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## GRB institutionalization in Ukraine

**A new year began with good news. Order No. 1 dated January 2, 2019 of the Ministry of Finance «On approval of methodological recommendations for the implementation and application of the gender responsive approach in the budget process» became an important step towards institutionalization of gender responsive budgeting in Ukraine.**

These recommendations can be used by the key spending units and other budget process participants to ensure that the gender dimension is taken into account in the process of planning, executing and reporting on the implementation of budget programs. What good will this do? The integration of the gender responsive approach in the budget process will ensure better efficiency and quality of provided public services, taking into account the needs and interests of girls and boys, women and men and their different groups, and will also allow increasing accountability of budget holders and budget transparency.

## ACTION PLAN



**Revision of regulatory legal acts and other documents containing information on gender equality;**



**Gender analysis of budget programs;**



**Adoption of decisions following the results of the gender analysis of budget programs;**



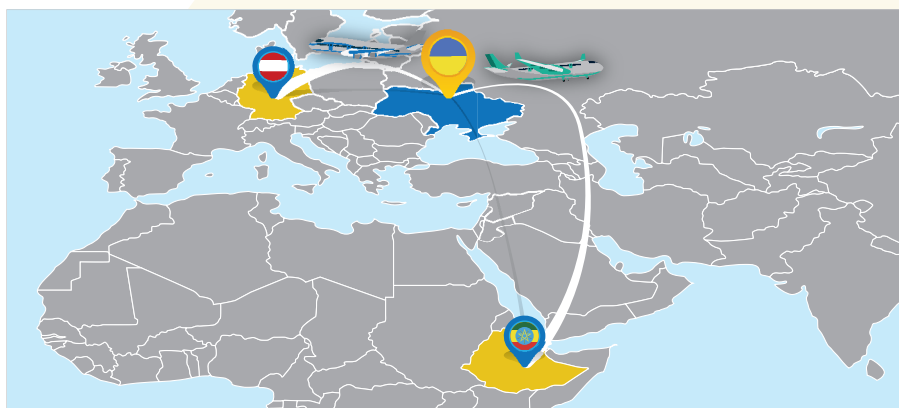
**Monitoring of gender-sensitive budget programs.**

The key spending units should seek to take into account the gender dimension in determining the volume and quality of all public services provided within the framework of budget programs.

We hope that the Order's number one will inspire its priority execution and in the nearest future the relevant changes will become tangible.



## International discourse on the implementation of GRB successful practices



The beginning of the year was quite busy with international events among other things. In particular, on February 20-22, a delegation consisting of the project team together with representatives of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine Olena Machulna and Halyna Hrabarchuk attended sessions and trainings on gender budgeting organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), housed by the Joint Vienna Institute, and presented Ukrainian experience of introducing gender responsive budgeting at both local and state levels. Studying the experience of Central and Eastern European countries is important for the common understanding, new trends and results in the sphere of gender budgeting.





*«We are actively working on the implementation of GRB in Ukraine. Our main task is to ensure systemic results that will become part of the budget process».*

**Olena Machulna,**  
Deputy Director of the Department  
of Local Budgets, Head of Local Budgets'  
Planning of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine

Vienna was just the beginning. The next point of the route was the capital of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa.

National project expert Maryna Shapoval presented the achievements and progress of GRB implementation in Ukraine during the International Conference on the Macroeconomic Impact of Gender Inequality, organized with the support of the IMF, UN Women and the Government of Sweden.

International platforms are a good opportunity to develop a dialogue between different countries and experts on the development and implementation of successful gender budgeting practices for the sake of studying and increasing the impact of these initiatives.



*«Ukrainian achievements in implementing gender budgeting arouse considerable interest among the participants and impressed them with their scope. We have to keep up such a diligent work in order to overcome the challenges that we encounter when applying the gender responsive approach to the budget process».*

**Maryna Shapoval,**  
national expert.

## Increase in the number of the key spending units that have started working with GRB

JANUARY	<b>Signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation with the State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine</b> 	
	FEBRUARY	<b>Memorandum of Cooperation with the General Directorate of the National Guard of Ukraine</b>
		MARCH <b>Launched cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine</b>



The main areas of work with new the key spending units are defined as follows:

- ✓ carrying out a gender analysis of selected budget programs in order to see if there are any discriminative regulations against women/men and/or gender gaps in the spheres of television and radio, security and defence;
- ✓ conducting training sessions and providing expert and advisory support for the working groups of the key spending units in order to apply the gender approach in their budget process.



In addition, in the course of our joint work, it is also planned to involve journalists because it is important to ensure coverage of these issues. So, dear media representatives, we hope for your support 😊

## More is known about GRB

The project continues to spread among its partners the knowledge on the use of innovative approaches and research methodologies in the sphere of gender equality and GRB. We invited Dr Lucy Ferguson, a well-known researcher and author of books on gender equality issues, who conducted a training on the use of feminist pedagogical principles in the work on the introduction of gender responsive budgeting.

