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Gender responsive budgeting in Ukraine

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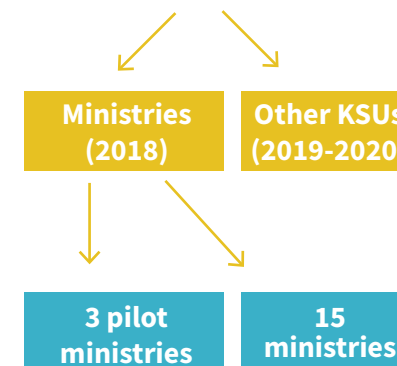
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## Institutionalization of gender responsive budgeting is underway at the state level in Ukraine

This year, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, in cooperation with the Gender Budgeting in Ukraine Project, completed the development of the Methodological Recommendations on the Integration and Use of the Gender Responsive Approach in the Budget Process.

It means that all the key spending units (KSUs) will analyze budget programs to reveal gender gaps, and improve their programs so that they meet the needs of women and men from different socio-economic groups to a greater extent. The Project has been providing training since June to representatives of all the ministries on GRB and on their testing of the above-mentioned Methodological Recommendations.

### KSUs implementing GRB



Due to this important step of gender budgeting institutionalization, Ukraine is becoming one of the best examples of GRB work in Europe.



**Volodymyr Lozytskyi**, Director of the State Budget Department, Ministry of Finance of Ukraine.

“MF, in cooperation with the GRB Project, developed the Methodological Recommendations on the Integration and Use of the Gender Responsive Approach in the Budget Process that will be provided to ministries for examination. Workshops on gender responsive budgeting will help the ministries introduce the gender-based approach into their budget process”.



## Some raions and amalgamated territorial communities successfully joined the GRB implementation and integrated gender aspects into their budget programs

This period turned out to be one of the most difficult since the start of the Gender Budgeting in Ukraine Project implementation, both at state and local levels. At the local level alone, 43 training workshops on gender responsive budgeting were held, involving 290 persons (71% - women, 29% - men):

- training workshops for the working groups of Kyiv, Chernihiv, Odesa, Volyn and Rivne oblasts, and some representatives of Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts;
- training workshops for Chernivtsi oblast ATCs and for Kyiv city raion administrations to learn the methodology of gender budget analysis of programs;
- training workshops for the teaching staff of the National University of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine (Irpin town).



**Olena Machulna**, Deputy Director of the Local Budgets Department, Head of the Local Budgets Planning Directorate, Ministry of Finance of Ukraine.

“GRB has a positive impact on people’s life, and if life of at least one person changes for better it will be a good result”.



## A joint meeting of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine with regional GRB working groups

In 2018, the GRB working groups in regions analyze 26 programs in education, social protection and social security, physical training and sports, and culture and arts.

**On May 23-24**, 2018 a meeting on the results of gender budget analysis of programs financed from local budgets was held in Kyiv. For two days, 68 representatives of the GRB working groups from 21 oblasts of Ukraine and Kyiv city, together with the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, discussed gender gaps and inequalities found in the course of the gender budget analysis performed on the selected programs, exchanged the experience on the GRB implementation in the oblasts, and shared their successful results.

All the regions presented the proposals, drafted by their working groups, on ensuring the sustainability of gender budgeting after the GRB Project completion. Almost all the attendees were unanimous about the need to amend the Budget Code of Ukraine to integrate the gender-based approach into the budget process. The introduction of changes at the state level will considerably facilitate the GRB implementation work at the local level. However, the absence of such changes does not rule out the possibility of working effectively at the regional level, which is successfully proved by experience of many oblasts and Kyiv city. Also, all the meeting participants agreed that, apart from enshrining the amendments in regulatory legal acts, it is extremely important to simultaneously change people’s attitudes and enhance their understanding of the importance and necessity of ensuring equal rights and opportunities of women and men, boys and girls in various sectors, which would lead to better quality of services delivered within the framework of implementing sectoral programs.

# Ukrainian civil servants adopted Swedish and Albanian experience of GRB application and gender statistics

A delegation, consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine and the State Statistics Service of Ukraine, visited Sweden **in April** on a study tour. The visit was aimed at learning the successful Swedish experience in introduction of gender statistics and identifying further steps for implementation of that experience in Ukraine. The delegation visited the Statistics Sweden, the District Administrative Council, the Swedish National Crime Prevention Council, and the Swedish National Education Agency. Based on results of the visit, its participants planned their next steps for the gender statistics reform in Ukraine.

An international visit to study the experience of gender budgeting use in Albania took place in May. The Ukrainian delegation included representatives of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Budget, the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utilities of Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, and finance departments of Vinnytsia, Lviv, Poltava, Sumy, Ternopil and Khmelnytskyi oblast state administrations.



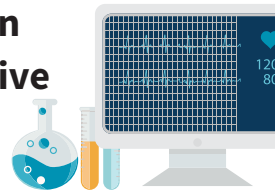
Albania achieved major success in the implementation of gender budgeting and has something to share with Ukraine. Ukraine, however, also has many attainments that the ministry and oblast representatives shared with their Albanian counterparts.

