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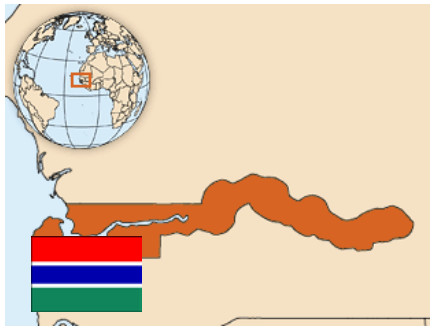
Gambia



This map is an approximation of actual country borders.

	COUNTRY	WHO REGION
Total population (UN population prospects, 2019)	2347696	1091758856
UHC Service Coverage Index (0-100 points, 2017)	44	–
Life expectancy at birth m/f (years, 2016)	60.6/63.3	59.6/62.7
Probability of dying under five (per 1 000 live births, 2018)	58.4	75.9
Probability of dying between 15 and 60 years m/f (per 1 000 population, 2016)	290/235	306/248
Gross domestic product (GDP) (per capita US$, 2017)	709	1648
Current health expenditure as a per cent of GDP (2017)	3.3	5.7
Current health expenditure per capita (US$, 2017)	23	124

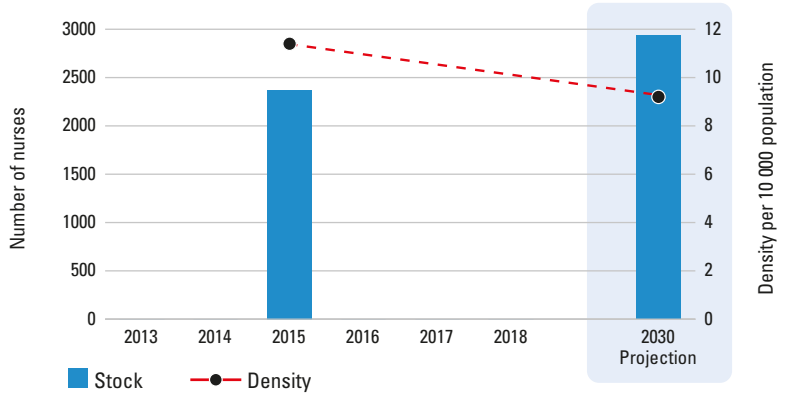
Source: WHO

Country capacity on:

✓ Yes ❖ Partial ✗ No NR No Response

EDUCATION REGULATION	
Master list of accredited education institutions	✓
Accreditation mechanisms for education institutions	✓
Standards for duration and content of education	✓
Standards for interprofessional education	✓
Standards for faculty qualifications†	✓
PRACTICE REGULATION	
Nursing council/authority for regulation of nursing†	✓
Fitness for practice examination†	✓
Continuing professional development	✓
Existence of advanced nursing roles	NR
WORKING CONDITIONS	
Regulation on working hours and conditions	✗
Regulation on minimum wage	✗
Regulation on social protection	NR
Measures to prevent attacks on HWs	✓
GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP	
Chief Nursing Officer position†	✓
Nursing leadership development program†	✗
National association for pre-licensure students†	✓

Nursing stock and density 2013-2018



Age distribution

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Nurse mobility

Foreign trained NR

Foreign born NR

Sex distribution

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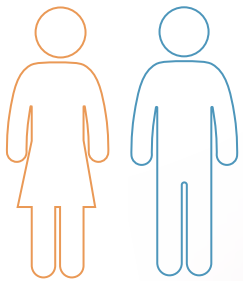
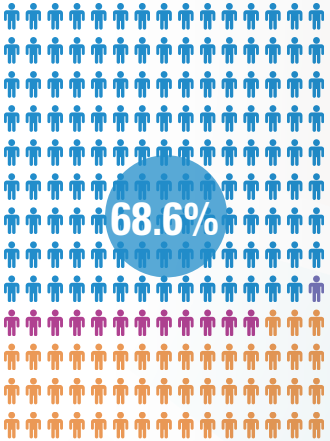


Nursing personnel (latest year) 2372

Nursing professionals	Nursing associates	Nurses not further defined
0	0	2372

Share of professional nurses	Density	Graduates per year	Minimum duration of training
NR	11.4 per 10 000 population	125	3 years

Share of nurses within the health workforce



Nurses	68.6%
Doctors	6.2%
Midwives	24.6%
Dentists	0.5%
Pharmacists	0.1%

Issues for consideration

An estimated shortage range of 5000 to 6000 nurses is projected for year 2030*.

*As compared to a benchmark density. Details in *State of the world's nursing 2020 report* and *Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030*

Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA), 2020 except †. Latest available data are displayed. Includes multiple data sources such as the OECD/Eurostat/WHO EURO Joint Data Collection, labour force survey, census data and estimates from WHO for shortages. Stock and density projection by 2030 based on a simple stock and flow model. See full report for further details.
NR=Not reported. Data as of 10 March 2020.

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