

# Gender Responsive Budgeting in Bhutan

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# Outline



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# Introduction-a time line



- 1981 – ratified CEDAW, NWAB established
- 1995 – endorsement of BPFA
- 1998 – Royal Decree on Women's political participation
- 2001 – Erstwhile PCS as nodal agency, Gender Theme Group formed, Gender Pilot Study conducted
- 2004 – NCWC established, Initial to 6<sup>th</sup> CEDAW Report presented



# Introduction-a time line cont...



- 2007 - 2009 – Enacted Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan (Articles 7, 9 & 10), NPAG, WCPU, 7<sup>th</sup> CEDAW Report
- 2011 – RGoB Policy Protocol, GRPB, 11FYP Guidelines formulated
- 2013 – DVPA, GRPB Strategic Framework & Training Manual developed
- 2014 – Budget Call Circular, Mainstreaming Framework
- 2015 – Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals



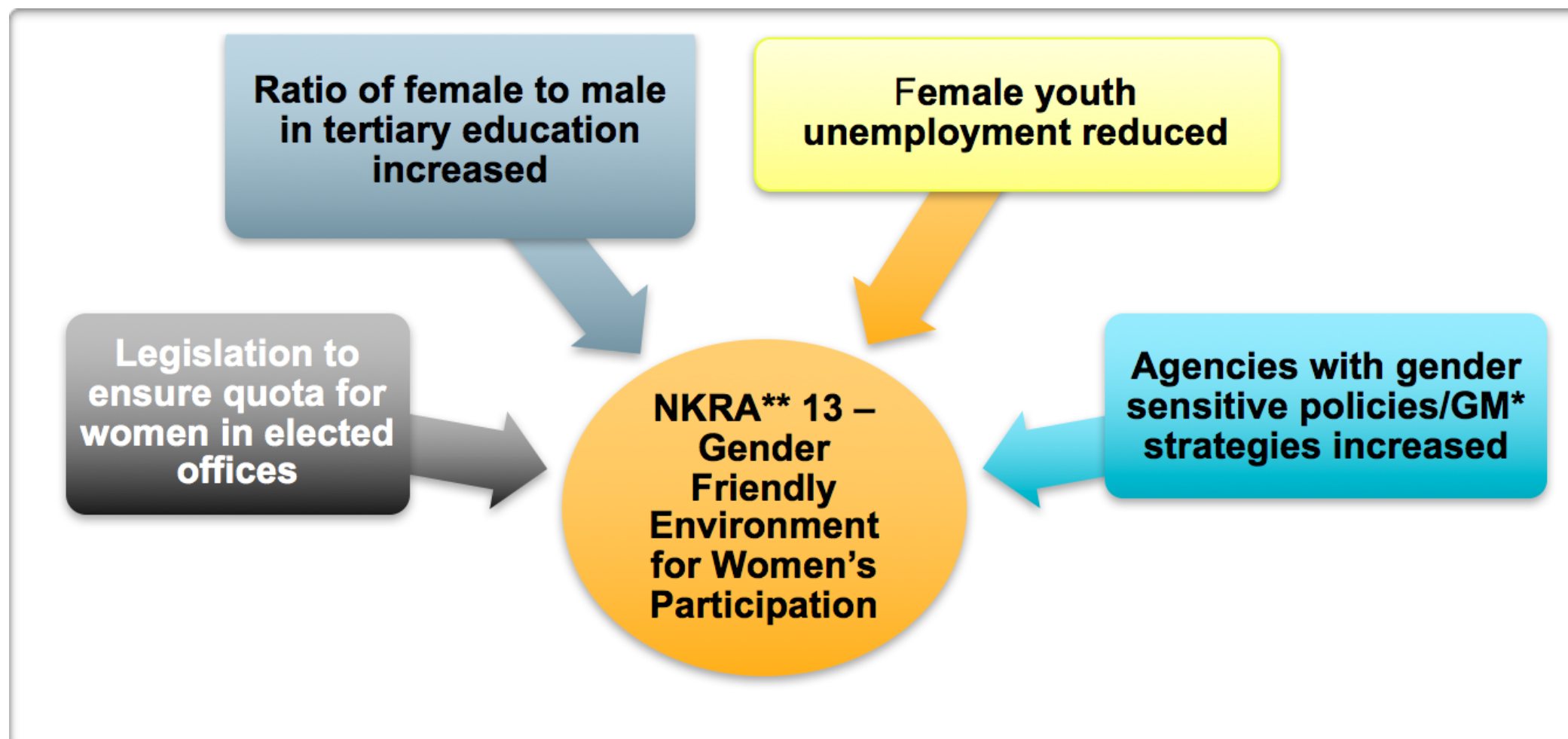
# GRPB in Bhutan



- Strong legal and political commitment – Constitution, CEDAW and CRC.
- Institutions: DNB, GNHC, NCWC, GFPs (GRPB Working Group)
- Policy development – NPAG, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Plan Guidelines, Policy Protocol, Strategic Framework for GRPB
- Public finance reforms – MYRB-BCCs - Inclusion in Budget Call Notification – Financial Year (FY) 2012-13
- Synergy between planning and budgeting processes
- Gender Mainstreaming 11FYP (2013-2018) & 12FYP (2018-2023)

