

Financing the Care Economy for Roma Women through Gender-Responsive Budgeting

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Context / Challenge

- Gender-sensitive budget for Roma women
- Analysis of the work context
- Possible changes



Options to link with gender-responsive budgeting

Planning and prioritising

- » Link highest-level objectives and portfolio/sectoral priorities to equality commitments and gender equality priorities.
- » Gender-relevant analysis and data embedded in revenue-raising and expenditure proposals and decision-making.
- » Integrate gender equality into budget submission requirements.
- » Link (and extend) goals and performance indicators to gender equality.
- » Give attention to women's disadvantages and gender equality in budget decision-making processes.
- » Include a gender statement with budget documents.
- » Track donor funding for its commitment to gender equality.

Budget presented and approved

- » Support parliament to interrogate the budget for its basis on gender analysis and its impacts on women's disadvantage and gender equality.
- » Support civil society engagement in budget debates, including in parliament.
- » Ensure information is provided to the community (transparency).

Spending and monitoring

- » Embed gender equality in budget reporting to help track spending.
- » Include equal opportunity requirements in government contracts and encourage gender equality throughout procurement.
- » Ensure that data systems are more gender-sensitive (including analysis of expenditure distribution).
- » Track spending against specific gender equality commitments.

Budget presented and approved

- » Include gender elements into reviews (such as gender analysis, gender differences in distribution of public resources).
- » Evaluate programs and services of priority to women (such as services provided to survivors of violence).
- » Parliamentary oversight covers gender equality commitments and results.
- » Consult with civil society groups, including women's organisations -including supporting citizen report cards.

ex ante

Gender needs
assessment

Budget baseline
analysis

ex ante GIA

Resource
allocation

Performance
setting

budget approval

Gender budget
statement

- Progress statement
- Gender allocations report
- Gender impact analysis

Social audit of
budget

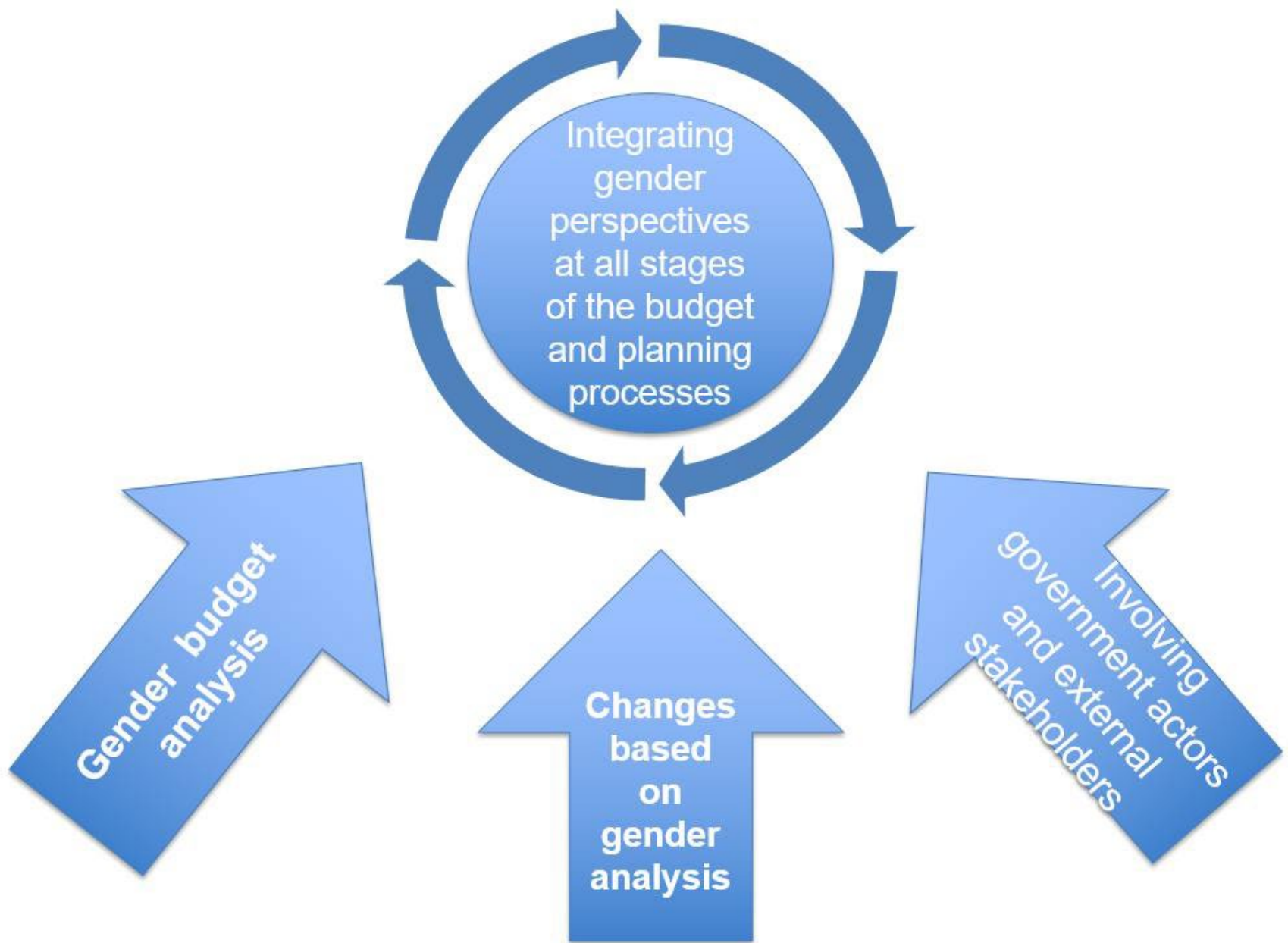
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Evaluation and
performance
audit

Spending review

Gender equality
systems audit



Evidence / Experience

- ROB is not recognized in local governments
- National strategy for Roma men and women
- Donors have no such requirements

Recommendations

- Integrate gender equality in planning and budgeting
- Establish a monitoring system and data collection
- To design informative measures for Roma women
- Strengthen institutional cooperation and the participation of Roma women in the processes

Key Takeaways

Main messages

... Roma women are an important resource in all processes

... Human rights policy must be based on economics and the very relationship to human rights

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THANK you for your attention.

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