

# Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

## Country Page – Gambia

### ICT Sector Information

<b>Sector</b>	Information and Communication Infrastructure
<b>Minister</b>	Hon. Nana Grey-Johnson
<b>Principal Institutions</b>	<a href="#">Ministry of Information and Communication Infrastructure</a>
<b>Regulator</b>	<a href="#">Public Utilities Regulatory Authority</a>
<b>Other Departments/Agencies in the Portfolio</b>	<u>Gambia Telecommunication Company Limited;</u> <u>Gambia Postal Services;</u> Gambia Printing and Publishing Corporation; <u>Department of Information Services and</u> <u>Gambia Radio and Television Services</u>

### Mobile Operators

Operator	Technology
Africell	900/1800 MHz GSM
Comium	900/1800 MHz GSM (GPRS)
Gamcell	900 MHz GSM
Qcell	900 MHz GSM
	2100 MHz UMTS

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#### Broadband

<b>National Policy Documents</b>	<a href="#">Information and communications act of 2009</a> <a href="#">The Gambian ICT4D-2012 Plan</a> <a href="#">The National Information And Communication Initiative (NICI) Plan And Policies</a>
<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">Ministry of Information and Communication Infrastructure</a> <a href="#">Public Utilities Regulatory Authority</a>
<b>Projects</b>	Internet Initiative for Africa Project

### **Broadband Indicators<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Mobile broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24			
<b>Fixed Broadband Subscriptions per 100 inhabitants</b>		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03

### **Cybersecurity & Cybercrime**

<b>Policy</b>	<a href="#">Information and communications act of 2009</a>
<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">Ministry of Information and Communication Infrastructure</a> <a href="#">Public Utilities Regulatory Authority</a>
<b>Projects</b>	Commonwealth Technical Assistance – Development of Holistic National Cybersecurity Strategy
<b>Other Resources</b>	<a href="#">Cybersecurity Forum</a>

### **E-Education Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**

<b>Policy Documents</b>	<a href="#">The Gambian ICT4D-2012 Plan</a> <a href="#">The National Information And Communication Initiative (NICI) Plan And Policies</a>
<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education</a>

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<sup>1</sup> ITU statistics

<b>Indicators - Internet access in schools, Out of a 1–7 (best) scale</b>	4.0
<b>Projects</b>	Improvement Of The Gambia Education Management System Computer Literacy Programme Wider Net Project iEARN Gambia Education Management Information System (EMIS) Gambia-UNESCO ICT Fellowship Center
<b>Publications</b>	<a href="#">ICT in education in Gambia</a>

### **ICT For Disabilities**

<b>Policy Documents</b>	<a href="#">Information and communications act of 2009</a> <a href="#">The Gambian ICT4D-2012 Plan</a> <a href="#">The National Information And Communication Initiative (NICI) Plan And Policies</a>
<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">Public Utilities Regulatory Authority</a>
<b>Projects</b>	Initiative to Promote the Development of Software in Local Languages

### **Regulatory Environments including convergence and digital broadcasting switchover**

<b>Policy Documents</b>	<a href="#">Information and communications act of 2009</a> <a href="#">The Gambian ICT4D-2012 Plan</a> <a href="#">The National Information And Communication Initiative (NICI) Plan And Policies</a>
<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">Public Utilities Regulatory Authority</a>
<b>Projects</b>	Commonwealth Technical Assistance – Development of Holistic National Cybersecurity Strategy

## Youth and ICTs

<b>Policy Documents</b>	<a href="#">Information and communications act of 2009</a> <a href="#">The Gambian ICT4D-2012 Plan</a> <a href="#">The National Information And Communication Initiative (NICI) Plan And Policies</a>
<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education</a>
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## ICT Sector Indicators

### Indicators on ICT infrastructure and access - <sup>2</sup>

Indicators	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Fixed telephone subscriptions</b>	33,300	35,029	38,350	41,986	42,993	44,000	46,302	48,700	48,868	48,451	48,777	50,450	64,196
<b>Fixed telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants</b>	2.57	2.62	2.79	2.96	2.94	2.93	2.99	3.06	2.99	2.88	2.82	2.84	3.52
<b>Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions</b>	5,600	55,085	100,000	149,300	175,000	247,478	404,345	800,371	1,166,136	1,312,874	1,478,347	1,401,163	1,526,191
<b>Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants</b>	0.43	4.12	7.27	10.53	11.98	16.46	26.13	50.29	71.28	78.07	85.53	78.89	83.64

<sup>2</sup> ITU statistics

<b>Estimated Internet Users per 100 inhabitants</b>	0.92	1.34	1.80	2.44	3.31	3.80	5.24	6.21	6.88	7.63	9.20	10.87	12.45
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### World Economic Forum ICT Readiness Indicators<sup>3</sup>

<b>Laws relating to ICT, out of a 1–7 (best) scale</b>	4.3
<b>Mobile Network Coverage, % pop. covered</b>	85.0
<b>Broadband Internet subscriptions/100 pop</b>	0.0
<b>Mobile broadband subscriptions/100 pop</b>	0.5
<b>Households with personal computers, %</b>	5.7
<b>Use of virtual social networks, out of a 1–7 (best) scale</b>	5.1
<b>Impact of ICT on new services and products, out of a 1–7 (best) scale</b>	4.6
<b>Impact of ICT on new organisational models, out of a 1–7 (best) scale</b>	4.3
<b>Gov't Success in ICT Promotion, out of a 1–7 (best) scale</b>	5.2
<b>Importance of ICT</b>	4.7

<sup>3</sup> These indicators are derived from the World Economic Forum's Executive Opinion Survey. [http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF\\_GITR\\_Report\\_2013.pdf](http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_GITR_Report_2013.pdf)

<b>to gov't vision, out of a 1–7 (best) scale</b>	
<b>ICT use &amp; gov't efficiency, out of a 1–7 (best) scale</b>	4.7
<b>Gov't Online Service Index, out of a 0-1 (best) scale</b>	0.32
<b>E-Participation Index, out of a 0-1 (best) scale</b>	0.00

#### **ICT Publications from Other International Organisations**

<b>Source Organisation</b>	<b>Title of Publication</b>
<b>InfoDev</b>	<a href="#">ICT in education in Gambia</a>
<b>World Economic Forum</b>	<a href="#">The Global Information Technology Report 2013</a>