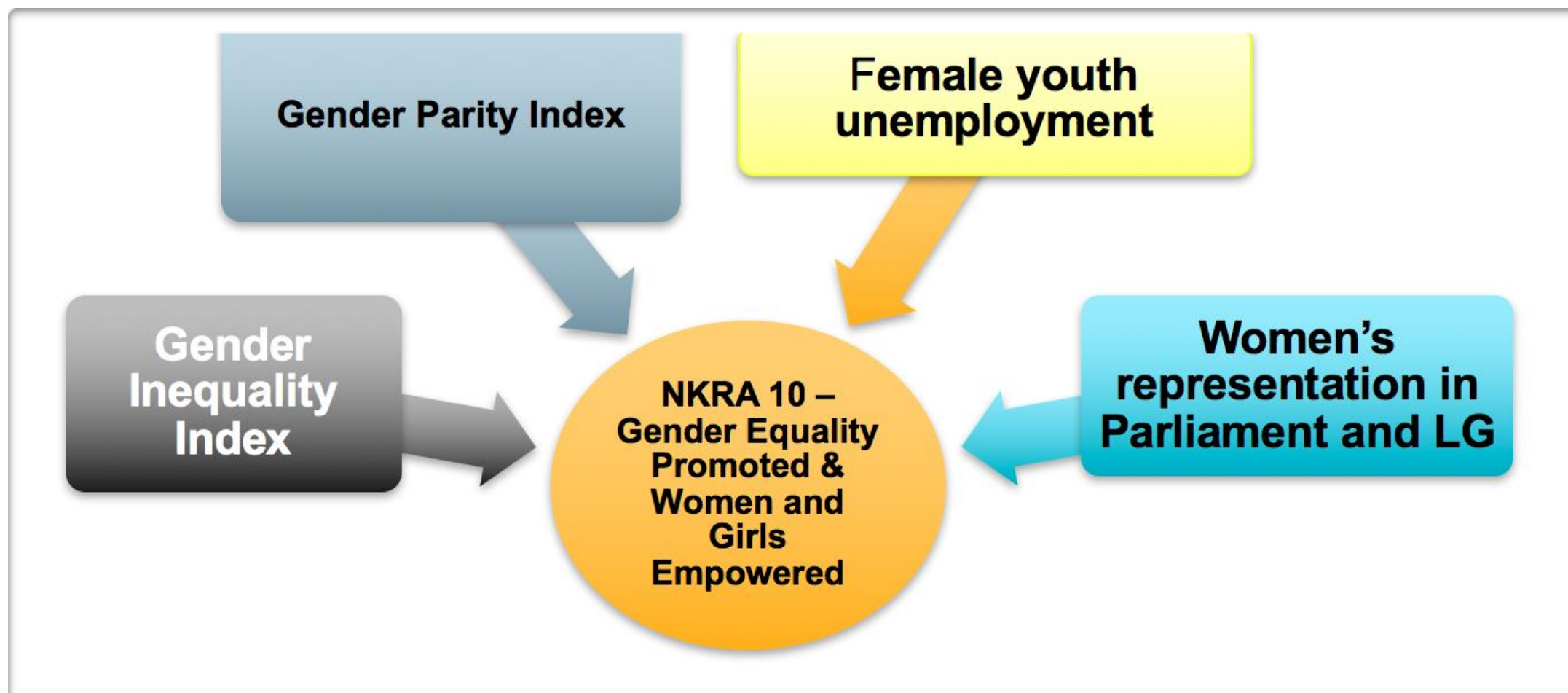


# 11th FYP





# 12th FYP







## GRPB in Bhutan cont...



- High Level Sensitization – politicians and bureaucrats - July 2010
- Working Group 2012 – MoF, GNHC, NCWC, DLG, UN & CSO
- Scoping Mission – assessing of needs – 2013 (raise awareness, capacity building: program, planning, budget officials at national & sub national)
- Deepening Workshop on GRPB – Jan 2013 (Strategic Framework & Manual)
- High Level Sensitisation on GRPB - 26 June 2017 (Members of Parliament)





# Strategic Framework





# Approach & Strategy



- Narrative Statement on GRPB in the National Budget Report - FY 2013-14 onwards.
- BCC and Gender Policy Narratives - A Mix of Quantitative and Qualitative Approach (2017-2018 BCC)

