

UNDP Support to Rule of Law

Newsletter July –September 2020



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Outcome 2: Improved Community Policing

Outcome 3: Strengthen Justice Service Delivery System

Outcome 4: Sector Coordination, Planning and Implementation to achieve National Development Goals

Outcome 5: Rule of Law Support on COVID-19 Response

- ✓ **Delivery under Track Fund: 67%**
- ✓ **Delivery under PBF: 67%**

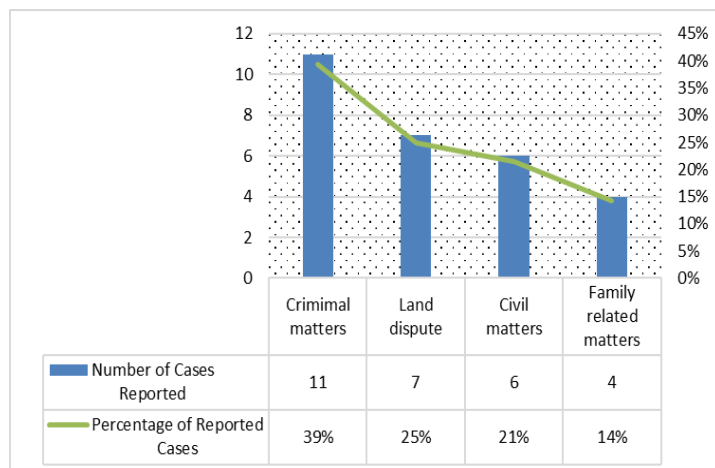
Upcoming Events and Activities

- Remote Mobile Legal Aid Clinic (MLAC) launch to Basse
- GIS mapping of all Police infrastructure
- Development and piloting of a Mobile App for the GPF
- Launch of the Prison Report, Photobook and Documentary
- Virtual Court extension to the Magistrate level
- Completion of civil works in Jeshwang and Mile 2 Prisons



Outcome 1: Improved access to justice especially for women & children who are victims of serious Human Rights violation

With the rise of COVID-19 cases in The Gambia, UNDP together with implementing partners (NALA, CLS, GBA, ADRS, UNICEF and DSW) launched the second remote Mobile Legal Aid Clinic to Ebo Town within the Greater Banjul Area on August 13, 2020. Support the remote Prison Legal Aid Desks in Jeshwang and Mile 2 is continued with the objective to decongest prison facilities.



Combined data from the remote MLAC s (Farafeni and Ebo Town)

Under this new approach, UNDP is able to continue providing access to legal, mediation and social services while respecting health guidelines. Since inception, a total of 28 cases (23 males, 5 females) have been reported through the MLAC. The the next MLAC will be launch to Basse (Upper River Region) in October 2020.



Radio Program Series

In order to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19 the UNDP remotely engages panelists for the live radio program series. The radio program series plays an important role in raising awareness on issues related to Rule of Law, Access to Justice, Security, SGBV, the Constitutional Reform Process and Human Rights. The last segment of every is a Q&A session for listeners to call in and ask questions or provide their opinion to the panel. The programs air every Wednesday on Q-Radio (9am-10am).

Click the link below to listen to a program on Youth in Conflict with the Law: theft and drug offences



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S/N	Radio Topics
1	Youth in Conflict with the Law: theft and drug offences
2	Protecting the rights of minorities and persons with disabilities under COVID-19
3	Filing complaints with the NHRC
4	The TRRC and Next Steps – Exploring Models for TJ related Prosecutions
5	Challenges for vulnerable groups accessing legal aid



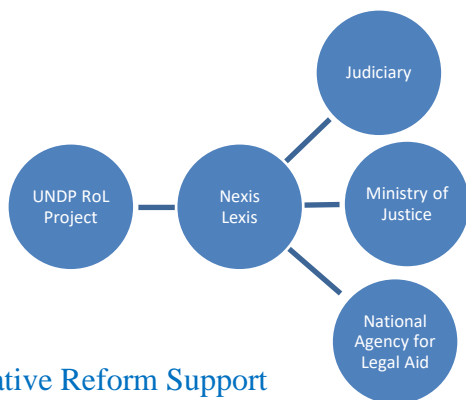
Outcome 2: Improved Community Policing

The UN Department of Peace Keeping Operations Standing Police Capacity (UN DPKO SPC) continues to provide remote support to the Gambia Police Force (GPF) on the development of a Quarterly Crime Statistics template. A Technical Working Group was formed comprised of Police personnel, Forte Innovation, UN DPKO SPC, and the UNDP RoL project. A meeting was convened with the TWG and UNFPA to ensure coordination on GBV related data collection.



