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Governance & Trust

Human Development

Economic Integrity

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COALITION 2026 COMMITMENTS AND TIMELINES

What we will do. And when.

“Our commitments address household costs, livelihoods, public services and accountable government. Each action sets out what we will do and when.”

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Governance & Trust

Credible and accountable institutions

PILLAR 2

Human Development

Strengthened human capability

PILLAR 3

Economic Integrity

An economy that produces, retains value, and rewards work with prosperity

“The objective is not to promise everything, but to deliver what matters, with discipline, transparency, and results.”

COALITION 2026 MANIFESTO • FOREWORD

COST OF LIVING & THE ECONOMY

Prices, pay and credit for Gambian enterprise

01 COST OF LIVING

Treat the rising cost of living as a national emergency. Launch an Emergency Cost of Living Programme to bring down the cost of essential foods, daily transport and electricity. Establish a dedicated task force to coordinate reforms, publish price-reduction targets, track a basket of everyday household costs monthly, and deliver measurable relief.

WHEN Within 12 months

02 FAIR WAGES

Establish a sector-based minimum wage framework, beginning with government and expanding progressively according to productivity and economic capacity of the private sector.

WHEN Within 12 months

03 FOOD PRODUCTION AND AFFORDABILITY

Introduce targeted tariffs on selected imported food products where domestic production capacity exists, while safeguarding food affordability and national food security.

WHEN Within 12 months

04 GAMBIAN BUSINESSES

Implement a Gambians First procurement framework requiring eligible public contracts to go to Gambian-owned or Gambian-led enterprises where verified domestic capacity exists.

WHEN Within 1 year

05 DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

Establish a National Development Bank to provide long-term finance and investment support for manufacturing, agro-processing, fisheries, infrastructure and logistics.

WHEN Within 3 years

SECURITY & JUSTICE

Safer communities and a justice system that delivers

06 NATIONAL SECURITY

Complete the core security-sector reforms needed for Gambian security forces to assume national-security responsibilities and end reliance on ECOMIG forces.

WHEN Within 2 years

07 COMMUNITY SAFETY

Set minimum police presence standards, prioritising growing urban and peri-urban communities.

WHEN Within 12 months

08 SERIOUS CRIME

Establish an integrated Serious Crime and Homicide Reduction Strategy covering prevention, specialist investigation, forensic evidence, prosecution, victim-family support and offender management.

WHEN Within 12 months

09 DEATH PENALTY

Apply the death penalty in capital offence cases only after all appeals have been exhausted and strict safeguards against wrongful conviction have been satisfied.

WHEN Within 6 months

10 PROTECTION AT POLICE STATIONS

Deploy trained welfare officers to every police station to handle cases involving children, women and survivors of sexual or gender-based violence.

WHEN Within 24 months

11 INDEPENDENT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Separate the Attorney General from the Minister of Justice, establishing the Attorney General as an independent office to protect the public interest and uphold the Constitution.

WHEN Within 2 years

12 ARMED FORCES PROFESSIONALISM

Strengthen transparent promotions, training, service conditions and career development in the Gambia Armed Forces.

WHEN Within 3 years

13 DEFENCE READINESS

Improve the operational readiness of the armed forces through appropriate vehicles, equipment and logistical support for national defence and domestic security support roles.

WHEN Within 3 years

14 SECURITY PERSONNEL WELFARE

Expand housing, medical and family welfare support for security personnel, including dedicated housing units, access to military medical care and affordable access to essential goods and services.

WHEN Within 5 years

ACTIONS 15 - 17

HEALTHCARE

Care closer to home, delivered by a stronger health service

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HEALTHCARE FUNDING

Increase the health allocation to at least 15% of the annual national budget, in line with the Abuja Declaration.

WHEN Within 3 years

16

HEALTH WORKERS

Launch a healthcare workforce welfare and development programme investing in staff training, development and retention.

WHEN Within 2 years

17

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

Decentralise and strengthen primary healthcare services so healthcare reaches more communities efficiently.

WHEN Over 3 years

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GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

Reform citizens can see and government they can hold to account

18 CONSTITUTION AND TERM LIMITS

Introduce constitutional amendment legislation and complete the constitutional review process, leading to a referendum to enact a two-term presidential limit.

WHEN Legislation within 6 months

19 VICTIMS REPARATIONS

Fund the Victims Reparations Commission through annual budget allocations and clear outstanding verified claims, with public progress reports twice a year.

WHEN Within 1 year

20 PUBLIC CONTRACTS

Launch a public online procurement platform showing all tenders, awards, complaints and outcomes in real time.

