Project Summary

The National Authorizing Officer (NAO) of the EDF has specific responsibilities for interventions supported by the European Community (EC). In 1999, the support unit to the NAO (NAOSU) was established to create permanent capacities and to help the NAO in his task relating to coordination, programming and M&E of all EC-funded interventions in the Gambia. Under the 9th EDF, the government has identified the need for continued support to the NAO.

Overall Objective
To contribute to the socio-economic development of the Republic of Gambia, through the reinforcement of permanent national capacities to maximise community aid absorption, efficacy and coherence of the EC aid.

Contract Objective
To provide technical expertise, managerial support and training in the area of Procurement, Contracting Procedures & Financial Management (PCP & FM) to the national authorities (NAO and Line Ministries) dealing with EDF.

Project Results
- Improved institutional setting and coordination, clarification of responsibilities and tasks among all the actors involved in the Republic of Gambia-EC Cooperation
- Improved understanding by all involved actors on financial, contractual and corresponding information requirements of the EC external funded operations
- Improved efficiency and effectiveness of financial management and compliance with EDF procurement and contracting procedures
- Improved quality and timely treatment of dossiers by the NAO
- Successful implementation of the ongoing EC supported projects
- Successful preparation of new EC supported projects under the 10th EDF and the closure of old commitments
- Improved programming, reporting and monitoring of the implementation of EC funded projects and programs

Services provided

Capacity Building
- Institution building measures through training and advisory services
- Provision of all relevant EU formats and guidelines for procurement, contracting procedures and financial management
- Information and guidance on procedures for EC external funded operations

Assistance in Procurement, Contracting and Financial Management
- Programming and monitoring assistance to relevant programme officers
- Assistance in the preparation of the dossiers and decision papers
- Quality assurance of dossiers prepared by the NAO and the NAOSU
- Support, in all phases of the project cycle management, the implementation of the actions foreseen under the National Indicative Program (NIP) and other EDF funds
- Close collaboration with the NAOSU as counterpart to the Coordinators of the programme and projects and the Programme Officer Finance and Contracts

Client
National Authorizing Officer (NAO)

Duration
01.06.2008 - 30.07.2009

Personnel
1 International expert in the area of procurement, contracting procedures and financial management