network. Now I can supply 5000 birds to customers across the country.”

THE INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SECTOR

Information, Communication and Technology is a growing industry in The Gambia and a key enabler for many other value chains. The Tekki-fii programmes supported critical sector associations, implemented a start-up programme for tech entrepreneurs, fostered innovation and leveraged the support to ICT companies to roll out digitalization packages in other industries.

- Information Technology Association Gambia (ITAG) supported and fostered through strategy consulting, digitalisation and co-organising of events
- Development of a nationally accredited occupational standard for application development supported
- More than **30** Gambian companies benefitted from digitalization packages
- **30** people trained on 3D design, printing and assembling
- Equipping more than **300** individuals, including freelancers with digital skills such as digital marketing, cybersecurity, IC3 user skills, digital literacy, leadership & proposal writing
- Organising 3 hackathons on gathering more than **100** young Gambians to build innovative solutions around Healthtech, agritech and COVID19 responses
- Support of **20** digital start-ups with different incubation and acceleration activities: training, coaching, expansion activities and local, regional and international B2B events

THE TOURISM AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES SECTORS

Widely known as the Smiling Coast of Africa, The Gambia offers stunning nature and a rich history and cultural heritage. The Tekki-fii Programme collaborated with partners to promote tourism products and create job opportunities for young Gambians with a focus on inclusive and sustainable tourism and backward linkages with other sectors.

- Product development and marketing of the Ninki Nanka trail,
- Support to community-based tourism in Janjanbureh and surrounding communities
- Revival of the Janjanbureh Kankurang Festival
- Development of new curricula and roll out of market led skills training
- Establishment of The Gambia's Good Market supported to improve access to tourism markets for quality Made in Gambia products by young entrepreneurs
- Organization of the first dance championship in The Gambia



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The Tekki-fii Programme has impacted many young people through our organization - Janjanbureh Tour Guides Association. As a young woman, the Programme has equipped me with relevant skills that have helped me realize my potential and carved a career path in tourism. I started as a tour guide and today I am a regional tourism officer for the Gambia Tourism Board - making good income in my home community in the rural area.” - Isatou Foon

Janjanbureh is located on an island on the river Gambia. The beautiful town is a popular destination for tourists. Supported by Tekki-fii, Isatou Foon became the first youth trainer in community-based tourism in The Gambia. Today, she is appointed as the Regional Tourism Officer of the Gambia Tourism Board and inspires and encourages other young women to venture into community-based tourism to foster sustainable tourism and improve their livelihoods.



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The support by YEP has been a big boost and the Janjanbureh Festival has grown to be one of the most anticipated festivals in the year.” - Vice President Isatou Touray

Youth leaders in Janjanbureh with the support of the Tekki-fii Programme partners revived the Kankurang Festival five years ago to bring people closer and promote the country’s cultural heritage. The festival is promoting culture, boosting tourism, and creating employment opportunities for young people.



Masquerades dance to cultural music

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I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Tekki-fii programme for been the first to support this initiative. They believed in us and supported when no one would.” - Ndey Fatou Jabang

With support from the Tekki-fii Programme, Flex Fuzion Dance Academy was able to stage the first ever dance championship in The Gambia. Ndey Fatou Jabang is the founder of Flex Fuzion Entertainment and The Dance Academy, The Gambia’s first dance company. With the support of YEP, her team works on empowering youth in the creative industry. “People think dance doesn’t pay the bills. I had to work on changing minds, not only on the importance of dance but also on its role in creating jobs.” Ndey Fatou Jabang says.

ACCESSING NEW DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

The Tekki-fii Programme offered support in keeping with market and labour demand. market access, the Tekki-fii Programme forged partnerships to create market opportunities for young and women entrepreneurs to boost growth. To promote exports, the Tekki-fii Programme also supported activities that ensured products meet quality and safety criteria.

