The implementation of gender-responsive budgeting (GRB) at the local level in Ukraine began in 2014. The first regions to have joined were Zhytomyr, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kherson, Kharkiv Oblasts and the city of Kyiv. Over the next four years, all other Oblasts gradually started to implement GRB.

In 2018, the last Oblasts joined the GRB work: Chernihiv, Odessa, Rivne, Volyn, and Luhansk and Donetsk. In order to implement the GRB measures in all Oblasts, GRB work groups were set up, which included experts from the departments of finance, line structural subdivisions of Oblast State Administrations, representatives of the statistics authorities and the unit that ensures, in the Oblast territory, the exercise of the powers, specified in the legislation of Ukraine in the area of ensuring equal rights and opportunities for men and women.
In 2018, the Project expanded its range of activities to such administrative-territorial levels as districts, cities of Oblast significance and amalgamated territorial communities. The purpose of the expansion is the full integration of the gender-responsive budgeting methods into the budget process at the local level in order to ensure the principle of the budget system unity.

In 2018, training in the use of a gender-responsive approach to the budgeting processes, as well as on budget literacy, was organized for representatives of financial institutions of Chernivtsi, Zhytomyr, Sumy Oblasts and the city of Kyiv.

The total of **257 people** attended the training.
Some facts on the implementation of gender-responsive budgeting at the local level

In 2015 to 2018, the GRB work groups in the regions analysed 85 budget programmes financed from local budgets.

Gender Budget Analysis (GBA) of programmes makes it possible to identify gender gaps in the distribution of funds for the needs of women and men, boys and girls. The work groups develop recommendations for improving budget documents, in particular, programmes, to overcome gender gaps. Recommendations are presented at joint meetings of representatives of work groups attended by the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine and sectoral Ministries. In 2018, in the course of the GBA, 18 Oblasts developed proposals and recommendations for the central bodies of executive power to decrease the identified gender gaps in their sectors.
As a result of the work on the GRB introduction at the local level in 2018, changes were made to passports of 60 programmes financed from local budgets. The goal, indicators and applications of these programmes are gender-responsive.

- Education and science
- Physical education, sports and youth policy
- Social protection and social security
- Health

Passports of Budget programmes for 2018

14 Oblasts and the city of Kyiv in 60 approved budget passports for 2018
Starting in 2017, the Project initiated activities of the School of GRB Trainers. The School is attended by civil servants of different levels of government. The goal of the School is to provide basic knowledge and skills in planning and conducting trainings on gender-responsive budgeting for the budget process participants.

At the training sessions, participants gain knowledge on gender-responsive budgeting, learn gender-sensitive budget analysis methodologies, learn various aspects of public speaking (in the course of practical exercises). After the final testing, graduates of the School are engaged by the Project and the GRB work groups to training seminars on gender budgeting for budget process participants at local levels and independently promote the use of the GRB methodology.
Announcement! Online Course
"Gender-Responsive Budgeting for Community Development"

In November 2018, the Prometheus website launched an innovative online education course “Gender-responsive budgeting for community development” for anyone who wants to learn more about gender budgeting and gender budget analysis methodology. The development of the online course was made possible due to the fruitful cooperation and partnership of the Gender-Responsive Budgeting Project in Ukraine, funded by Sweden, and the USAID Policy for Ukraine Local Self-Governance (PULSE) programme. The course was prepared by the “Bureau of Gender Strategies and Budgeting” public organisation upon request of the “Gender-Responsive Budgeting in Ukraine” Project. The online training course can be useful to both professionals engaged in budgeting, and a range of people interested in community development, local budget efficiency improvement, and promotion of equal rights and opportunities for women and men, since the GRB combines two processes: ensuring gender equality and public finance management. You are welcome to join the online course on gender-responsive budgeting!

GRB is a comprehensive gender-based approach in the budget policy and process at the national and local levels, which includes distribution of budget funds on the gender-sensitive basis.

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