

 Early Warning System

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SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY GREATER BANJUL GAMBIA



Quick Facts

Countries	Gambia
Specific Location	Greater Banjul Area
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	National Water and Electricity Company Ltd. (NAWEC)
Sectors	Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 34.96 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 68.75 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, The Water Supply Project in the Greater Banjul Area (WASIB) will finance critical infrastructure to provide safely managed drinking water services in the Greater Banjul Area, The Gambia.

WASIB addresses several challenges in the area, including ageing water supply facilities, high levels of non-revenue water, intermittent water supply, and depleting groundwater resources.

The project covers both drilling and emergency works necessary to maintain and improve service continuity for about 660,000 people (approximately 25% of the country's population). It also includes water production and treatment, as well as water transmission, storage, and distribution for approximately 80,000 additional new beneficiaries.

The aim is to support the Gambian water utility (NAWEC) in strengthening its capacity to operate and maintain water supply systems, with the goal of improving drinking water services in the Greater Banjul Area.

The project will have a positive impact through:

- (i) increased access to safely managed drinking water services for the local population;
- (ii) reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through energy savings due to optimized, state-of-the-art water exploitation and water treatment processes;
- (iii) adaptation to climate change impacts by using a sustainable and more resilient water source in an area that is heavily impacted by climate change; and (iv) improved public health.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

During activities of the pre-construction phase, no potential positive impact is anticipated on the biophysical environment.

During the construction phase however, **potential negative impacts on the biophysical environment will include:**

- Impacts relating to geology and soils;
- Air pollution;
- Noise and vibration nuisance;
- Unsightly landscape;
- Improper waste;
- deforestation;
- Negative impacts on fauna;
- Impacts on landscape - waste from disused and worn-out materials such as pipes and other equipment will create eyesores if not collected from the sites and managed properly;
- Loss of Trees ;
- Loss of fauna.

Negative impacts on the human environment:

- Negligence of vulnerable groups and Gender-Based Violence (GBV);
- Risks to Public Health and Safety;
- Negative impacts from Violence Against Children (VAC);
- Risks to Occupational Health and Safety;
- Risks of Communicable Diseases;
- Community Instability and Reduced Cohesiveness (Including Impacts from Labor Influx);
- Impacts on sites of cultural and historical significance;
- Risks to public health and safety where people encounter broken pipes during operation leading to floods;
- Occupational health and safety risks during all works, including operation and maintenance activities, workers are at risk of accidents from machinery, traffic, and illnesses.;
- Negative impacts on public services particularly during connection to the main water plant, when there will be temporary disruption of services to existing customers.

A more detailed analysis of the risks can be found in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report.



Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)



Private Actors Description

According to the Company's website, the *National Water and Electricity Company Ltd. (NAWEC)* is The Gambia's primary provider of electricity, water, and sewerage services. With a national mandate to ensure reliable, affordable, and sustainable utility services, NAWEC plays a critical role in powering economic growth and improving quality of life across the country.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	NATIONAL WATER AND ELECTRICITY COMPANY LTD (NAWEC)	Client	-



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Bank Documents

- [21/10/2025 - Environmental and Social Impact Assessment \(ESIA\) - SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY GREATER BA](#)