

Tools for Gender Budget Analysis

So... how can you do gender budget analysis? The following is a set of questions to ask about the budget:

1. What are the particular needs, concerns, and realities of women in X area?

Consider the differing roles of women and men in the community. Who does the paid work, unpaid caring work, and community work?

2. How does spending in this area impact women and girls differently than men and boys?

- a. What are women and men's particular needs in terms of programs, benefits, and services?
- b. Do women and men have equal access to programs, benefits, and services?
- c. Who benefits most from programs, benefits, and services?
- d. Does spending increase or decrease women's and men's workloads (paid and unpaid work)?
- e. Does spending increase or decrease women's and men's income and income-earning potential?
- f. Does spending increase or decrease women and men's access to resources?
- g. Do budget expenditures in X area work to improve women's economic equality or do they exacerbate existing inequalities?

3. How are particular groups of women affected by spending in this area?

Consider the realities of single mothers, older women, women living with disabilities, Aboriginal women, immigrant and racialized women, young women, and rural women.

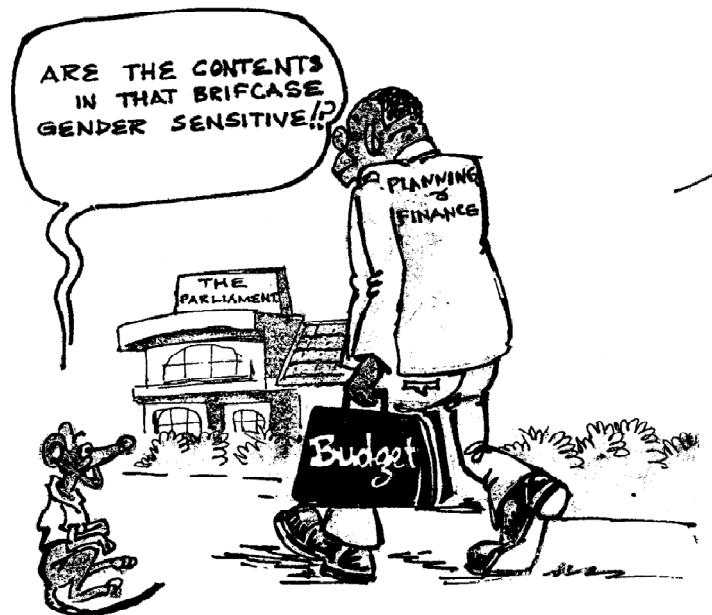
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Who has control over decision-making on spending in this area? Are women and men consulted equally in the development and delivery of policy and programs?

5. What are the long-term costs and consequences of not using gender analysis addressing women's inequality?

6. How does budget revenue and taxation work to improve women's economic status rather than exacerbate existing inequalities between women and men?

In other words, does the tax system keep women poor, or work to improve women's economic equality?



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