

SESSION 1: GENDER BUDGET STATEMENTS

OBJECTIVES	By the end of this session, participants are expected to be familiar with the types and purpose of gender budget statements and to be able to support line ministries in the preparation of gender budget statements, building on experiences from other countries.
CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of a gender budget statement • Purpose of gender budget statement • Cases from India, Rwanda and Gauteng province (South Africa)
HANDOUTS	Copies of India, Rwanda and Gauteng gender budget statements
REFERENCE TO RESOURCE PACK	Mentioned at various points, including as one of the Elson tools
FORMAT	PowerPoint presentation followed by exercise
SESSION OUTLINE	Presentation: 10 minutes Group work: 75 minutes Conclusion: 5 minutes Total: 90 minutes

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

PRIOR TO THE SESSION

Prepare PowerPoint presentation or handout based on key messages.

Prepare flipchart with the objective(s) of the session and hang on wall throughout the session for reference.

INTRODUCTION

Read out loud the objectives of the session.

Indicate at which stage of the road map the session stands.

Describe the process of the session.

KEY MESSAGES

- Nature and purpose of gender budget statement
- Reasons for including gender budget statement in GRB work
- Format and components of gender budget statements
- Background to India example
- Background to Rwanda example
- Background to Gauteng example

CONCLUSION

Invite questions/discussions and offer necessary clarifications.

Refer back to the objectives of the session and check in with participants to ensure that the stated objectives are met.

Wrap up and make the transition to the exercise.

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EXERCISE: ANALYZING GENDER BUDGET STATEMENTS FROM INDIA, RWANDA AND SOUTH AFRICA (GAUTENG PROVINCE)

Time: 75 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO FACILITATOR

Analyzing Gender Budget Statements

MATERIALS NEEDED

Copies of gender budget statements from India (full statement), Rwanda (HIV sub-program of the Ministry of Health) and Gauteng province (Department of Health).

Flipchart paper and markers.

INSTRUCTIONS

During the PowerPoint presentation, make sure that participants understand the background and approach used in each of the three countries.

Ask participants to work with the people sitting next to them to examine each of the three gender budget statements and come up with constructive suggestions as to:

- how the government concerned could improve the way they portray existing programs/activities on the basis of the format agreed upon
- how the government concerned could improve the program/activities reflected in the gender budget statement

Ask the groups to focus their attention primarily on the first aspect, and to put themselves in the position of advisors to the government rather than outside critics.

In plenary, request suggestions on each of the countries in turn. Write up the suggestions on the flipchart.