
PRESS RELEASE

**INSPECTION & AUDIT OF COOPERATIVE PRODUCE MARKETING SOCIETIES (CPMS)/
SECCOS FOR REORGANIZATION & COMPLIANCE TO COOPERATIVE ACT**

The General Public is hereby informed that the Department of Cooperative Development (DoCD) under the Ministry of Agriculture wishes to embark on general Inspection & Audit of all CPMS commonly referred to as SECCOS. In line with the Cooperative Act, Cap 50.02; the new Policy advocates for revitalization of existing cooperatives and support the establishment of new ones.

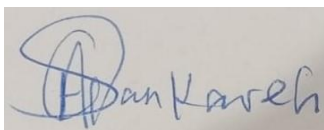
Consequently, the general public is hereby informed that beginning August 1st through September 30th 2024, DoCD shall conduct a thorough Inspection & Audit exercise of all the SECCOS in the Gambia. The activity intends to normalize all CPMS/SECCOS on the following criteria:

1. The existence of an executive/management committee with evidence of meeting minutes in the last 3 years,
2. The availability of an original cooperative registered certificate and an original/copy by-law currently adopted by the cooperative society,
3. Has organized an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the last 5 years,
4. Has an audited financial account of the last 3 years and
5. Holds a current membership register of the society.

SECCOS that are not compliant to the criteria outlined are required to visit DoCD in Bakau to undergo scrutiny, otherwise shall be banned to conduct any fertilizer sales or purchase groundnut next season.

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Sincerely,



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