

Use of data for SDG implementation & VLRs

Workshop on Voluntary Local Reviews in The Gambia

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Outline

- ✓ Gaps and challenges regarding data in monitoring and reviewing the local implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- ✓ Interventions
- ✓ How should data comparability and suitability for the local context be balanced?
- ✓ Prepare the statistical annex for VLR report?
- ✓ How best to analyze and communicate information on data so that it can be used as broadly as possible?

Gaps and challenges regarding data in monitoring and reviewing the local implementation of the 2030 Agenda

- Limited available data
- Data disaggregation
- Poor administrative recording systems
- Poor management information systems for proper capture of administrative data.
- Acute shortage of statistical manpower – in numbers and skills
- Low levels of coordination at the NSS level

What interventions have worked?

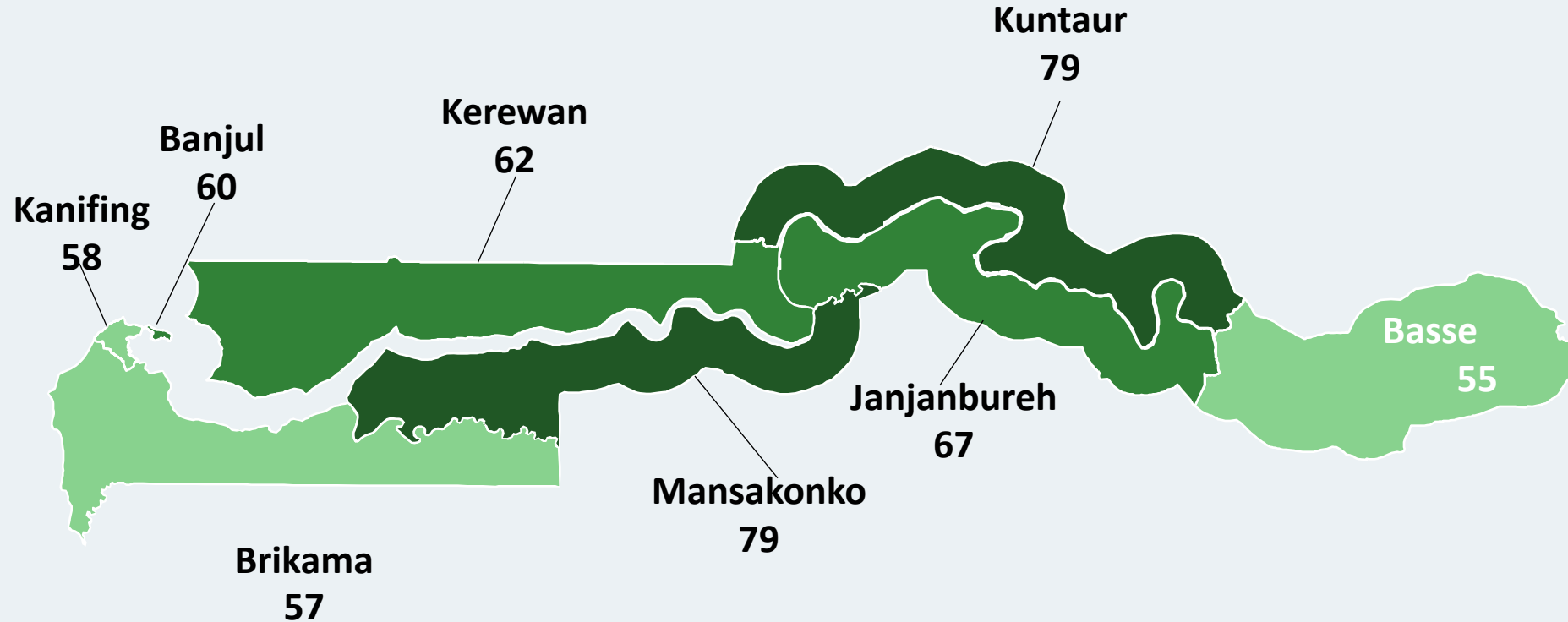
- Development of legal frameworks and institutional environment
- Development of Action Plans
- Increased government & partner interventions (funding & technical assistance) and commitment to production of high quality data
 - **SDG Survey conducted**
- Integrating SDGs indicators into various surveys
- Development of centralized data platforms
- Data accessibility enhanced

Data comparability and suitability for the local context

- Use **credible source of information**
- Use of **sound methodology**: Ensure that appropriate statistical methods are used and reported
- **Uniformity in methodology**: socioeconomic and demographic indicators need to be calculated using the same methodology to avoid statistical gaps
- In the process of producing comparative data, LGAs should subscribe to the framework of **national statistical norms** and adapt these norms to their LGA specificities.
- Review calculations and formulas for accuracy and statistical soundness;
- Review data and presentations of data (e.g., tables) for disclosure risk

