Continuation of cooperation with the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service

We continue our work aimed at training qualified GRB specialists!

On November 26 – 27, 2019, the GRB Project team conducted an in-depth training on “Teaching the basics of the gender-responsive approach to the budget process in the system of professional training and development of civil servants and local government officials” within the framework of cooperation with the Center for Adaptation of the Civil Service to the Standards of the European Union of the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service and the Representation of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine. The event was attended by representatives of the centres for re-training and further training of the employees of state authorities, local self-government bodies, state enterprises, institutions and organizations, higher education institutions that train masters of “Public Management and Administration”, interregional departments of the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service and the Center for Adaptation of the Civil Service to the Standards of the European Union.

Participation in the Third Ukrainian Women’s Congress

Opportunities inspire! became the slogan of the Third Ukrainian Women’s Congress, which is a powerful platform for discussing the state of gender policy in Ukraine and the world and for developing appropriate recommendations to the agenda. The GRB project co-organized the congress; this year the team was represented by international and national experts, as well as representatives of GRB working groups in the regions.

We are more than pleased to note that GRB as a tool for achieving gender equality and the effective use of public finances has gained ground in the public discourse. The congress speakers have repeatedly emphasized the importance of the GRB institutionalization.

Webinar “Gender-Responsive Budgeting - Fair Budget for Everyone”

GRB Project takes advantage of various opportunities in order to disseminate knowledge about gender budgeting!

Deputy Project Manager Oksana Tsiupa and national expert Maryna Shapoval hosted a webinar on the topic “Gender-Responsive Budgeting – Fair Budget for Everyone”, which was organized with the support of the USAID project “Policy for Ukraine Local Self-Governance” (PULSE), implemented by the Association of Ukrainian Cities. The target audience were the representatives of 67 United territorial communities, who got a chance to hear the experts’ online answers to any questions regarding GRB. We shall remind that the webinar is always available on “PULSE Moia hromada – Mii dobrobut” (PULSE My community – My well-being) YouTube channel.

GRB Project organized a study visit for the representatives from Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan. What is the place of gender budgeting in implementing gender equality in the regions?

Study visit of a delegation from the countries of the South Caucasus (Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan)

The GRB project is always ready to share gained knowledge and present Ukrainian experience of implementing and applying the gender approach in the budget process at the state and local levels. Therefore, together with the South Caucasus Office of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), the Project organized a study visit for the representatives from Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan. What is the place of gender budgeting in implementing gender equality policy? What were the first steps of gender budgeting implementation in Ukraine? How important is the application of the gender approach in the budget process?
Women, ULEAD with Europe Program. In addition, during the study visit to the Zhytomyr region, the foreign guests had a chance to learn about the results of implementation and application of the gender approach in the region, as well as about the possible challenges at the local level.

We are also glad to report about the intensified cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. Within the framework of training, the participants got acquainted with the results of the analysis of the budget program

- “Support of the National Centre “Minor Academy of Sciences of Ukraine”, provision of extracurricular education by state institutions of extracurricular education, extracurricular activities”.

First ever training on the application of the gender-responsive approach in the budget process was organized for the Ministry of Healthcare. In the future, the Project experts will provide expert and advisory support to the Directorate of Public Health of the Ministry of Healthcare on the implementation of the gender-responsive approach in the health policy formation and implementation. We will keep you posted on the results, stay tuned!

Expanding the range of KSU and SU that have started working with GRB

The State Audit Office of Ukraine has joined the range of budget spending units that aim at implementing the gender approach in the budget process. The Memorandum of cooperation with the Project has been signed! We are going to build an effective cooperation promoting the use of modern tools of state financial control with the view to improving the economic efficiency and the effectiveness of the state and local budget expenditures that would take into account the needs of men and women and/or their groups. From Memorandum towards real actions — the first practical seminars have already taken place on December 18-19, 2019.

Best wishes to the graduates of the Academy “Ins and outs of applying the gender-responsive approach in the budget process of Ukraine”

A crucial prerequisite for ensuring the sustainability of the gender-responsive approach application in the budget process is the expansion of competences of specialists of the Ministry of Finance’s structural units. On November 11 – 25, 2019, specialists of the Ministry of Finance had a chance to undergo an intensive training aimed at improving the skills of GRB implementation, the skills of making managerial decisions which take into account the gender dimension, as well as had the practical experience of conducting a gender analysis of the selected budget programs. Altogether, there are 13 graduates who are now fully convinced of the importance and necessity of the gender analysis of budget programs and will always view their work through “gender lenses” from now on. We wish them the best of luck and are looking forward to continuing our GRB Academy training!

According to the results of the survey conducted upon the completion of the training, 90% of the surveyed participants stated they were “very satisfied” with the training. When assessing the possibility that they would use the gained knowledge and skills in practice, 50% of the surveyed participants assessed this possibility as “100%”, 30% of the surveyed participants assessed it as “80%”.

In 2019, GRB working groups in the regions and in the city of Kyiv analyzed 18 programs funded from local budgets. That is why the Project traditionally continues the practice of organizing joint meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Finance, sectoral ministries and the State Statistics Service in order to discuss the results of the analysis of these programs, the changes to legislative and regulatory acts that regulate budgetary relations at the state and local levels, as well as the recommendations concerning the forms of administrative and statistical reporting. We are expecting the corresponding changes — which are based on the results of the developed proposals and which take gender dimension into account — to appear in the documents used in the budget process!