



Gender And Development Professional MA
Gender practices course

Egyptian government Budget 2022-2023

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Gender budgeting, as defined by the Council of Europe, is an application of gender mainstreaming in the budgetary process. It entails assessing budgets on a gender basis, incorporating a gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process, and restructuring revenues and expenditures to promote gender equality. In a nutshell, gender budgeting is a strategy and a process aimed at achieving long-term gender equality goals.

Gender-responsive budget initiatives are not 'budgets for women,' but they can examine spending on services aimed specifically at women to see if it is adequate to meet women's needs. GRB does not imply dividing government spending 50:50 between men and women. Instead, they examine the budget from a gender standpoint to determine how it will meet and respond to the various needs of everyone, including men and women, girls and boys. They may also include an evaluation of the intersection of men and women, girls and boys, and other dimensions (for example by age, class or religion).

GRB can take many different forms. It can be carried out by local or national governments. Elected officials or civil servants can organize it. It can examine the entire budget or just a few sections of it. Parliamentarians and civil society organizations can exert significant pressure on the government to implement gender-responsive budgeting by asking the right questions or conducting their own analysis.¹

Regarding the method for preparing and formulating the budget, it was mentioned in the eighth item of the transparency statement, steps taken by the government to represent women in budget planning by holding workshops and panel discussions with women from the dialogue and developing social programs the situation in Egypt.

The Egyptian budget does not consider the gender differences in the society for example in the project of “Takafol w Karama” as the expenditures are based on age only regardless gender.

Breadwinners’ women are mentioned in the budget for health insurance, as the state bears the cost of insurance for about 464,000 women who are breadwinners annually, with a total of about 93 million pounds for the next year’s budget. But, the budget does not considerate the differences among women like the social class, the social circumstances, the age, the number of family members, challenges and needs of those women.

However, the approach of the budget is to be gender responsive but at the end with a holistic perspective to the budget, it is not a gender responsive budget.

¹ “A Guide to Gender-Responsive Budgeting,” Oxfam Policy & Practice, accessed December 23, 2022, <https://policy-practice.oxfam.org/resources/rough-guide-to-gender-responsive-budgeting-620429/>.