Outcome 3: Strengthened Justice Service Delivery System

The project, through PBF and UNDP track funds, has provided 31 personnel from the justice institutions access to online legal catalogues in partnership with Lexis Nexis. The subscriptions include access to 5 legal practice areas to further increase technical capacity.



Legislative Reform Support

The project completed recruitment
Public-Private Partnership

consultants to complete the following:

- The MOJ Strategic Plan
- The Sexual Offences Act
- The Evidence Act
- The Legal Practitioners Act
- ICT Strategic Plans for the Judiciary and the Prison Service
- Judiciary training on TRRC /TJ matters



Outcome 4: Sector Coordination, Planning and Implementation to Achieve NDP Goals

The project has finalized the production of the key knowledge products of the justice sector which include the Rule of Law Sector Roadmap, Community Policing Strategic & Implementation Plan. The Rapid Prison Assessment Report, Photobook and short Video Documentary that will be launched to raise fund to support the Prison Service.



Outcome 5: RoL in the COVID-19 Response

On 2 September 2020, the UNDP, together with a representative from MOJ and the Accelerator Lab, was featured on the UNDP webinar program. The project was recognized for its innovative work on “*Making Virtual Courts a Reality in The Gambia*”. The objective of the webinar was to share the Virtual Court innovation with fellow UNDP colleagues globally highlighting its importance under COVID.

Click the link to watch the webinar: <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/fe81a285-0d95-4b2a-bcd1-628888318562?channelId=c6326cdd-433e-4191-9bff-c1b3e6e5697e>

WEBINAR #92
Making Virtual Courts a Reality in The Gambia
 Wednesday, 2 September 2020, 8:00-8:30AM NY EDT
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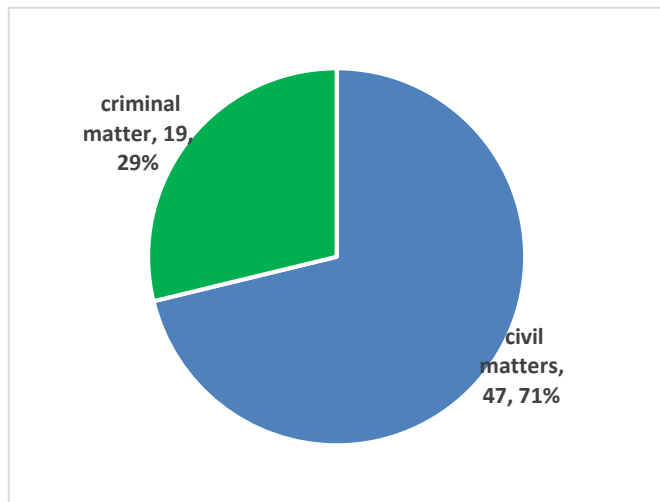
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On 23 September the project completed the installation of a cell tower providing much needed internet access to the Mile 2 Central Prison and the Prison Service Headquarters. This will facilitate the participation of inmates in the Virtual Courts and increase remote access to legal aid.



23 Sept 2020, cell tower and internet connection at Mile 2

Since the inception of the 2 Virtual High Courts, 66 cases (47 civil, 19 criminal matters) have been heard.



Category of Virtual Court cases

UNDP project has contracted GAMWORKS and We Khan construction to complete 2 dormitories in Jeshwang Prison. This construction will help decongest the Remand Wing of Mile 2 and mitigate the spread of the virus. The Gambia Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI) in partnership with the project, procured 200 bunk beds with mattresses to furnish the 2 dormitories.

GCCI is also supporting the rehabilitation of the medical facilities and kitchens at Mile 2 and Jeshwang Prisons.



Bunk beds for the Prison Service

On 13 September 2020, billboards for the Prison Service and Police Force were erected in Basse (Upper River Region) and London Corner (West Coast Region) to raise awareness and sensitize the public on safety measures under COVID-19.



13 Sept 2020, Basse community