

responsive commitments are translated into specific financial commitments. This will be to the benefit of all citizens, as well as ensuring that the allocated resources are spent as planned and attain the desired results.

The historical development of Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) Gender Responsive Budgeting dates back in mid 1980's when it was pioneered by the Australian federal and state governments as part of the strategy of mainstreaming gender in economic as well as social policy and whole government approach. It's however in 1995 that GRB gained momentum.

In 1995, the 4th United Nations World conference on women recommended that governments should make efforts to systematically review how women benefit from public expenditures and adjust budgets to ensure equality of access to public sector expenditures.

In subsequent years especially after 1995, several governments are increasingly playing a big role in achieving gender equity/equality in budgeting. Most Governments address gender issues due to two main reasons, gender equity and efficiency.

Engendering Budgets

Gender Budget initiatives (GBI) are promoted with a vision of fostering poverty eradication strategies, macro economic policies and budgets at local, national and sub - regional levels that reduce gender inequalities and poverty.

Engendering Policies and Budgets in Uganda

There are several instruments, which Government signed that guide gender mainstreaming in Uganda. These include the Beijing platform of Action,

Convention On Elimination Of All Forms Of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the National Policy on the Advancement of Women, and the Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP) which is the major development Framework of the Government. This indicates that the government of Uganda has committed itself in addressing gender as part of the strategies of eradicating poverty.

In the PEAP document, Government of Uganda has committed itself to mainstream Gender with the ultimate aim of redistributing resources more equitably, reduce systematic disadvantage and promote equity among citizens.

Location

ACFODE enjoys a high level of security through its ownership of a house. ACFODE House is situated on Plot 623/624, Bukoto, near Kampala and hosts all the office Premises.

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BACKGROUND of



Action for Development (ACFODE) is an indigenous, voluntary, non-governmental, women's interest and development organisation based in Kampala, Uganda and formed on 19th November 1985.

The formation of Action for development was stimulated by the United Nations Third World Conference on Women (UN WCW), held in Nairobi in July 1985. After that Conference, it became clear that Ugandan women were grossly marginalised and their issues were almost totally overlooked.

ACFODE's Core Purpose

ACFODE 's core purpose is advocacy for gender equality and equity.

ACFODE's vision

A just society where there is gender equality of opportunities in all spheres including decision making and equal access to resources in a secure and enabling environment.

ACFODE's mission

To promote women's empowerment, gender equality and equity in Uganda, through spearheading advocacy and networking efforts to create an enabling environment as well as increasing the capabilities of women in local communities to manage their own activities in addition to standing up for their rights.

Geographical Areas of Operation

ACFODE's work has been mainly concentrated in the districts of Kiboga, Rukungiri, Soroti, Lira, Pallisa, and Kisoro. However, the gender budget programme is being implemented in the districts of Masaka and Tororo.

What is Gender Budgeting?

Gender Budgeting is the incorporation of gender dimensions into the Budget Frameworks including all policies, programs and activities. The emphasis is on the recognition that the interests and needs of women as well as those of men are different and must systematically be pursued in the formulation, implementation and monitoring for all development policy frame works including budgets.

ACFODE's concern in Gender Budgeting

As a Gender advocacy Organisation, the gender budget programme is implemented at the district and Sub county levels. ACFODE found it imperative to join efforts with other development partners in this country and the government to implement Gender Budgeting at the Local Level. ACFODE started with 2 districts of Masaka and Tororo, and in the Sub counties of Nawanjofu and Mulanda in Tororo; and Kabonera and Bukulula in Masaka.

ACFODE would like to see women demanding for their rights in resources allocation both at district and sub county level. As a final result, ACFODE would like to see gender mainstreamed in the district and sub county budgets, and gender sensitive budgets being implemented.

Purpose

To achieve gender - balanced district and sub county policies and budgets that address the needs of the poor especially women, people with disabilities and of other marginalized groups.

Development objective

The objective of the project is to achieve gender balanced district budget by developing techniques of gender budgeting to councilors and other project stakeholders at the district and sub- county level.

Immediate target group.

The immediate target group for this project, at the two corporate levels of local government includes the following:

- a) The district level target group includes women and men councilors of all categories, technical staff and members of key NGOs/ CBOs operating in the district.
- b) At the sub county level the target group include all women and men councilors, technical staff and members of key NGOs/ CBOs in the sub county.
- c) Opinion leaders.

Local Level Gender Budgeting

In 2004, ACFODE started a program popularly known as Local Level Gender Responsive Budgeting (LLGRB). Gender Budgeting is a global concern, which is currently being implemented in over 40 countries worldwide.

The rationale to gender budgeting is that since national budgets reflect national priorities of a country, it is paramount that countries, gender