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**Demographic and Socio-economic Characteristics of The Gambia population and its Future Prospects up to 2033.**

The main objective of the study is to provide policy makers with a wider picture of the demographic and socio-economic situation of the country and its prospects till 2033.

The study attempts:

- To examine the levels, trends and the recent determinants of fertility and mortality in Gambia.
- To identify the recent changes and developments in the socio-economic status of the country's education, health and labor force.
- To provide prospects of Gambia population up to 2033 and its impact on education, health and employment.

Three data sources are utilized in this study:

The first sources was taken from data derived from the Multi-Cluster indicators Survey of 2006, the second was taken from the 1973-2003 Gambia Population and Housing Censuses Reports and the third from The Gambia Ministry of Basic and Second are Education.

The study used the Demographic models in spectrum, known as Demproj and Rapids.

As for the analytical part raw data from the MICS are used to identify the determinants of fertility and mortality using advance statistical analysis methods from the SPSS Package.