WHEN Within 12 months

21 INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Give the Anti-Corruption, Access to Information and Human Rights Commissions full fiscal and enforcement autonomy.

WHEN Within 2 years

22 FREEDOM TO ORGANISE AND PROTEST

Repeal public order act and guarantee protections for civic participation, including the right to organize and protest, with enforcement against intimidation and abuse.

WHEN Within 12 months

23 ASSET DECLARATIONS

Enforce periodic asset declarations by political officeholders, with penalties for non-compliance.

WHEN Within the first 6 months

24 AUDIT ACCOUNTABILITY

Actively follow up findings in the Auditor General's reports and publicly report the outcomes.

WHEN Annually

25 PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Complete the civil service reform agenda and set measurable performance and accountability targets for public institutions and senior officials, tied to service-delivery outcomes.

WHEN Within 2 years

26 TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT RECORDS

Digitise core government operations and establish centralised, searchable digital records so official business is secure and decisions can be traced.

WHEN Within 2 years



ACTIONS 27 – 30

ENERGY & WATER

Reliable power and safe water for every household

27 NAWEC ACCOUNTABILITY

Commission and publish an independent technical, financial, operational and legal assessment of NAWEC's electricity and water services to guide restructuring and investment.

WHEN Within the first 12 months

28 ELECTRICITY SECTOR REFORM

Open the sector to institutional investors and separate electricity generation, transmission, distribution and retail supply, with a transparent regulatory and operational framework promoting efficiency, accountability and competition.

WHEN Within 2 years

29 DOMESTIC ELECTRICITY GENERATION

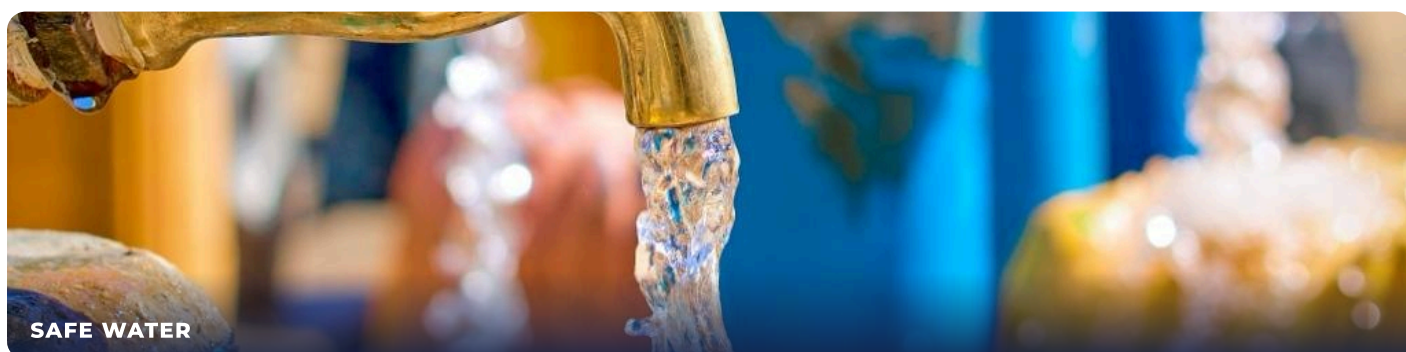
Increase the capacity of locally generated electricity, prioritising domestic production to strengthen base-load supply and reduce dependence on imported energy.

WHEN Within the first 5 years

30 SAFE DRINKING WATER

Extend access to safe and reliable drinking water to 100% of the population, with annual public reporting on coverage, quality and affordability.

WHEN Within 5 years



SAFE WATER

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ACTIONS 31 – 34

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & FORESTRY

Food from Gambian farms, waters and forests

31

FINANCE FOR FARMERS

Establish concessional agricultural finance, including long-term credit for farmers, cooperatives and agribusinesses investing in food production, processing and storage.

WHEN Within 18 months

32

FISHING LIVELIHOODS

Declare an embargo on foreign industrial fishing trawlers and establish protected coastal fishing zones.

WHEN Suspension within 6 months

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REVITALISE RIVER TRANSPORT

Revitalise river transport for agricultural logistics by rehabilitating key jetties and promoting waterborne transport between production zones and markets.

