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youth further strainin g social safety nets. With 81.3% of Gambian wom en working in agriculture

and retail trade, the impact is felt disproportionately by them. Reported cases of gender-based

violence have increased during the pandemic req uiring more effective efforts to better prot ect

women. The Commission also call ed for streng thened strategic partnerships between th e United

Nati ons regional and sub-regional organizations and IFIs in support of peacebuil ding priorities in

The Gam bia.

The Commis sion noted the significant contributi ons of the Peacebuil ding Fund in support of

peacebuilding in The Gambia, with a total investment of US$20 mi llion since March 2017 in

support of transitional justi ce, s ecurity sector reform, women and youth empowerment and other

peacebuilding priorities. The Commission expressed hope that the replenishment of the PB F in

January 2021 will en able the Fund to continue to support critical peacebuil ding priorit ies in The

Gambia and other conflict-affected setti ngs around the world.

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