



KANIFING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**THEME: SDG LOCALIZATION IN THE
KANIFING MUNICIPALITY**

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BACKGROUND/HISTORY

- ❑ The Gambia in 1965, Local Councils were established emerging from what used to be called Group Treasuries. Shortly after Independence, the Local Province Act was passed. As a result of the passage of that Act, Local Government Authorities were established in all the Divisions.

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- Between 1965 and 1974, Kanifing Area Administration, which used to be called Kombo Rural Authority, was under the Administration of Brikama Area Council (BAC).
- However, due to the fast rate of urbanization within the Kombo Rural Authority, the Government, through an Act of Parliament in 1974, caused Kanifing to become a fully-fledged autonomous Local Government Council and was renamed Kanifing Urban District Council (KUDC). The same Act increased the Local Government Areas to eight.

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Through another Act of Parliament in 1991, the KUDC was given the status of a Municipal Council due mainly to the metropolitan nature of the area. It was therefore renamed Kanifing Municipal Council with a Chairman at the helm of affairs. Since the coming into force of that Act, Kanifing Municipal Council commenced to elect their Mayors through universal adult suffrage.

KMC Mission Statement

- “To transform Kanifing Municipal Council into an effective, efficient and responsive Local Government Authority that provides a well-balanced standard of living for all through the provision of quality services facilitated by a well-trained and motivated personnel, requisite technology and the active participation/involvement of all stakeholders.”

Demography Profile

- ❑ Kanifing Municipality, covering a land area of 75.5Km square, is located between the Island of Kombo St Mary on which Banjul, the capital city, is located and West Coast Region, the nearest Local Government Administrative area, stretching for a distance of a little over 15 Km.
- ❑ According to the 2013 National Population and Housing Census (preliminary report), Kanifing Municipality has a total population of 382,096 and accounts for 20.3% of the national population. This shows a drop of 3.42 % over the 2003 Population and Housing Census, which represented 23.72% of the National Population.

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- ❑ Despite the drop relative to the national population, Kanifing Municipality witnessed a sustained population growth by 59,361 over the past decade, representing 15.53% of its population. This represents a Municipal Inter Censual Growth Rate of 1.7%
- ❑ Out of the total Municipal population, the males are 192,417, representing 50.3% while the females are 189,679 representing 49.7%. KMC is among the regions (including Banjul and BAC) with a higher male population.

Strategic Direction of KMC

- ❑ KMC strategic plan (2016 – 2020) and used strategy tools including master and work plans in the past, there have been grossly inadequate results in terms of their being able to achieve its desired goals of delivering quality development services to its citizens.
- ❑ In 2017 Councils witnessed a massive change in administering participatory governance.
- ❑ With the new Mayor (Talib Bensouda), backed by a resourceful and well committed Council who indeed accepting the trust for serving the tax payers embraces the new agenda of The Government called the National Development Plan (NDP).
- ❑ In consultation with Government, the private sector and donor community continue to ensure that KMC development plans are anchored on the SDGs for sustainable municipality, that will spur growth, create opportunities and increase the standard of living of its residents in a responsible manner.

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- ❑ A directive was issued by the Government to review all existing LGA strategic plans and bring them in alignment with the NDP.
- ❑ The KMC strategic Plan (2019 – 2022) constitute institutional and systemic tools by which the NDP development delivery of democracy and the decentralisation to the local communities is ensured.

Strategic Priorities (Pillars) relevant in achieving NDP and SDGs

- ❑ In consideration therefore of the expressed priorities of KMC and enablers the NDP priorities as expressed in the objectives set to be achieved by 2021, the following would in alignment between the two positions be the best fit for prioritisation by the KMC.
- ❑ The prioritisation is based on their level of importance and urgency. Thus, Institutional transformation is given the highest priority due to the fact that it is a prerequisite for achievement of the other six (2-6) strategic pillars. It is probably the reason why even the NDP considers it so important to support.

Our Key Strategic Priorities (2019-2022)

- ❑ Improved Waste management
- ❑ Improved quality Health Services
- ❑ Improve quality Education
- ❑ Coordination, Collaboration and Partnership
- ❑ Gender Equality and Women Empowerment
- ❑ Construction of Markets, Roads, bridges and Drainages

The Eight Strategic Priorities of NDP

1. Restoring good governance, respect for human rights, the rule of law, and empowering citizens through decentralization and local governance
2. Stabilizing our economy, stimulating growth, and transforming the economy
3. Modernizing our agriculture and fisheries for sustained economic growth, food and nutritional security and poverty reduction
4. Investing in our people through improved education and health services, and building a caring society
5. Building our infrastructure and restoring energy services to power our economy
6. Promoting an inclusive and culture-centred tourism for sustainable growth
7. Reaping the demographic dividend through an empowered youth
8. Making the private sector the engine of growth, transformation, and job creation

Conceptualizing VLR ?

- A Voluntary Local Review or VLR is a **data-driven review by a Municipality or Region** (also known as “sub-national” area) on where the community stands in relation to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Conceptualizing SDGs

- ❑ The sustainable development goals (SDGs), set aside known as the Global Goals. In 2015, the United Nation adopted seventeen (17) strategic goals as a universal call to action to end poverty. The action also includes protecting the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.
- ❑ The goals are integrated in ensuring recognition that action in one area would affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability.

Localizing SDG'S

- Localizing" is the process of taking into account subnational contexts in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, from the setting of goals and targets, to determining the means of implementation and using indicators to measure and monitor progress.



