

Capacity Building for Higher Education in The Gambia

Country:	The Gambia
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CIDA Contributions:	\$744,500
Sectors:	Educational Quality, Faculty Development, Human Resources Development, Institutional Strengthening
Start/End Dates:	October 1, 1997 - September 30, 2002
Duration:	5 years
Description:	<p>As this project began The Gambia planned to on its existing tertiary level educational Institutions to develop the country's first university. This project contributed to that effort by strengthening Gambian Higher education governance structures, policy formulation and planning mechanisms, and administrative and management systems. Activities included workshops in The Gambia and professional attachments in Canada to strengthen Gambian institutional capacity to undertake ongoing policy formulation and strategic planning, and to provide staff development and operational assistance for senior and mid level Gambian university administrators.</p> <p>Each summer "mini-university" programs in each country encouraged youth participation and development education. The project built on many links that Nova Scotia institutions have developed in the Gambia over the last two decades, and specifically on Saint Mary's University Extension Program in that country . Outputs included the development of appropriate university governance and management structures, key administrative staff properly trained and equipped, and the transfer of academic and administrative authority for Saint Mary's University Extension Program to the Gambian partners under the new University of The Gambia structure.</p>
Partner Institutions:	University of the Gambia Department of State for Education, The Gambia Nova Scotia Agricultural College Nova Scotia Gambia Association

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