

BEST PRACTICE: UNIFEM web portal on Gender-Responsive Budgeting



ABOUT THE PORTAL:

[The Gender-Responsive Budgeting web portal](#) aims to facilitate the exchange of information between academics, practitioners, researchers and activists working on gender budget initiatives. The website provides governments, non-governmental organizations, parliaments and academics with resources for understanding and applying GRB. The portal is the only website exclusively devoted to GRB. Originally created in 2001, it was relaunched in 2010 with a variety of new features:

- Expanded number of resources on GRB, aid effectiveness, financing for gender equality and country case studies in French, Arabic, Spanish and Portuguese;
- Audiovisual content on country experiences;
- Updated list of GRB experts;
- Improved search function and navigation system with resources organized by themes, types, region and language;
- Interactive calendar of events;
- Social bookmarking.

In 2009, the website recorded over 70,000 unique visitors from all regions of the world. This indicates the broadened interest in the application of GRB as well as the relevance of the resources made available through the portal. Since the original launch of the website in 2001, the number of visitors has almost tripled and the time spent on the website has significantly increased.

ABOUT GRB:

Gender-responsive budgeting (GRB) is government planning, programming and budgeting that contributes to the advancement of gender equality and the fulfillment of women's rights. It entails identifying interventions to address gender gaps in government policies, plans and budgets. GRB initiatives seek to create enabling policy frameworks, build capacity and strengthen monitoring mechanisms to support accountability to women.

ABOUT UNIFEM's WORK ON GRB

UNIFEM is a leading supporter of efforts towards ensuring that national planning, budgeting and monitoring and evaluation processes incorporate a gender perspective. UNIFEM's GRB programmes at cross regional, regional and country level have made significant contribution towards this end by building political support, developing technical resources and capacity, generating good practices for improving women's access to services and increasing accountability to gender equality. The programmes have also launched partnerships with UN agencies and other development partners and resulted in increased support for GRB around the world.

UNIFEM's approach to GRB has focused on introducing strategic and sustainable changes into budgetary processes. This approach has been pursued by assisting governments to introduce measures for incorporating gender into their public finance management systems, and building the capacity of officials to apply GRB to ensure that budget policies and outcomes are gender-responsive. This approach also emphasizes the importance of bringing gender equality advocates, parliamentarians and other stakeholders into the budgeting process.

UNIFEM is currently supporting GRB work in 45 countries at national and/or local level in Africa, Asia Pacific, Arab States, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For more information on the web portal or UNIFEM's GRB programmes, to contribute to this portal and to share knowledge products, please send an email to gender.budgets@unifem.org.