



# ***Perspective on Gender-Responsive Budgeting in Cambodia***

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# Perspectives from Cambodia



1. Key gender and finance frameworks to advance gender equality
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# ***Key Gender and Finance Frameworks to Advance Gender Equality***

## **Gender Responsive Policy & Programs:**

- **Gender as cross-cutting** in the national strategic plan and framework (NSDP, CSDGs) – **Macro Policy Guiding**
- **National Strategic Plan** on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: **National Framework for Gender Equality**
- **Gender Mainstreaming Action Plan** in sectors – **Gender Working Groups: Sector framework and approach**
- Cambodia **Gender Assessment** in sectors (**Gender Analyses in Sectors**)

## **Budget Cycle:**

- Public Financial Management Reform Program (PFM): Program Budgeting – Budget formulation: **base on policies, programs and indicators along with clear legal framework and mechanism.**
- **Government Statement in 2016:** ***Ministry of Economic and Finance has to instruct all ministries/ institutions to define outputs and outcomes indicators reflecting benefits for women and vulnerable people***

# ***Mechanisms to Promote of Gender Equality***

## **Cambodia National Council for Women (CNCW): *LEAD, M&E***

Membership:

- **The Queen as the Honorary Chair**
- **Prime Minister as the Honorary Deputy Chair**
- Minister of Women's Affairs as the Executive Chair,
- Representatives from relevant ministries (vice-minister level) as members.



**Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA):**  
***Facilitate & Provide Technical Support***

**Line Ministries through Gender Mainstreaming Action Group (GMAG): *IMPLEMENT***

## ***Key Progress on GRB in 2016-2017***

1. **National Workshop on GRB (26-27 Sep 2016)**
2. **Workshop with line ministries** (the technical level from finance and gender) and Ministry of Economic and Finance to explore the possibilities and entry point of GRB
3. **GRB core group established** (selected key ministries and gender experts) and skill development workshop
4. Dialogue with key female leaders and male leader/gender champions (Feb 2017) on GRB (building the commitment and agreement)

## ***Lessons learned***

- **Gender Mainstreaming Working Group and Strategic Plan** is the key actor/approach for institutionalizing into sectors including budget and planning cycle. But their role is need to be clear and stronger.
- Both “Gender” & “Finance” are complex and cross-cutting. **Establishment of good practice and case studies in the specific sector/area** is one approach of advocacy and communication on GRB.

# *Existing gaps and opportunities*

## **Policy and planning:**

- Strengthening the alignment and integration of Gender Equality Policy and Strategic Plan into sectoral policy, program and action plan
- Sex-disaggregated data/Gender statistics in sectors
- Gender Assessment in sectors **inform to the policy and program formulation**

## **Budget cycle:**

- Budget circular (→ Gender Budget Statement)
- Financial Management Information System (FMIS) in pilot

**Strengthening the role of Gender Mainstreaming Working Group (GMAGs) in the planning and budget cycle (institutionalization)**



# *Way Forward*

## Specific priorities on GRB:

- Engendering the implementation of **Public Financial Management Reform Program** in order to increase the public investment in sectors for gender equality through **identifying and using the specific tools**.
- **Annual follow-up workshop** with line ministries before the start of the next budget cycle with the goal of activating line ministries to integrate gender-related outputs and activities in their ministerial budget plans.
- Select **key ministries to apply GRB initiative** to analyze the gender issue in the budget preparation cycle including the collect best practices and case studies. (supported by UN-ESCAP)
- **Exchange experiences and learn from good practices** on Gender Responsive Budgeting.
- Strengthen **the network and core group** to support GRB capacity development



# Thank You



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