

NIMS — The Gambia's Real-Time National Identity System with Biometric Deduplication

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Gambia

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

The Gambia launched NIMS on 30 June 2026: a biometric ID system built by Ghana's Margins ID Group under a five-year PPP, replacing paper-based registration with instant-issuance cards and deduplication meant to remove fraudulent 'ghost' identities from state databases.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Gambia Information and Communication Technology Agency \(GICTA\) & Ministry of Interior](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[The Point: Barrow launches national ID system with instant biometric cards](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Biometric Update: The Gambia launches sovereign digital ID system built by Margins ID Group](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

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