(Pilot Ministries will submit a narrative policy statement at the time of budget proposal which will include:

1. Overall objectives of the Ministry (policies and KRAs) – how they contribute to gender related goals with physical and financial data
2. Priority issues that needs to be addressed to promote gender equality
3. List 2-3 activities with budget requirement to address the issue in Sl.No. 2)



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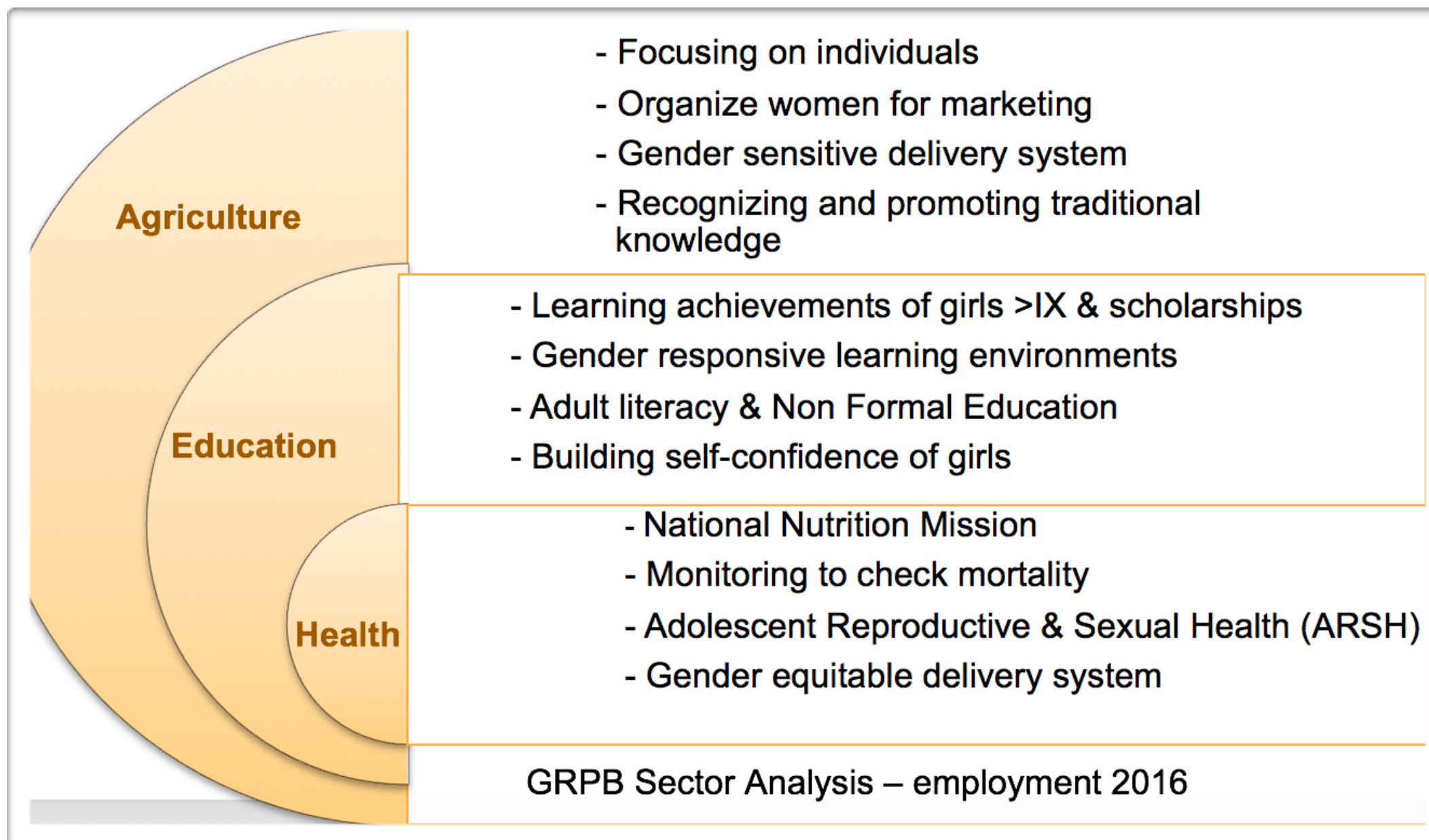


- 3 Pilot Sectors selected – Sep. 2014 (Agriculture, Health & Education) – GRPB analysis – evidence generation: address sector specific needs
- Gender Appraisal (MTR of 11FYP)- Nov. 2016



