

MAKING GENDER-RESPONSIVE BUDGETING WORK FOR SMALL SCALE WOMEN FARMERS

Lessons from Ethiopia, Ghana, and Tanzania

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BACKGROUND

Oxfam's Together Against Poverty (TAP) Project:

- Increasing and improving public financing for agriculture in Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Burkina Faso
- Increasing and improving French, Dutch, and Italian aid for agriculture
- Influencing at the African Union and European Union levels

Research on gender-responsive budgeting in Ethiopia, Ghana, and Tanzania





OVERVIEW OF THE SYNTHESIS REPORT

1. Setting up government practices, systems, and structures for GRB
2. Designing a more gender-responsive budgeting process
3. Engaging citizens in the budgeting process
4. Envisioning gender-responsive budgeting outcomes
5. Identifying best practices in GRB advocacy

SETTING UP GOVERNMENT PRACTICES, SYSTEMS, AND STRUCTURES FOR GRB

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1. Adequate evidence and data are required on the different experiences, challenges, and needs of various genders.
 2. Gender and gender-mainstreamed policies should serve as a GRB roadmap, but a legal mandate for GRB is critical.
 3. Government bodies with the capacity to prioritize and champion gender issues and GRB implementation need funding and authority.

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4. Capacity on gender and GRB within the government is crucial.
 5. There must be a commitment to and political will for gender equality and GRB at all levels of government.
 6. Progressive resource mobilization by the government is a key part of GRB.

DESIGNING A MORE GENDER- RESPONSIVE BUDGETING PROCESS

1. The ministry of finance must lead on GRB and be accountable for it, including by integrating clear instructions on GRB
2. Accountability mechanisms are needed to ensure that gender is mainstreamed at all stages of the budgeting process.
3. Local-level budgeting allows plans and budgets to come from the bottom up, helping budgets better respond to community needs.
4. A transparent budget process is needed, along with a readable budget structure that clearly indicates how planned spending is gender responsive.

Challenges:

- Culture/gender norms (feelings of intimidation, fear of violence, etc.)
- Lack of familiarity with budget process
- Lack of communication about planning and budget-related meetings
- Lack of trust in the process
- Women's lack of time to participate

WOMEN FARMERS' PARTICIPATION IN THE BUDGETING PROCESS

Potential solutions:

- Tackling gender/culture norms
- Improved communication on budget process and how women can engage
- Alternate methods to gather women's input, outside of townhalls/meetings
- Help create and strengthen women's groups

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