

The Gambia: Country Data Sheet

1. Policy	
• Is there a national SHN policy?	Yes
• Is there a national HIV&AIDS strategy?	Yes
• Is there an education sector HIV&AIDS strategy?	Yes
• Is there an education sector HIV&AIDS action plan?	Yes
• Is there a national work place policy?	No
• Is there a national policy of free primary school EFA?	Yes
• How many tertiary institutions have HIV&AIDS policies?	0
2. Planning and Management	
• Is there a SHN unit in the MoE?	Yes
• Is HIV&AIDS a part of the SHN unit in the MoE?	No
• Is there an HIV&AIDS focal point in the MoE?	Yes
• Are there SHN focal points at the sub-national level?	Yes
• Are there HIV&AIDS focal points at the sub-national level?	Yes
• Within the MoE, is there an SHN and/or HIV&AIDS interdepartmental committee?	Yes
3. School Environment	
• Is there a national policy that promotes a safe, child-friendly school environment?	Yes
• Is there a national policy requiring that schools provide psychosocial support for students?	Yes
• Is there a national policy requiring that schools provide safe, potable drinking water?	Yes
4. Health Education and Curriculum	
• Is HIV&AIDS prevention education offered in schools in any form?	Yes
• If HIV&AIDS is taught in schools, is it embedded in another subject?	Yes
• Is nutrition education taught in schools in any form?	Yes
• Is hygiene education taught in schools in any form?	Yes
• Is malaria prevention education taught in schools in any form?	Yes
• Is there a program of peer education within the education sector?	Yes
• Are teachers given health education?	Yes
• Are teachers given HIV&AIDS training?	Yes
• Do teachers have access to counseling concerning HIV&AIDS?	Yes
• Is HIV&AIDS taught using a life-skills approach at primary, secondary and non-formal education levels?	Yes
5. Health and Nutrition Services	
• Are vaccinations provided for school-aged children?	Yes
• Is school feeding provided for school-aged children?	Yes
• Are hearing and sight examinations provided for school-aged children?	NR
• Are medical examinations provided for school-aged children?	NR
• Is a de-worming program provided for school-aged children?	Yes
• Are reproductive health services provided for school-aged children?	Yes
• Are malaria control services provided for school-aged children?	Yes
• Is an iron supplementation program provided for school-aged children?	No
• Are Vitamin A capsules provided for school-aged children?	Yes
6. Orphans and Vulnerable Children	
• Does the MoE keep data on OVCs?	No
• Do OVCs have to pay school tuition/fees?	NR
• Are there any affirmative action programs to boost the enrolment or attendance of school-age/school girls?	Yes
7. Finances	
• Does the country receive Fast Track Initiative (FTI) funding?	Yes
• Does the MoE implement a Sector Wide Approach (SWAP)?	Yes
• What is the budget of the MoE allocated to SHN?	NR
• What is the budget of the MoE allocated to HIV&AIDS?	17,292 USD

Data from the Ministry of Education HIV and AIDS Focal Point Survey 2007