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Step It Up: Progress Report

Gender Budgeting

The Swedish government stepped up its efforts for gender mainstreaming in the Budget Bill for 2017. The Ministry of Finance has instructed all ministries in that all policy proposals and reforms in next year's Budget Bill must be based on a gender equality impact analysis, and new policies should be developed with a gender-sensitive approach. A guide on how to conduct a gender equality analysis in the budget process has been developed, and trainings are provided for officials in the Government Offices. These actions have led to a more systematic use of statistics disaggregated by sex, and improved gender equality analysis in the Budget Bill.

Gender mainstreaming in Government agencies

The Government has expanded a program to strengthen gender mainstreaming in government agencies which involve sixty public sector agencies. The purpose is to ensure that the activities and services produced by these agencies contribute the Government's gender equality policy objectives.

Combatting men's violence against women

Combatting men's violence against women is an important priority for the Swedish Government. The Government is currently preparing a comprehensive national strategy for the elimination of men's violence against women (2017-2026) which aims at strengthening the work of public agencies at all levels. The strategy includes goals and indicators in order to follow-up on results.

Developing a gender equality policy for the future

The Swedish Government is to enhance gender equality. In 2016 the Government intends to present a Government communication on its gender equality policy aspirations for the coming years.

Women, Peace and Security

As a means to advance and concretize the Women, Peace and Security agenda, Sweden has adopted its third National Action Plan for the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security. To ensure that the National Action Plan is based on conditions and perspectives in conflict-ridden areas, Sweden has held consultations in five conflict and post-conflict countries. The action plan also identifies twelve countries specially prioritized for the implementation, enabling context-specific activities and strong partnerships. Sweden's new action plan is an agenda for change prioritizing women as actors for peace.

Sweden has in particular continued its efforts in supporting women's effective role in peace processes. The Swedish network of women mediators has been established and is currently active in a number of peace building processes.