

UNIVERSITY OF THE GAMBIA



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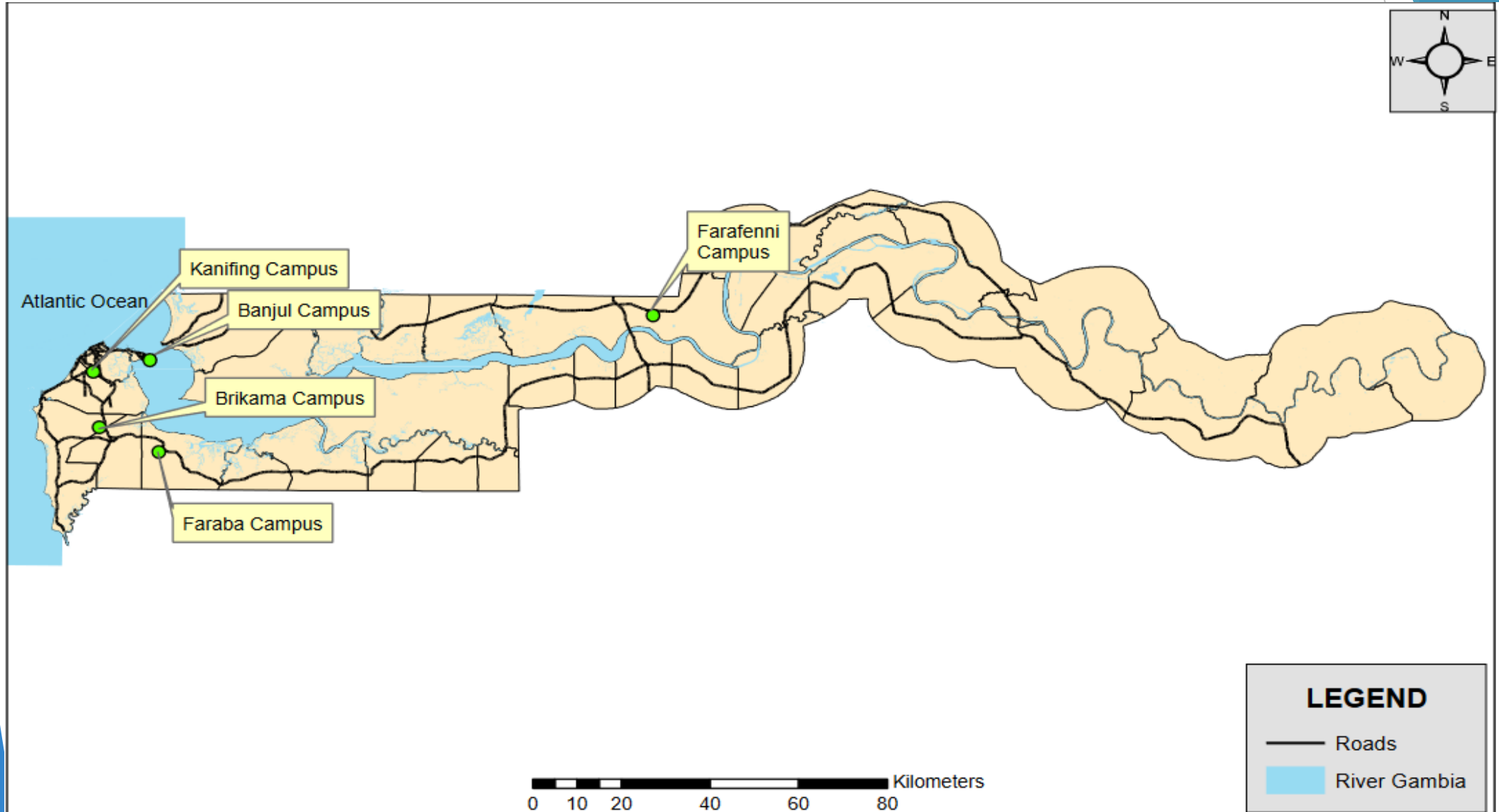


OVERVIEW

- The University of The Gambia was established by an Act of the National Assembly of The Gambia in March 1999.
- Amendment of Act
 - ▶ Tertiary & Higher Education Act 2016
 - ▶ Proposed Tertiary & Higher Education Act 2022



MAP OF THE GAMBIA SHOWING UTG CAMPUSES



OUR NEW CAMPUS AT FARABA



OUR VISION

“The University of The Gambia (UTG) shall be the powerhouse for transformation of The Gambia through the creation, application and transfer of knowledge.”