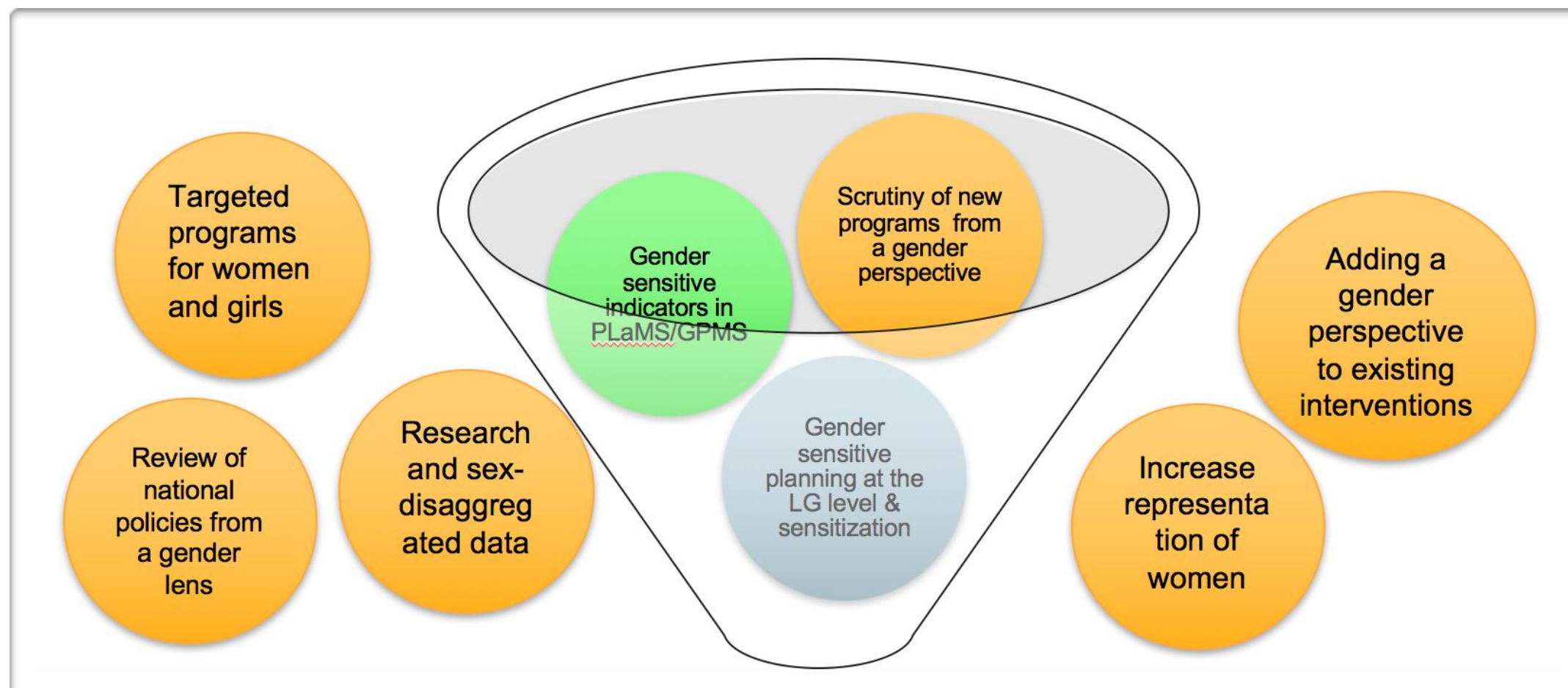


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# Recommendations





# Key Lessons

## Environment building

Awareness & sensitization  
(at all levels - decision making, content as per level)

## Capacity and evidence

Training (target group) & sectoral analysis

## Analysis to action

Ownership (DNB & NCWC) & technical support (Guidelines & GEG)

## Impacts and institution alization

Resource allocation with a gender lens (review process & integrate in national processes)





# Way Forward



- Engendering of GPMS – Gender equality indicators, Gender Indicator Handbook
- Review ToR and revitalize GRPB Working Committee (NCWC, DLG, GNHC, DNB, CSO and UN (chaired by Director, DNB).
- Review of GRPB Strategy and Manual to incorporate lessons from current experiences
- Develop Action Plan for the GRPB Strategy and roll out of GRPB in the remaining Sectors and LGs
- Develop specific guidelines for programme, budgetary and planning personnel on how to engender plans, programmes and budgets.
- Building awareness & capacity on GRPB on a continuous basis – all levels



# Guidelines for GRBP:

## Step 1 – Addressing Key Gender Issues (Analytical Narrative)

Issues (List 3-5 priority gender issues)	Analysis of status, trends & constraints	Actions/Interventions to address issue	Indicators to measure output/outcome	Link with Objectives/Key Results Areas

## Step 2 – Expenditure/Budget Analysis

Part A: Gender Specific Expenditure				
Programme/Activity	2018-19			2019-20
	Outlay	Expenditure	% Achieved	Outlay
Part B: Gender Integrated Expenditure				
Programme/Activity	2018-19			2019-20
	Outlay	Expenditure	% Achieved	Outlay



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