TRADE FAIRS AND MARKET LINKAGES

- 5 editions of the annual Trade Fair Gambia International supported
- 1,062 businesses participated in market linkage activities including domestic and international exposure
- 1,214 horticulture farmers and their gardening cooperatives were successfully linked to buyers.
- As part of the COVID pandemic response package, the Tekki Fii programme supported horticulture farmers to sell **298 tons** of onion worth **GMD 7.2 million**

- **615** young farmers have been linked to national markets and formed into **22** cooperatives.
- An innovative Export Advancement Programme (EAP) in the fashion and food & beverages industries fostered export and marketing capacities. Simultaneously, the pilot allowed participating companies to build relationships with selected regional and international importers and wholesalers.
- 7 coaches from the private sector were trained by international experts and provided tailored export advisory to **24** MSMEs.



VOICES OF TEKKI-FII BENEFICIARIES



Hassan Y. Jallow

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Our first participation at the Trade Fair Gambia International was a great opportunity to showcase our products and services, expand our client base and network with seasoned entrepreneurs.”

Hassan Y. Jallow established the software firm Assutech in 2015. Assutech is one of the many companies that the Tekki-fi Programme has supported over the years to participate at the International Trade Fair at the Youth Pavilion.

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Thanks to the support I received from YEP, I was able to participate in the Trade Fair Gambia International. This increased visibility of my brand. Currently, I have two employees but intend for more expansion.”

Afritaste is a food and beverage company that offers a creative and unique combination of exotic flavours and tastes. Participating in trade fair allowed the company to boost its brand and increase sales.



Mariama Johm



 Adama Ceesay

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Like some of the vendors, this was my first time having a stall at the Trade Fair Gambia International. For that reason, I was a bit uncertain about how the business will pan out. But during the first week, I sold almost all the products I had in my stall. It was a surreal experience for me.”

As a first timer at the Trade Fair Gambia International, Adama never thought that by the end of the trade event, she would only be taking empty tables and many new contacts back to her shop. Adama Ceesay owns a processing facility right in the heart of Serrekunda where she produces groundnut oil, groundnut paste, and roasted groundnut.

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I participated at the Gambia's Good Market and at the Trade Fair International, as a result of the support I received from the Tekki-fii Programme. This enabled me to make sales and increase the visibility of my business.”

BJ Fashion specializes in making chokers with matching hair ties, pillowcases, bed sheets, aprons, and unique African wears for both men and women.



 Binta Jammeh

REACHING TO THE YOUNGEST

25 upper basic and senior secondary schools and 58 madarassas have been supported by the Tekki-Fii programme to enhance the learning of agribusiness and migration, changing the mindset of the youths towards the opportunities in the sector. Sports activities were also promoted as a tool to develop key employability skills.



 Ousman Ndow

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Madarassas were less privileged to know the opportunities available in the country compared to that of western education schools. So, now going there to tell about the opportunities available in the country will boost their moral capacity and understanding, create the awareness so that they can also see themselves as an equal part of the society.



 Yankuba Darboe

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I am involved in so many Tekki Fii programmes... The first programme was the stakeholder dialogue in sports for development. It pays a dividend to my life and my colleagues who are around in LRR developing and supporting football. As referees, then there was a lot of misunderstanding between us, the team management, and the fans. But from that training, we were able to tell them some of the things they need to know and now they are able to understand some of the laws of the game. Now we come to the field, we play football peacefully. Then there was a lot of chaos within our football, that was disturbing us a lot, but now there is a lot of development through those training.

FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainability was at the heart of the Tekki-fii Programme. Investments in the operational and technical capacity of Gambian institutions, such as skills training centres, business support organisations or youth centres ensures that young Gambians will benefit from more and improved services well beyond the end date of the Programme. **Tekki-fii entered into 41** partnerships with local organisations to strengthen training capacities and deliver quality services



- **6 skills training centres** were revived and/or created in four regions and two youth centres benefited from capacity building support



- **9 skills training centres** were provided with tools and equipment



- **A new Youth Center was built and two Youth Centres were refurbished** and enhanced to offer economic and social services to young Gambians
- The programme supported the establishment of the Gambia Angels Investor Network (GAIN), the first investor network in the country

The programme's partners share how the Tekki-fii Programme had a transformative impact on their institutions:



BABOUCARR KEBBEH
CEO, The Gambia Youth Chamber of Commerce (GYCC)

“The Tekki-fii Programme has given GYCC much more recognition and helped building the capacity of staff in project management and implementation. Today, GYCC is using these skills and knowledge to partner with other institutions and agencies to galvanise support for young entrepreneurs in The Gambia.”



