



# MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

## **2022 ANNUAL BORROWING PLAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Debt Management Directorate is publishing the Annual Borrowing Plan for the year 2022 as per Section VI Sub-Section 39 of the Public Finance Act (2014) which emphasizes the preparation of an Annual Borrowing Plan to meet the aggregate borrowing requirement of the State.

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs plans to issue between GMD 5 billion to GMD 7 billion of Government bonds in 2022. The Government plans to focus issuance on 3-Year and 5-Year bonds to raise the required financing. This is consistent with the current Debt Management Strategy (2021-2025), which aims at gradually increasing the share of longer-dated domestic debt instruments in the debt portfolio to mitigate refinancing risk, provide for infrastructure financing, and ensure a sustainable debt path over the medium to long-term.

The Directorate in collaboration with the Central Bank of the Gambia (CBG) will continue to issue Treasury and Sukuk Bills during the year, of which further details will be contained in the Monthly Issuance Calendar.

- T-Bill and Sukuk Al-Salam (SAS) auctions will continue to be held weekly, typically on Tuesdays, and settled on Wednesdays on a T+1 basis.
- Although T-Bills and SAS's maturity structure will continue to include a mix of 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day profiles, the bulk of the issuance shall mainly be in the 364-day.
- An issuance calendar of Treasury Bills, SAS, and Bonds will be published in advanced every month on the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs website at <https://www.mofea.gm/directorates/loans-and-debt-management> and CBG website available at <https://www.cbg.gm/Calendars>.

Funds raised from these issuances shall be used mainly to finance the Central Government borrowing requirements for 2022, including:

- The redemption of a 5-year Bond amounting to GMD 120 Million
- Financing of Central Government deficit estimated at GMD 2.4 Billion as in the approved 2022 Budget estimates.
- To substitute short-term debt instruments with longer-term debt instruments in an effort to implementing the Government's debt management strategy (2021- 2025).
- Also, to rollover, the T-bills and Sukuk-Al-Salaam (SAS) bills maturing in 2022 estimated at GMD 22 billion.