KMC SDG's Intervention Areas for the VLR Report

There are 17 SDG's but the KMC will focus on the following in report

- ❑ GOAL 1. No Poverty
- ❑ GOAL 3. Good health and wellbeing
- ❑ GOAL 4. Quality education
- ❑ GOAL 5. Gender equality
- ❑ GOAL 6. Clean water & sanitation
- ❑ GOAL 8. Decent work and Economic growth
- ❑ GOAL 11. Sustainable Cities & Communities
- ❑ GOAL 14. Life Below Water (Habitat)
- ❑ GOAL 17. Partnerships to achieve the Goal.



No Poverty

- ❑ Our Mbalit project, creates jobs for one Hundred and Forty Four (144) people most of whom are youths from the municipality thus reducing poverty
- ❑ Increase yield in the women gardens. A pilot project in partnership with Waste Aid UK to make bio-charcoal from coco-nut shells, leaf, and groundnut shell. To make organic manure from decompose waste.

Good Health and Wellbeing

- ❑ Construction of a Maternal Ward at Bundung Hospital was sponsored by KMC.

Quality Education

- ❑ A school is constructed by the council for improving quality education and still have the following plans for quality education
- ❑ In 2022 to construct a commerce stream at Charles Jow Memorial Academy
- ❑ In 2023 to construct a multi –purpose conference and assembly hall at Charles Jow Memorial Academy

Gender Equality

- The staff structure of the council comprises both genders, women are part of the decision making body of the council.

Decent Work and Economic growth

- ❑ The council in partnership with WDC's graded accessible roads within the municipality.
- ❑ Council construct markets in all the wards within the municipality to promote economic growth.
- ❑ Plans to reached on Partnership with the central government through GAMWORKS for the construction of Roads and Drains.
- ❑ KMC through Ministry of Local Government to access funding. (Reconstruction of Bakau fish landing site etc.)

Sustainable Cities and Communities

- ❑ KMC secure funding up to 3 million euros from EU mend for different projects. This includes sustainable environment such as tree planting and parks management.
- ❑ UN and KMC rededicate Kotu botanical park now UN@75 park to create green public spaces for communities in line with the United Nations sustainable Development goals to achieve better and more sustainable future for all.
- ❑ Plans to engage with the Ministry of Transport, KMC, Central Police to a partnership joint meeting to identify possible site suitable for a central car park.
- ❑ Plans to consult with key stakeholders (Alkalos) and Central Government to enquire ownership of an empty space identified in the following locations:
 1. Opposite Iceman,
 2. Opposite Para- Military Camp just by ABC School currently occupied by the Chinese Aluminum Shop after “SAFARO”.
 3. Abuko Cashew Plantation

Life Below Water

- ❑ Low cost bridges for settlements around the stream is factored in Councils' Annual Activity Budget 2022
- ❑ Access road connecting people leaving around the riverine area.
- ❑ KMC constructed a market at Tallinding sicap and Gilifity Kunda
- ❑ KMC in partnership with Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs implement PSUP under UN Habitats project. However, KMC would re-engaged partners for possible funding.

Partnerships

- ❑ The council has partnered with different stakeholders in the implementation of most of the projects in achieving the SDG'S.
- ❑ KMC partnered with GAMWORKS in the construction of roads, markets and a townhall for a decent working environment.
- ❑ KMC build Partnership with Espace motors for the purchase of the sanitation vehicles through PPP model.
- ❑ KMC build partnership with Espace Motors to establish KMT Project
- ❑ KMC build partnership with Espace Motors to decongest the city from derilled vehicles

Partnership Cont.

- ❑ KMC partnered with UN for the rehabilitation of the UN@75 park at Kotu.
- ❑ KMC partnered with YEP and ITC for the *rehabilitation and construction of Bakau Community Center.*
- ❑ KMC has partnered with EU for multiple projects which will look into education, waste management, tree planting & parks Management.
- ❑ KMC through the WDC build partnership for the establishment of UNDP Gambia Accelerator Lab Project (AccLabGM) at Tallinding South in support to the achievement of sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through rapid solution testing and experimentation, with actionable learning and network building. Provide opportunities and access to Outdoor GYM, Child playground, solar powered borehole facilities, etc.

Partnership Cont.

- ❑ KMC in partnership with the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs launched Women Enterprise Fund (WEF). The objectives of the fund was mend to empower women and to improved their economic wellbeing. (January 2021, Training on managing finances, record keeping and marketing). 15 groups shortlisted out of 50 groups qualified for the loan

Waste Management

- ❑ 20 waste trucks and 10 tri-cycles donated to council through the Ministry of Environment in partnership with UNDP plus the 11 tri-cycles purchased by council to collect waste from each households, markets, businesses and health centers, personnel's employed to keep our streets clean. This has reduced over 100 metric tones of waste daily within the municipality
- ❑ Feasibility study conducted and strengthen collaboration with development partners for the closure of the dumpsite.
- ❑ Three sites identified in West Coast Region for the transfer of the dumpsite
- ❑ Currently working with three projects to conduct feasibility studies on the new sites.
- ❑ Closure plan developed, stakeholders engagement afoot for its feasibility.
- ❑ Plans are afoot with SOS under BMZ Project for the transfer of the Bakoteh Dumpsite to a suitable location

Clean Water and Sanitation

- ❑ KMC provide access to clean water supply to all Public Markets within the Municipality, including standard toilet facility.
- ❑ KMC support NAWEC in transferring the public taps to Community Sustainable taps

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