


# Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				Uganda
<b>Project Name</b>	Gender Budget Programme			<b>Programme Type:</b> Catalytic
<b>Lead Org</b>	Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE)			<b>Grant ID:</b> 595
<b>Co-lead Org</b>				
<b>Thematic Area(s)</b>	Political Empowerment			
<b>Thematic Sub Area(s)</b>	Gender Responsive Budget			
<b>Grant Amount</b>	\$205,000	<b>Grant Start Date</b>	December 18, 2009	
<b>Additional Gov't Funding</b>		<b>Grant End Date</b>	December 31, 2011	
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$205,000			

Partner Agencies	
<b>Government</b>	
<b>Civil Society</b>	

Programme Summary
Uganda's decision to introduce gender budgeting requires all government entities to demonstrate how resources allocated to them will address gender issues. The Gender Budget Programme (GBP) intends to advance gender accountability within the government by introducing gender analysis and audits to the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) and legislature. The proposal builds on past GBP efforts and provides new strategies for engagement with parliament.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
Budget Call Circular on Gender Budgeting; (Contribution to gender auditing of National Development Plan)	Policy document	2006/07	Gender Mainstreaming	High

General Programme Goal
Ugandan women benefit from gender-equitable distribution and resource utilization in accordance with the gender directive in the Budget Call Circular.

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: Ugandan legislators and technocrats at local and national levels challenge and analyze budget information from a gender perspective
Outcome 2: Ugandan citizens in at least five districts demand consideration for women's rights and interests in government plans and budgets.

Main Achievements
<p>During its first year, the programme has made substantial progress towards achievement of both programme outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The programme conducted a joint gender budget audit with the Parliamentary Budget Office and developed an assessment report. This report includes recommendations for the implementation of the Budget Call Circular and has become a benchmark to measure budget performance of different sectors from a gender perspective.</li> <li>Parliament advisory and oversight role in shaping national budgets with a gender perspective have greatly improved as result of awareness and capacity-building interventions in the gender budget audit. Parliamentarians are raising gender-related questions in relation to the implementation of the national Budget Framework Paper and the Midterm Expenditure Framework.</li> <li>Sectoral ministries are showing distinct commitments towards gender mainstreaming in budgets. Substantive institutional interventions can be traced in the Ministry of Finance, the Social Development Sector, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Public</li> </ul>

Services. One highlighted case: after finalizing a gender analysis, the Ministry of Agriculture restructured the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) to target food security. As a result, the majority of poor women and subsistence farmers (male and female) will benefit from its services.

- 320 Village Budget Clubs (VBC) members, 30 senior planning and gender officials, 60 sub-county councilors and 30 district media representatives had tutorials in gender budgeting, resource monitoring, tracking and accountability which resulted in an increased level of awareness and community activism.

- The organization issued ten demands and two petitions, and organized fifteen interface meetings in five districts. Village Budget Clubs - public forums are resulting in increased local community involvement, greater responsiveness of district authorities to women's requests, improved services for women, and the mainstreaming of women's priorities in district plans and budgets.

### **Key Highlights**

- This programme is a model for the establishment of strategic, multi-level partnerships for gender mainstreaming in public sector plans and budgets.

- Village Budget Clubs are a distinct development model where stakeholders debate issues of gender budgeting.