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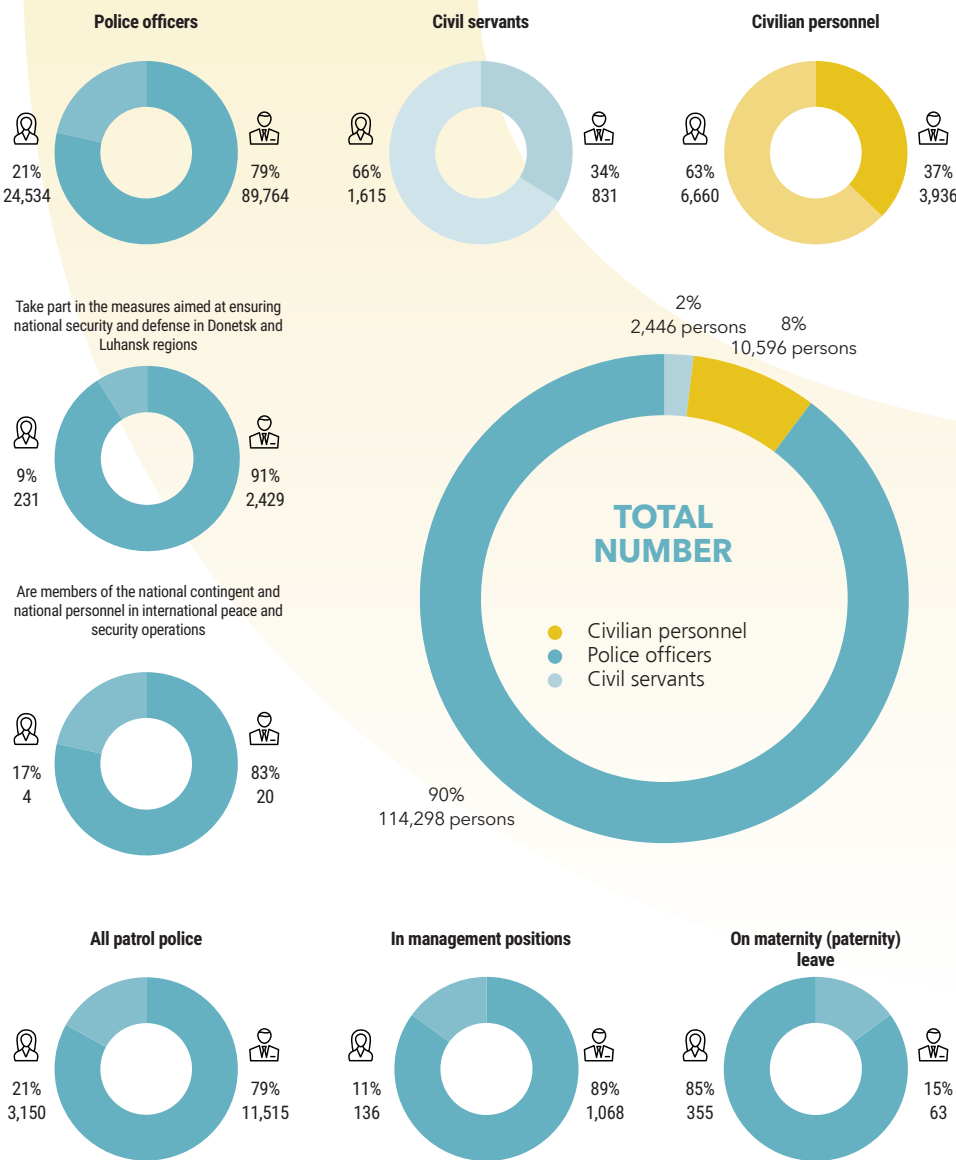


Planned activities

Working on budget programs of the key spending units

In total, 50 programs funded from the state budget have been analyzed.

For example, gender gaps were identified in the program "Ensuring the activity of units, bodies and institutions of the National Police of Ukraine", where the key spending unit is the Ministry of Internal Affairs.



The project also provided expert and consulting support in the development of recommendations for 21 passports of budget programs, in particular, in relation to the tasks, grounds, areas of using budgetary funds and concerning the effective indicators of budget passports. A number of working meetings were held with the KSU, among which there are the National Council of TV and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Social Policy, the

Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, the National Anti-Corruption Agency and others.

Within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ministry of Communities and Territories Development, a number of proposals for budget requests for 2020-2022 were also developed, taking into account the gender approach in relation to the following programs:


"Energy Efficiency Fund"


Country-wide special program
"Drinking water of Ukraine"


"Provision of state support for the construction (purchase) of affordable housing"

We are expecting the corresponding changes in the budget programs of the key spending units.

