The Gambia Revenue Authority (GRA) has established a national customs team, trained by the ASYCUDA Programme, for the migration to ASYCUDAWorld.

**Situation**

In 2019, the GRA and ASYCUDA Programme signed a technical cooperation project, funded by the African Development Bank, for the migration from ASYCUDA++ to ASYCUDAWorld. The project involved reforming customs processes and building a national ASYCUDAWorld prototype — requiring a complex migration of data from ASYCUDA++ to the new system.

**Solution**

The GRA appointed a national ASYCUDA implementation team comprising of five women and 11 men. The ASYCUDA Programme put in place an ambitious training schedule to rapidly grow the team’s IT and customs skills.

**Result**

The following trainings were delivered in 2021 to ensure transfer of know-how, system tailoring, data migration, and mobilization of stakeholders:

- Two-week technical training on installing the ASYCUDAWorld’s standard release
- Six-week ASYCUDAWorld training on manifest and declaration data capture, configuration of the reference data related to tariff and codifications, and prototype building
- Two-week technical training for the development of additional features and interfaces for data exchange with the domestic tax system
- A technical training for the migration of data from the ASYCUDA++ database to the new one
- One-week seminar that brought together stakeholders and customs officials, introducing them to the change

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Total number of customs offices

- 9 Total number of customs offices
- 4 Computerized
- 5 Paper-based

Volume of activity (2021)

- 2,809 Customs manifests
- 33,837 Customs waybills
- 5,104 Import declarations

Imports (2021)

- 130 Million $

Customs annual revenue evolution (Million $)

- 2017: 87
- 2018: 99
- 2019: 114
- 2020: 127
- 2021: 130

Persons trained

- 11 Men
- 16 Women
- 5 Women

Total export goods’ weight

- 239,753 Tonnes

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