

## Part – X: Gender Responsive Budgeting

A budget is the most comprehensive statement of a government's social and economic plans and priorities. In tracking where the money comes from and where it goes, budget determines how public funds are raised, how they are used and who benefits from them. Therefore, implementing commitments towards gender equality requires international measures to incorporate a gender perspective in planning and budgeting frameworks and concrete investment in addressing gender gaps.

Gender responsive budgeting is not about creating separate budgets for women, or solely increasing spendings on women's programs. Rather, gender responsive budgeting seeks to ensure that the collection and allocation of public resources is carried out in ways that are effective and contributing to advancing gender equality and contributes to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

It should be based on in-depth analysis that identifies effective interventions for implementing policies and laws that advance women's rights. It provides tools to assess the different needs and contributions of men and women, boys and girls within the existing revenues, expenditures, and allocations and calls for adjusting budget policies to benefit all groups.

Gender-responsive budget analysis, along with legislation, and other practical policy measures can address gender bias and discrimination. It is a step not only towards accountability to women's rights, but also towards greater public transparency and can shift economic policies leading to gains across societies.

### **Conclusion:**

Women are the wealth of our society and they have contributed in almost every field and made country proud at every occasions.

Swami Vivekananda said – “The nation which does not respect women will never become great”.

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. Respect of rights of all individuals in the society is the foundation of liberty, justice, development and peace in the world.

Thus the issue of their empowerment becomes of great importance. There is need to connect with the community first, right from the gram panchayat level to ensure gender equality. As, grass root level change can only bring huge change in the society. The combine efforts of Government, all relevant stake holders, including civil society and private sector can help women to be empowered.

Moreover, individually, we also owe responsibility to empower the women. We can contribute to change the attitudes towards girls and make them aware of their self-worth.

We need to empower firstly, the women of our own family. The boys and men of our family need to be sensitized about women's right, individuality. We, the youth of the society can also challenge the ill and old norms which tied up the women's choice, decision making, its empowerment.

The change can only occur if we together, with the government and all stakeholders, stand up for the women and then only true development and growth can be acquired.

As, “*Development which is not engendered is Endangered*”.