The training brought together representatives of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, an interfactional association «Equal Opportunities Caucus», the Office of the Governmental Commissioner for Gender Policy, the UN Women structure, the U-LEAD Program, the Association of Ukrainian Cities, the and GRB Project.

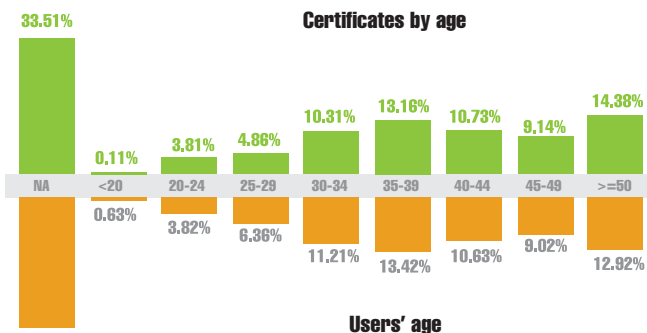
Also, 3,979 participants have joined the «Gender responsive Budgeting for Community Development» online course, which is placed on Prometheus educational platform. In particular, 1,892 participants have already received certificates of successful completion of the course.



**Share of women**  
**68,91%**

**Share of men**  
**31,09%**

**Share of university-educated participants**  
**25,56%**



The course was prepared by the Association of Ukrainian Cities within the framework of the USAID project “Development of a course for the strengthening of local self-government in Ukraine” in cooperation with the “Gender budgeting in Ukraine” project. Also, materials from the programs of “UN Women” and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), which works under the USAID “Decentralization Offering Better Results and Effectiveness” (DOBRE) program, were used.

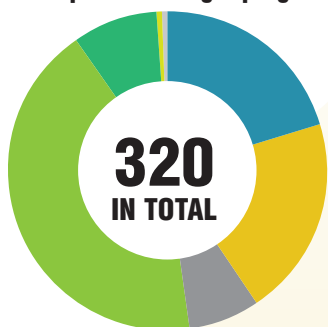
# 320 passports of budget programs provide for the gender dimension

Passports of budget programs are one of the most important documents that contain full information about budget programs. An analysis of the passports of budget programs that are financed from local budgets conducted by the project team revealed that the gender approach was used in the formation of 320 passports. In particular, in the following regions: Vinnytsia, Zhytomyr, Zakarpattia, Zaporizhia, Kyiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Poltava, Rivne, Sumy, Ternopil, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi, Cherkasy, Chernivtsi, Chernihiv Volyn and Dnipropetrovs'k regions.

## GENDER DIMENSION TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PASSPORTS



### Passports of budget programs



### Spheres:



We wholeheartedly rejoice at the successes of our partners in the regions, taking into account the fact that we started with 6 passports in 2017, had 60 passports in 2018, and now there are 320 of them. We are not going to stop at what has been achieved, we are going to keep the progress.

## Joining changes

Back in 2017, during a gender budget analysis of educational programs, the GRB working group in the Zakarpattia region revealed gender discrimination in the Zakarpattia regional boarding school with intensive military and physical training. There are only boys studying at the educational institution; moreover, the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated April 28, 1999, No 717 «On the Regulation on the School with Intensive Military and Physical Training» discriminates against girls by prohibiting them from entering this educational institution.

The GRB working groups recommended introducing appropriate changes to the legislation that would allow equal access for girls and boys to study at the school.

To date, the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine has developed a draft order that allows girls to acquire education in military and naval schools. The innovations will take effect from September 2019. The restrictions on admission of women to higher military educational institutions and military training units were also lifted. At present, in Ukraine, 8% of women are acquiring education at higher military educational institutions and educational establishments. According to the Ministry of Defence, such a decision will contribute to the formation of a gender-balanced Armed Forces. We are joining changes and making them possible!

### Zakarpattia school



### Koropets school (due to the amendments introduced to the Charter of the institution)





# Gender responsive budgeting in united territorial communities



The reform of decentralization is an opportunity to include discussions on gender budgeting in the reforms agenda.

In the course of the year, **18 trainings** on gender responsive budgeting will take place in communities across Ukraine thanks to the successful collaboration between the «U-LEAD with Europe» program and the GRB project. We combine our efforts for effective results.

## We are in the media



Media coverage of the problem of gender equality, of ensuring equal rights and opportunities for women is always relevant and necessary. On the air of the Public Television, project expert Olena Ostapchuk underscored the importance of increasing the economic efficiency of budget expenditures and of attracting women to politics and top management.

## Planned activities



- ✓ Trainings for the united territorial communities in conjunction with U-LEAD;
- ✓ Together with the National Agency of Ukraine for Civil Service, the National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine and the Kyiv School of Economics, we will train civil servants and university teachers on how gender responsive budgeting works
- ✓ We are working on proposals for changes to budget documents;
- ✓ We are preparing new trainings for the key spending units; they will be announced soon;
- ✓ We keep supporting changes to budget programs on the basis of preliminary analysis – we hope to report on the relevant progress in the next issue of the newsletter!

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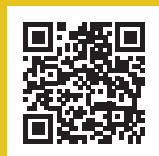
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