

SESSION 1: GRB CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES

OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create a common understanding of the GRB approach • To articulate the relevance of unpaid care work to budgets
CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRB concepts and principles • GRB: definition and background • GRB and unpaid care work • GRB: a rights perspective • GRB and gender mainstreaming
HANDOUT	“Fact Sheet: Government Accountability to Human Rights through Budgets,” UNIFEM, 2005
RESOURCE PACK REFERENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining GRB • Budget work and gender equality and equity • GRB, reproductive health and unpaid care work
FORMAT	PowerPoint presentation or handout followed by discussion
SESSION OUTLINE	<p>Introduction: 5 minutes</p> <p>Presentation: 15 minutes</p> <p>Discussions/Q&A: 20 minutes</p> <p>Conclusion: 5 minutes</p> <p>Total: 45 minutes</p>

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SESSION GUIDELINES

PRIOR TO THE SESSION

Review relevant section of the resource pack.

Prepare PowerPoint presentation or handout based on suggested 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

- The budget is the single most important policy tool of government as it affects the successful implementation of all other policies.
- Gender responsive budgets are not separate budgets for women or men.
- A gender responsive budget ensures that the needs and interests of individuals from different social groups (sex, age, race, ethnicity, location) are addressed in expenditure and revenue policies.
- GRB uses various tools, approaches and strategies to monitor outcomes, outputs, activities and inputs of budgets with a gender perspective.
- CEDAW does not contain a specific provision on budgets, but the CEDAW Committee has often raised questions regarding governments' budgets.
- Gender mainstreaming is a strategy adopted in Beijing as the primary tool for promoting gender equality worldwide.
- What are the requirements for successful gender mainstreaming?
- Can GRB be a tool for gender mainstreaming?
- What does it take for gender equality advocates to influence the mainstream?

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 a transition to the next session