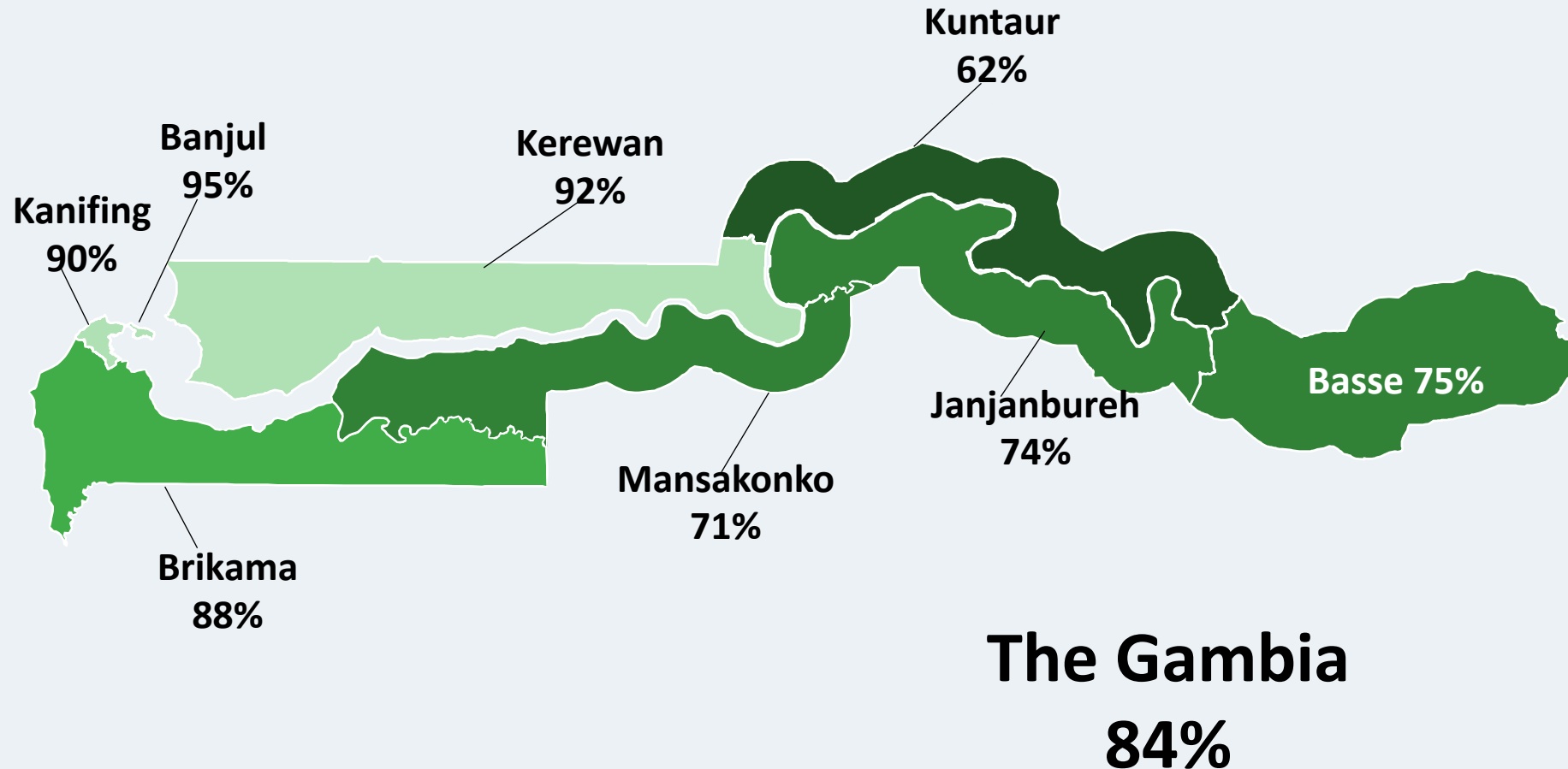
Under-5 Mortality by Local Government Area

Deaths per 1,000 live births for the 10-year period before the survey (2019-20 GDHS)



Assistance during Delivery by Local Government Area

*Percent of live births in the 5-year period before the survey assisted
by a skilled provider (doctor, nurse, or midwife) (2019-20 GDHS)*



Statistical annex for VLR report

- The statistical annex will probably contains a set of data
- Annex tables to illustrate VLR data
- Graphics
- Contain Data sources, classifications, and aggregation methodology
- Preferably at the end of the report
- Or as a separate report of its own

How best to analyze and communicate information on data so that it can be used as broadly as possible?

- LGAs should integrate the SDGs into their local development planning documents
- Capacity Building (increase their understanding of the SDGs)
- Use of SDG analysis metadata (Qualitative/Quantitative)
- Technology and Innovation (creation/functioning of websites/platforms) to enhance dissemination
- Dissemination workshops
- Increase the commitment to use data for evidence-based planning, M&E

All reports and datasets are available at:

<https://www.gbosdata.org/downloads>

<https://gambia.opendataforafrica.org/>

<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/>

Thank you