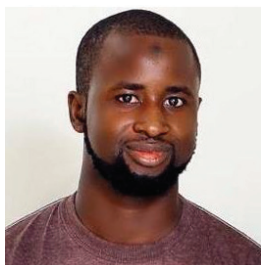
FATOU SAINE GAYE
Founder and CEO,
Gaye Njorro Skills Academy

“The Tekki-fii Programme is the most impactful programme towards youth development in The Gambia. Gayenjorro Skills Academy was opportune to train youths across three regions in various skills. Thanks to the programme, if you walk into the business centers of the Greater Banjul Area, North Bank Region and Lower River Region today, you find a graduate of Gaye Njorro Skills Academy doing business.”



KEBBA SILLAH
CEO, Sterling Technical
Training Centre (STTC)

“At the infancy stage of the Sterling Technical Training Centre, when our vision was so big and clear to us, many institutions had doubts in our ability to carry out this dream. But not the Tekki-fii Programme which clearly understood our vision and trusted it. Today, because of that partnership, Sterling Technical Training Centre is considered as one of the best TVET centres in The Gambia.”



SULAYMAN MAREGA
Secretary General,
The Young Poultry Farmers Association
(YPFAG)

“The Tekki-fii Programme has been one of the best gifts to the poultry sector. The programme helped in the establishment of our well-structured organization. With its support in capacity building and international experts, today the association has managed to register more than 600 poultry farmers across the country. The programme supported the processing of more than 42,000 broiler chickens and helped in the establishment of our poultry database and website. The YPFAG will continue to build a strong poultry industry.”



BERAN DONDEH
President, The Information Technology
Association of The Gambia (ITAG)

“The Tekki-fii Programme has supported the Information Technology Association of The Gambia (ITAG) over the past four years. With financial and technical support, we set up a new office and organised industry events at national, regional, and international level that brought ecosystem players together. ITAG held the biggest ICT event ever in The Gambia, The ICT Expo. Through reviving our annual general meetings, ITAG is a fully operational association now thus bringing more to the ecosystem and its stakeholders.”



HON. OUSMAN SILLAH
Chairperson Board of Trustees,
Crab Island Technical and Vocational
Education Training Centre

“The timely intervention of the Tekki-fii Programme in Crab Island Technical and Vocational Education Training Centre in Banjul, has built capacities that guarantee future career paths and given hope to many young people who otherwise may not had such an opportunity.”



SANG MENDY
Managing Director, Media Academy for Journalism and Communication (MAJaC)

“The Tekki-fii Programme supported MAJaC in the development of a Film and Photography curriculum. This gives us variety and allows Gambians to pursue a career in the creative industries. The curriculum, added to our Journalism and Communication programme will surely boost income generation”



ALPHA OUSMAN BAH
Headmaster, Njaba Kunda Upper & Senior Secondary School

“The support received from the Tekki-fii Programme will go a long way in helping us to maintain students in this school.”



PETER MENDY
GTHI

“The Tekki fii Programme has provided hospitality skills in all the regions of The Gambia, thus creating employment opportunities for over 1500 youths.”



OZIOMA IKONNE
Head of Professional Department University of Applied Science, Engineering and Technology

“The Tekki-Fi programme as implemented by the YEP Gambia project represents a masterclass in international development cooperation. For GTTI, the highlight of Tekki-Fii Programme impact on institutional development remains its support in building GTTI’s capacity in the use of tracer research evidence and modern equipment to enhance the quality of its TVET courses. These are practices that have since been mainstreamed into GTTI’s institutional training delivery strategy.”



MR. HARDIK JOSHI
Director of Business Development, India Institute of Hardware Technology Gambia Limited

IIHT Gambia Ltd. benefited from 2 skills training projects. 230 students were trained in Network Security, Digital Marketing, Graphic Design, and Web Development which impacted their lives positively.

120 students out of the total enrolment are presently under full-time employment and 60 are engaged in self-employment.



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