

Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) — The Gambia's EU-Funded Mini-Grant and Training Scheme for Young Entrepreneurs

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

A six-year, \$12.8m EU-funded programme trained 5,350 young Gambians and backed 4,600 with entrepreneurship advice, mini-grants and market access, generating an estimated 4,300 jobs; by September 2020, 91% of grant-funded businesses had kept their staff through the pandemic.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Gambian Ministries of Trade and of Youth & Sports, with the International Trade Centre \(ITC\), funded by the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

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