

INTEGRATING GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING IN THE BUDGET PROCESS: A SURVEY OF ENTRY POINTS AND PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

SESSION 4: LINKING GRB TOOLS AND GENDER EQUALITY

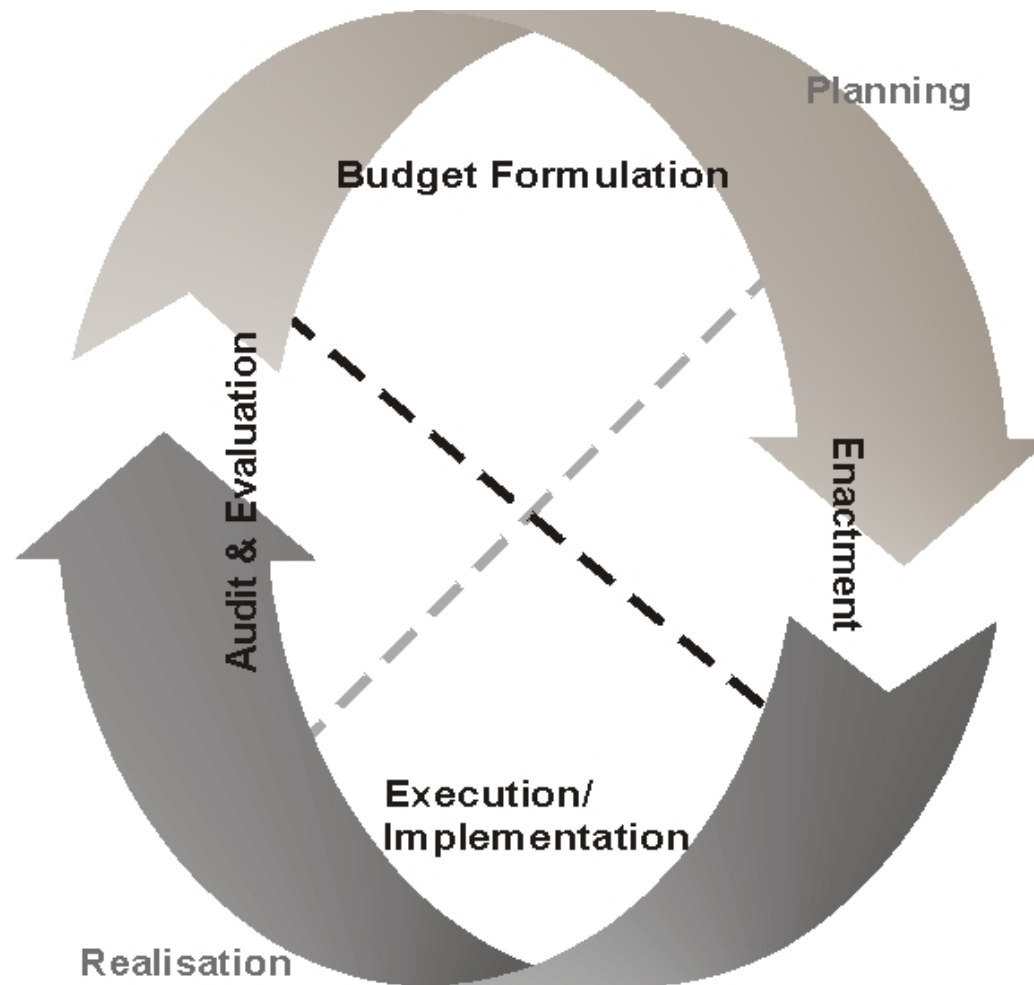
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Overview

- The Budget Process
- Integrating GRB in regular budget process
- Entry points for GRB
- Some GRB tools for linking GRB with budget process
- International examples

The budget process



Source: Rhonda Sharp

GRB in the budget process

There are possibilities for GRB activities at each stage of the budget process:

- Budget formulation
- Adoption of the budget
- Implementation of budget and policies
- Audit & Evaluation

GRB at budget planning stage

- Budget preparations in accordance with strategic planning
 - Specific attention to gender equality objectives in planning
 - Ministry of Finance calls for budgeting / budget call circular: Explicit reference to gender issues in budget call circular
 - Participatory mechanism for defining spending priorities
- Ministries prepare budget
 - Budget submissions include information on how expenditure affects women/gender equality
- Draft budget elaborated
 - Budget material includes Gender Budget Statement

International examples: Preparations

- Gender responsive call circulars
 - Uganda
 - Austria
 - Pakistan
- Gender Budget Statement prepared

GRB at budget approval stage

- Draft budget presented to Parliament
 - Specific attention to gender equality and women's rights in budget speech
- Interrogation and debate in Parliament
 - Debate on how budget improves situation of women and gender equality
 - Hearing with gender experts, women's CSOs
 - Briefings for Parliamentarians on how budget affects women
- Negotiations in Budget Commission
 - Focus on sufficient allocations for GRB expenditures
- Budget adopted in Parliament
 - Media information on relevance of budget for improving women's lives and gender equality

International examples: Approval

- Gender Budget Statements
 - Province of Gauteng, South Africa
 - City of Vienna, Austria
 - India
- Cooperation with Parliament
 - South Africa: Women's Budget Initiative
 - Uganda: Support to Parliamentarians
- Tracking budget allocations and advocacy for increase of funds
 - CSO work in Brazil

GRB at budget implementation stage

- Implementation of programmes and projects
 - Focus on different needs of women and men and gender equality
 - Ensure gender responsive implementation
- Expenditure on investments, service delivery, subsidies and transfers
 - Participatory processes to define priorities
 - Gender budget analysis
 - Attention to reaching target group; women and men among beneficiaries
- Expenditure monitored
 - Collection of sex-disaggregated data about beneficiaries and outputs
 - Monitoring costs of services delivered to women and men
- Performance measured
 - Ensure attention to women and men;
 - sex-disaggregated indicators

International examples: Implementation

- Numerous examples of gender budget analysis
- Using different tools and instruments for GRB analysis
- Example of Voivodina, Serbia
 - Analysis of labour market programmes
 - Analysis of target group
 - Analysis of beneficiaries of training programmes
 - Analysis of budget allocations
 - Analysis of results/outcomes in terms of employment
 - Participatory approaches to capture perspective of beneficiaries and programme implementors

GRB at budget audit & evaluation stage

- Fiscal performance evaluated
 - Attention to spending on items of particular importance to women/gender equality (e.g. has money been allocated also been spent?)
- Auditing and reporting to Parliament
 - Audit includes reference to GRB
- Performance evaluated
 - Performance evaluation from a gender perspective; sex-disaggregated performance indicators
 - Performance information on progress in gender equality included
- Audit report debated in Parliament
 - Debate on progress on women's rights issues and gender equality

International examples: Audit & Evaluation

- Monitoring whether allocated funds are spent
 - Example of Brazil
- Gender budget audit document presented to Parliament
 - Example of Vienna, Austria
- Performance monitoring: indicators to monitor progress
 - Example of Austria (federal level)

Integrating GRB in budget process

- Many possibilities
- Adaptation to specific context
- Selection of approach
- Combination of different activities along budget process
- Strategic planning and coordination needed
- Responsibility of key actors in regular budget process
- Opening opportunities for involvement of gender equality advocates in budget process

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