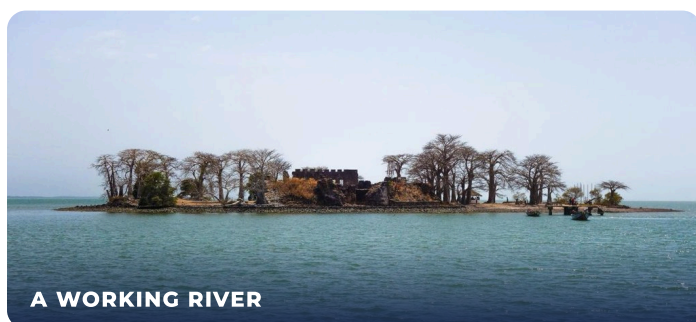
WHEN Within 3 years

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PROTECTED FORESTS

Introduce constitutional and legislative safeguards preventing gazetted forests from being converted by ministerial order alone, requiring public consultation, environmental assessment, parliamentary approval and published justification.

WHEN Within 2 years



A WORKING RIVER



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EDUCATION & YOUTH

From the classroom to the first job

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STUDENT LOANS

Introduce a national student loan scheme for disadvantaged students to access tertiary education, backed by government guarantees and financial-sector partnerships, with repayment beginning after graduation.

WHEN Within 2 years

36

TEACHERS

Prioritise teacher recruitment, training and retention, including targeted incentives and competitive pay.

WHEN Starting in Year 1

37

EDUCATION FUNDING

Progressively increase public education financing and formalise public-private collaboration agreements to support The Gambia's development as a regional education hub.

WHEN Over the first 3 fiscal years

38

SCHOOL HUNGER AND WELFARE

Establish a School Readiness Support Programme addressing hunger, learning-material shortages and basic student welfare in underserved public schools, starting with the lowest-performing constituencies.

WHEN Within 2 years

39

SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Launch an emergency intervention to reverse the decline in secondary school results. Over the longer term, invest in secondary school education, expand school capacity in underserved regions and increase enrolment in accredited technical and vocational education institutions.

WHEN Emergency intervention starting in Year 1; longer-term education investment within 5 years

40

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Provide support to religious schools. Create a national plan to help faith-based learning centres, study programmes and residential learning settings.

WHEN Religious school support within 1 year; national plan within 2 years

41

RECRUITMENT OF ARABIC SCHOOL GRADUATES

Ensure that diplomatic appointments to the Middle East and the Arab world prioritize qualified Arabic educated Gambians

42

YOUTH ENTERPRISE

Expand finance, entrepreneurship support, mentorship and market access for youth-led enterprises.

WHEN Within 2 years

43

COMMUNITY SPORTS FACILITIES

Facilitate the building of community mini-stadiums and multi-purpose sports facilities in every region to support grassroots sport and recreation.

WHEN Within 5 years

44

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Introduce a subsidised school bus service so students can get to school easily and affordably.

WHEN Within 2 years



ACTIONS 45 · 49

WOMEN, CHILDREN & INCLUSION

Opportunity and protection for every woman and child

45

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Achieve at least 40% women's representation on public boards and commissions, with annual reporting.

WHEN Within 3 years

46

WOMEN-LED ENTERPRISES

Introduce procurement and enterprise-support reforms to expand opportunities for women-led initiatives, with defined targets and reporting.

WHEN Within 12 months

47

WOMEN IN ELECTED OFFICE

Introduce legislation to increase women's representation in elected office, supported by candidate preparation, leadership development, campaign support and published representation targets.

WHEN Within 3 years

48

CHILD EXPLOITATION

Introduce prevention, family support and enforcement programmes to reduce child labour, street begging, exploitation and early marriage, with annual reporting.

WHEN Starting in Year 1

49

DISABILITY RIGHTS AND ACCESS

Strengthen the Disability Act's enforcement provisions and accessibility and inclusion standards across public institutions.

WHEN Within 2 years

TOURISM & HERITAGE

A year-round visitor economy that keeps value at home

50

TOURISM GROWTH

Double annual tourist arrivals through coordinated aviation policy, destination marketing, diversified tourism products and year-round connectivity.

WHEN Within 5 years

51

PUBLIC BEACHES AND TOURISM LAND

Review Tourism Development Area policies and existing tourism land allocations to protect public beach access and community interests, expand public amenities and promote investment in under-developed regions.

WHEN Within 2 years

52

SECURIPOINT CONTRACT

Review the Securiport contract's national-interest implications and pursue renegotiation or termination.

WHEN Review within 12 months

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DIASPORA & MIGRATION

Dignified movement, investment and voice for Gambians abroad

53

RETURNEE BUSINESSES

Launch a government-backed Migration Enterprise Fund offering concessional finance and credit guarantees to returnee-led and migrant-linked enterprises.

WHEN Fund launched within 12 months

54

LEGAL MIGRATION PATHWAYS

Establish a Migration, Mobility and Return With Dignity framework and secure bilateral agreements supporting safe and legal employment and study programmes, vocational training and dignified return.