KEY PILLARS AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

OUR QUALITY FIRST AGENDA

The University seeks to attain its Vision through **three main pillars and 6S**

1. Teaching and Learning
2. Knowledge Production - to inform teaching, policy and socio-economic development
3. Services to Community- through outreach programmes, training, research and policy dialogues to inform policy-making for the advancement of society,



OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (THE 6 S)

Students' Experience



Staff Development and Welfare



Space for Teaching, Learning



System for Performance Management



Sustainable Financing



Stakeholder Engagement



SCHOOLS/FACULTIES

1. School of
Agriculture and
Environmental
Sciences

2. School of
Education

3. School of
Medicine and
Allied Health
Sciences

4. School of Arts
and Sciences

5. Faculty of
Law

6. School of
Business and
Public
Administration

7. School of
Information and
Communication
Technology

8. School of
Journalism and
Digital Media

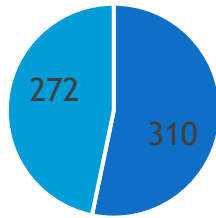
9. School of
Engineering and
Architecture

10. School of
Graduate
Studies and
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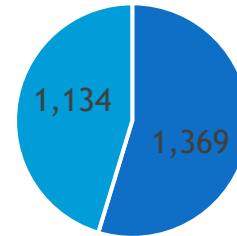
KEY STATISTICS

STAFF POPULATION
582



■ Academic ■ Non-Academic

STUDENT POPULATION
6,896



■ Most Recent Admission
■ Most Recent Graduate

Professor	Assoc. professor	Senior Lecturer	Lecturer 1&2	Assistant Lecturer	Graduate Assistant	TOTAL
14	13	36	139	57	51	310

Undergraduate programmes: 34
 Graduate Programmes: 20
 Total number of Programmes: 54



NEW CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- **Centre of Excellence for Transitional Justice and Sustainable Peace**
- Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development & Policy Studies
- Centre of Excellence for Food Science & Nutrition
- International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders (CIFAL Centre) in partnership with United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) - University of The Gambia



CENTRE FOR TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE & SUSTAINABLE PEACE

- Need for a response to government call for partnership to implement the recommendations of TRRC
- UNDP is already supporting this initiative
- The Initial disbursement of funds have been made vale of USD100,000
- The objective is facilitate training and policy level advice to stakeholders involved in transitional justice and sustainable peace
- To Establish the Centre as a regional thought leader in TJ&SP
- To conduct research and offer policy advice to government, other partners and countries in the African region through perception study on TRRC and Graduate scheme for the Justice Sector in The Gambia



CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & POLICY STUDIES

- develop a more robust approach to public policy studies
- a knowledge hub and platform for integrated policy dialogues
- Priority Areas: Migration, Employment and Skills Development, Sustainable Economic Development, Food security, Governance and Peace building
- There is strong demand for the Centre for Sustainable Development and Policy Studies from stakeholders across The Gambia.



CENTRE FOR FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION

- will facilitate the development of nutritious products from the native crops
- address food loss, improve food security and reduce the risk of nutrition-related NCDs
- undertake research and innovation to support: plant based beverages, value addition of local fruits, packaging, and cold press oil production.
- Partners include: our Ministry of Agriculture, Oxford Brookes University (UK), Gaziantep University (Turkey), & University of Reading (UK)



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR AUTHORITIES & LEADERS

- Working with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
- Provides leadership trainings in response to Africa's leadership gaps
- Promotes the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)



CALL FOR SUPPORT

- For the effective operationalization and sustainability of these centres, we call for support in the following;
 - Research collaboration
 - Staff Development and Exchange
 - Technical Support to the centres (e.g: labs, equipment)



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