

Using SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) in Gambia



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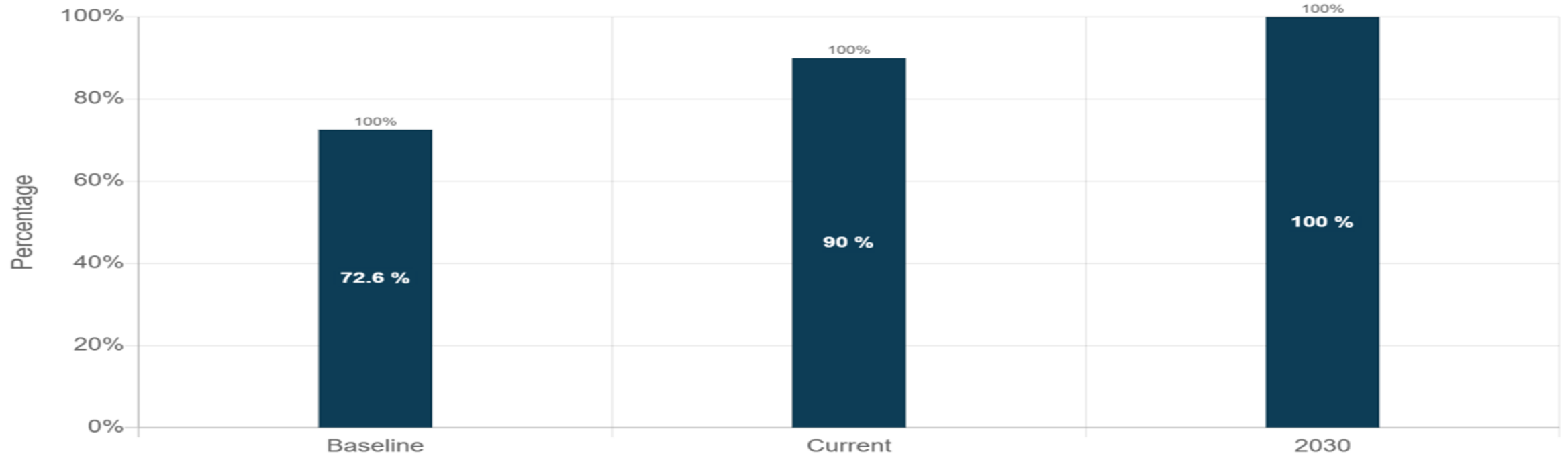
INTRODUCTION

- ❑ More than 2.8 million people in The Gambia will have access to basic drinking water services,
- ❑ over 1.5 million people will gain access to basic sanitation services.
- ❑ This will have a significant positive impact on public health, economic productivity, and overall well-being in the country.
- ❑ Many institutions and partners are contributing to the achievements in the water sanitation and Hygiene sector.
 - ✓ Government
 - ✓ Private Sector
 - ✓ Civil Society Organization
- ❑ Major Government Institutions are: Department of Water resources and Ministry of Health

Overall status of SDG 6 at the national level

- Overall status of SDG 6 achievement (Achievements and people may benefit by 2030?)