WHEN Within 2 years

55

DIASPORA POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Operationalise diaspora voting and establish formal representation mechanisms, including a parliamentary representation framework.

WHEN Voting at the first presidential election after taking office; representation mechanisms within 2 years

56

DIASPORA INVESTMENT

Launch a Diaspora Investment and Bond Programme enabling Gambians abroad to invest in national development projects while earning competitive returns.

WHEN Within 3 years

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ACTIONS 57 · 60

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Delivered locally, connected nationally

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CONNECTED INFRASTRUCTURE

Publish a 30-year National Infrastructure and Transport Master Plan with a 10-year implementation framework linking roads, bridges, river transport, utilities and logistics.

WHEN Plan and implementation framework within 2 years

58

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Pay annual local government subventions as they fall due and allocate defined national tax quotas to municipal authorities.

WHEN Subventions annually as due; tax transfers within 12 months

59

SKILLED LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

Establish a Local Government Human Resource and Pay Reform Framework enabling councils to set competitive pay within national bands and recruit and retain qualified staff.

WHEN Within 2 years

60

WASTE AND SANITATION

Strengthen municipal waste collection, disposal, recycling and sanitation, with enforcement against illegal dumping.

WHEN Within 3 years

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HOUSING & LAND

Secure homes and transparent land administration

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Facilitate at least 10,000 affordable homes for rent and low-cost ownership through concessional financing with the Social Security and Housing Finance Corporation and other financial institutions.

WHEN Over 5 years

62

LAND ALLOCATION

Set up a transparent, rule-based land allocation framework and suspend all new land allocations to private companies and individuals pending a thorough review.

WHEN Suspension within the first 6 months; framework within 12 months

63

SECURE LAND OWNERSHIP

Digitise and register all land parcels in The Gambia into one secure, searchable national database, recording verified ownership and title history.

WHEN Within 2 years

64

STRATEGIC LAND PROTECTION

Strengthen enforcement of existing restrictions on foreign ownership of strategic land resources, with transparent monitoring and compliance reporting.

WHEN Within 2 years

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ACTIONS 65 · 66

LOCAL INDUSTRY & CRAFT

Gambian hands behind Gambian products

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ARTISAN FINANCE

Create an Artisan Development Finance Window offering concessional loans and government-backed credit guarantees to help small workshops expand production.

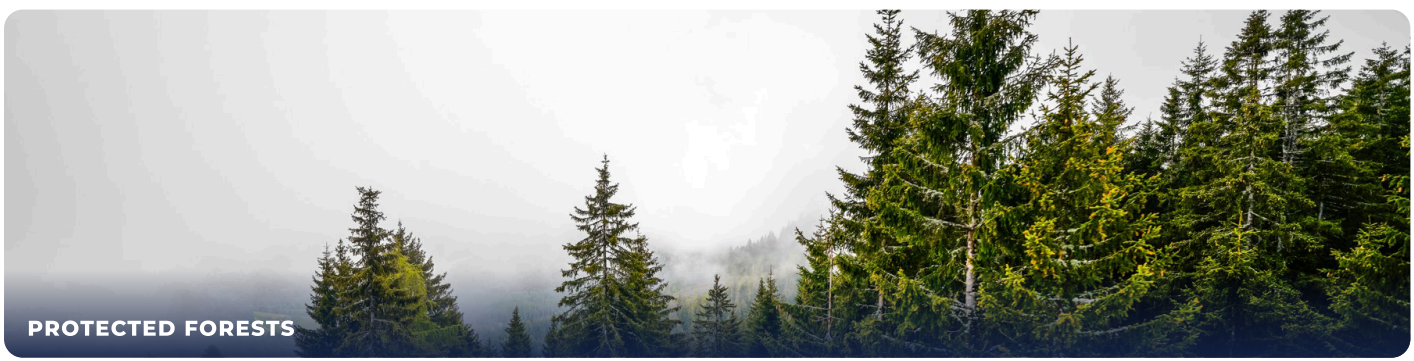
WHEN Within 2 years

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LOCAL TIMBER AND FURNITURE

Launch Operation “Furnish Gambia with Gambian Hands” — a combined drive to keep Gambian wood for local furniture and construction while encouraging public institutions, hotels, banks and businesses to prioritise locally produced furniture and artisan products, creating jobs and value at home.

WHEN Operation launch: Within 12 months



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“The responsibility now rests with the electorate. The future of The Gambia will be determined not by promise alone, but by the quality of leadership entrusted to implement reform.”

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Coalition 2026 stands ready to assume that responsibility.