In the course of the tour, the delegation visited the Parliament, the municipality of Tirana, and learned the work of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Agriculture of Albania. It turns out that gender budgeting has already been integrated into the Budget Code of Albania, and each ministry must include a gender perspective in its programs. At the Ministry of Health, examples of positive impact of gender responsive budgeting were presented. For example, it was found during the gender budget analysis of programs that most of those undergoing medical examination are women – 60%, and men basically do not undergo regular diagnostics, which leads to late detection of various diseases. The Ministry took appropriate measures to raise men's awareness and improve their health.

We sincerely thank all the partners for help in the organization of the tour. Special thanks go to the UN Women Albania!



## Results of work on implementation of gender responsive budgeting



Based on results of gender budget analysis of the program “The Vinnytsia oblast future in preserving people’s health” for 2016-2020, the component “HIV/AIDS response” for 2017, the following needs were found:

- procurement and equipment of a specialized mobile ambulatory for the communal facility “Vinnytsia oblast clinical center for HIV prevention and control” to ensure the examination of the oblast’s urban and rural residents for HIV, viral hepatitis B and C, and sexually transmitted infections; procurement of test kits and rapid tests for examination for HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and hepatitis;
- opening of a children’s room in the communal facility “Vinnytsia oblast clinical center for HIV prevention and control” to be used when mothers and fathers are provided health care services.

**More than UAH 1.7 million was allocated for the above-mentioned needs, which will allow quality and affordability of the services to be improved in the near future.**

## Gender responsive budgeting is a matter of priority to the Ukrainian Women's Congress

A regional Ukrainian Women's Congress (UWC) was held **on 18 May** in Odesa, initiated by the Equal Opportunities Caucus. The Gender Budgeting Project in Ukraine was involved in the organization and holding of the event, and became one of the UWC partners.

During the panel "Gender responsive budgeting: successful cases", the issue of implementing gender budgeting in Ukraine was discussed; the essence and ways of GRB implementation were defined; as well as positive cases and opportunities of extending this instrument to meet the needs of women and men from different socio-economic groups were presented.



Taking part in the event were Olga Cherniuk, GRB Project Deputy Team Leader; Oksana Kisselyova, GRB Project National Expert; representatives of Mykolaiv and Kherson oblasts – Olga Rotar, Deputy Director of the Finance Department, Head of the Budget Directorate of Mykolaiv OSA; Yulia Zabrodkina, GRB Project Local Consultant in Mykolaiv oblast; Lyudmyla Kravchenko, Head of the Non-Production Sphere Finance Directorate, Finance Department of Kherson OSA, Focal Point for the GRB Project activities in Kherson oblast; and Liudmyla Makulina, GRB Project Local Consultant in Kherson oblast.

Olga Cherniuk and Liudmyla Kravchenko spoke during the panel discussion "Gender responsive budgeting: successful cases". They presented GRB as a tool to improve the efficiency of state and local budgets and to overcome gender gaps in various social and economic spheres, as well as the successful experience of the Project on implementation of gender budgeting in Ukraine.



## Successful implementation of the gender responsive budgeting Internship Program

In 2018, the GRB Project launched its Internship Program to expand the pool of gender budgeting experts and disseminate internationally knowledge and experience concerning the GRB implementation in Ukraine. Fourteen persons from Ukraine, Sweden, Finland, and Trinidad and Tobago have already participated in the internship. During the internship, the interns are introduced to the Project's work aimed at implementing and applying gender responsive budgeting in Ukraine, study the GRB information and methodological manuals, learn to find gender gaps in various sectors and determine ways of overcoming them. The program will promote sustainability of gender budgeting in Ukraine as well as strengthen cooperation with other countries and institutions engaged in GRB.

### Sofia Strive, Sweden (NIRAS)

"Gender responsive budgeting is a hot issue for many countries and donors. Since integration of a gender perspective in the budget process in Ukraine is going on with great success, studying and borrowing this experience is important to other countries."



## Bringing knowledge on gender responsive budgeting to the public



Journalists learn about gender budgeting at first hand



Taking part in the Rankova Khvylya radio program at Hromadske

To disseminate knowledge about importance of the use of gender responsive budgeting, a press brunch was held on **8 June** for journalists during which they learned about the significance and importance of the GRB use, outcomes and prospects of GRB implementation in Ukraine at state and local levels, and synergies with other organizations and projects for implementation of gender budgeting.

**On 11 June**, Oksana Kisselyova, National Expert of the Gender Budgeting in Ukraine Project, took part in the Rankova Khvylya program at Hromadske Radio. Due to that, a wide listening audience had a chance to obtain more information about practical features of gender budgeting.

## PLANS FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER OF 2018

- 1 Development of the gender budget statement structure.
- 2 Testing of the Methodological Recommendations on the Integration and Use of the Gender Responsive Approach in the Budget Process by ministries.
- 3 Implementation of a GRB training program for ministries.
- 4 Implementation of a GRB training program for representatives of raions, cities of oblast significance, and ATCs to learn the methodology of gender budget analysis of programs in Zhytomyr and Sumy oblasts.
- 5 Cooperation and activity coordination on GRB with donors, international organizations and other stakeholders.

GRB means mainstreaming gender into the budget policy and budget process at state and local levels, which includes allocation of budget funds according to a gender principle.

GRB is implemented in Ukraine by the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, with support from the Gender Budgeting in Ukraine Project financed by Sweden.

For more details see:



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