6.1.1 Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water services

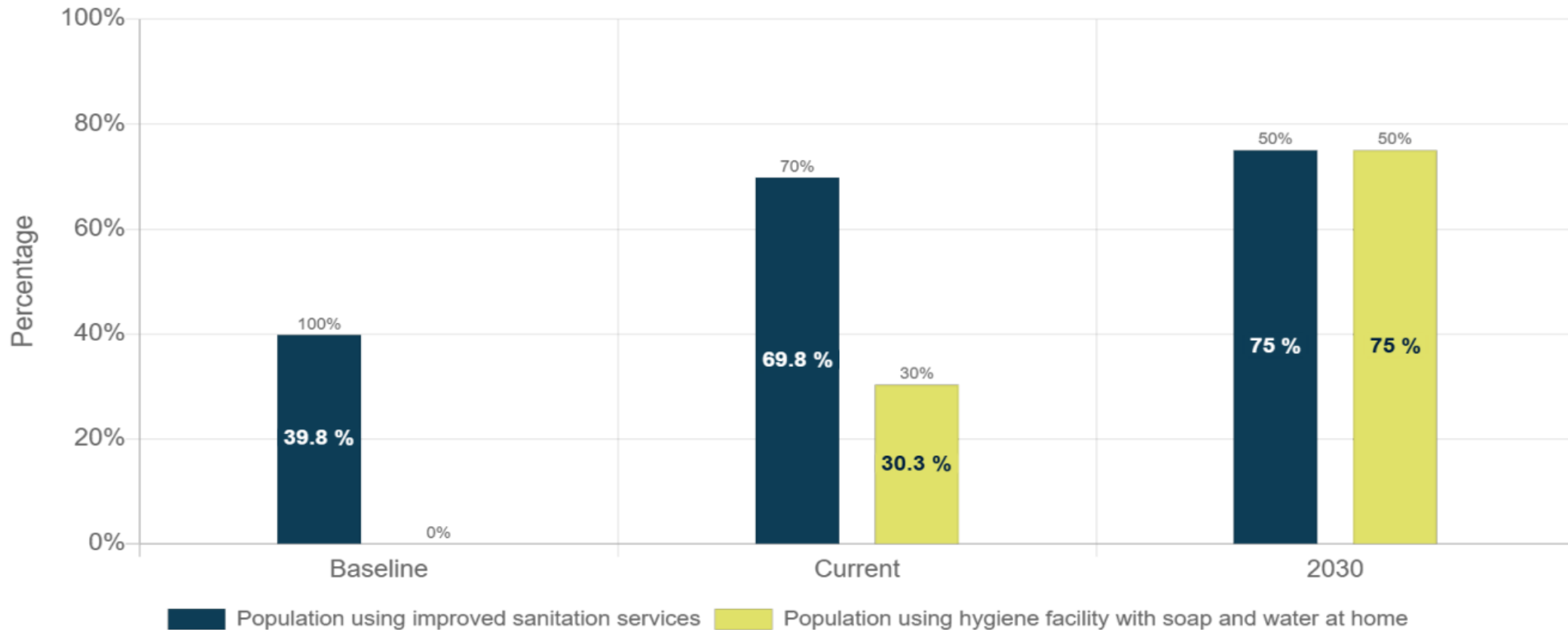


- **People to benefit by 2030**

2, 824,000

Sanitation and Hygiene

6.2.1 Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services



Challenges

- Gender analysis and mainstreaming
- Training and resources
- Participation of women
- Funding mechanisms
- Infrastructure

National agencies involved in SDG 6 achievement

- Names of the ministries, national institutions, any other relevant entity

Ministry of Health

Ministry of Foresteries, Water resources and National Assemble matters

Public Utility Authority

National Water and Electricity Company

Department of Community Development

Ministry of Environment, climat Change and Natural resources

National Disaster Agency

SDG 6 target(s) and indicator(s)

- **Most important target(s) and indicator(s)**

- Increase the proportion of the population with access to safe drinking water from 90% to 100%
- Increase proportion of the population with access to improved sanitation facilities from 69.8% to 75%
- Increase the proportions of households with a place for hand washing with soap and water from 30.3% to 60% (Urban) and from 26% to 50% (Rural)
- Change in Water use- efficiency

- **WHY**

- ✓ Improve public Health and wellbeing
- ✓ proper waste management practices.
- ✓ opportunities for optimizing water resources and promoting sustainable water use practices

SDG 6 target(s) and indicator(s)

- **Least important target(s) and indicator(s)**

- Indicator 6.6.1: Change in the extent of water-related ecosystems over time

- Indicator 6.3.1: Proportion of wastewater safely treated

- Indicator 6.5.1: Degree of integrated water resources management implementation

- **WHY**

- ✓ limited resources and capacities, focusing on improving basic access to water and sanitation services may take precedence over achieving high levels of wastewater treatment at this stage.

- ✓ prioritize more basic water infrastructure development to ensure access for all its citizens first.

Reflections on SDG-PSS and its online course

It is important to under-go SDG-PSS course

Clear understanding of various components

Simple assessment of 9 SDG6 indicators in each components

Evidence base generated data

• What is needed to improve the course further

✓ Advocacy and engagement of member states on the tool

✓ Capacity building of stakeholders

Relevance of SDG-PSS Components

Most relevant components of SDG-PSS in the national context

- Policy and institution
- Financing
- Capacity
- Integrity

WHY

- ✓ Effectively managing water resources and ensuring access to clean water and sanitation for all
- ✓ Implementing sustainable water and sanitation projects.
- ✓ Effectively manage water resources, maintain infrastructure, and promote hygiene practices
- ✓ Prevent corruption and mismanagement of resources.

Relevance of SDG-PSS Components

Least relevant component of SDG-PSS in the Gambia context

DRR/Resilience

WHY

- ✓ Gambia does not face acute disaster risks or resilience challenges as compared to countries prone to frequent natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, or tsunamis.
- ✓ Gambia may have other more pressing issues related to achieving SDG 6, such as ensuring access to clean water sources, improving sanitation infrastructure, and enhancing water resource management.

Summary

- ✓ **SDG- PSS tool is crucial to monitoring SDG6**
- ✓ There is improvement in improve water sources and sanitation services in the Gambia
- ✓ The country is in the right trajectory to attend ODF
- ✓ There is data gap in SDG6 indicators