Gender budget analysis of the programs funded by local budgets

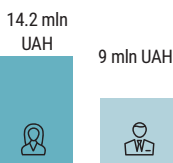
The Project team finalized 18 reports of the GRB working groups from the regions and the city of Kyiv proceeding from the results of gender budget analyses of selected programs which are financed from local budgets.

Culture and art sphere.

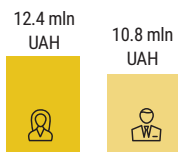
Program “Financial support for theatres”, Zhytomyr region (2019)

Identified gender gaps:

The structure of theatre audience

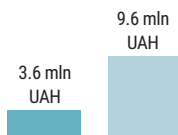


In 2018, the estimated expenditures on women made up 14.2 million hryvnias, on men – 9 million hryvnias.

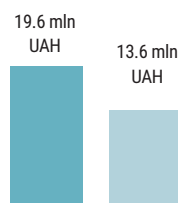


However, given the statistical data on the gender composition of the permanent population in Zhytomyr region, the proportional ratio of expenditures should be as follows – 12.4 million hryvnias on women and 10.8 million hryvnias on men.

Gender gaps in the distribution of expenditures (by survey results). The distribution of costs on the audience by people's place of residence – only 3.6 million hryvnias instead of 9.6 million hryvnias are targeted for the theatre visitors from rural areas (that is 2.6 times as little).



At the same time, expenditures on the city residents amounted to 19.6 million hryvnias instead of 13.6 million hryvnias. In addition, 79.6% of the financial support from the regional budget (18.5 million hryvnias) are targeted for the visitors living in the city of Zhytomyr, which, according to statistics, is 3.7 times more than the share of Zhytomyr residents in the total number of the population of the region (21.6%).



On the basis of the gender analysis results, relevant recommendations were developed with the aim of overcoming the gender gaps. In addition, relevant changes to the regulatory and legal framework were suggested.

Best wishes to the graduating class of the fourth school for GRB coaches

For the fourth time, we congratulate the graduates of the School of GRB Coaches who have successfully completed their studies, which consisted of three training cycles, and received certificates of the course completion.

With the launch of every new class within the School, we always expand the range of GRB experts who can acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to successfully implement and apply the gender approach in the budget process. The Fourth School is a continuation of this successful practice.

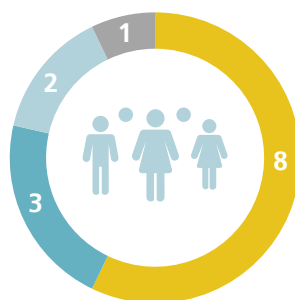




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GRADUATES

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- Ministry of Finance of Ukraine
- Regional State Administration Finance Department
- Regional State Administration Education and Science Department
- Regional State Administration Social Security and Protection Department



Taking a proactive approach in relation to future questions, we say yes – we are going to announce the Fifth School very soon. We are working on a new approach and concept. Stay tuned!

Supporting the priority areas of the state gender policy

The Project welcomes the government's willingness to implement a gender equality policy, to integrate the gender approach into the sectoral development, as well as the willingness to work with donors, international projects and civil society.

In order to achieve the gender equality goals and for the sake of the efficient use of funds from the state and local budgets, the introduction and implementation of the gender approach in the budget process is extremely important.

At a joint meeting with Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic



Integration Dmytro Kuleba, Project Manager Oksana Kyseliova stressed the need for the institutionalization of gender responsive budgeting, the introduction of comprehensive changes to the regulatory and legal framework, in particular, to the Budget Code of Ukraine.

Gender mainstreaming in the decentralization reform

With the support of the Ministry of Communities and Territories Development, the GRB Project team in cooperation with the UN Women in Ukraine held a two-day seminar on the analysis of gender data at the local level. The participants discussed the challenges and opportunities of gender mainstreaming in regional and community development. They also prepared recommendations to the Order No. 75 of the Ministry of Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, which focuses on the guiding principles of united communities' socio-economic development. These recommendations



to the Order aim at integrating the gender responsive approach in the formulation and implementation of forecast and program documents of united territorial communities. We are waiting for the final version of the Order and its implementation!

Continuation of cooperation with the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service

Within the framework of cooperation of the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service, Ukrainian Center for EU Civil Service Standards, together with the Representation of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine and the GRB Project, a training session on the introduction of the gender-oriented budgeting to the system of training, specialization and advance development of civil servants and local self-government officials took place on September 22-23 in Odesa.

The participants gained basic knowledge on the introduction of gender approach in the budget process and the relevant basic skills needed for the introduction of «gender policy» and «gender responsive budgeting» topics into master’s programs in Public Administration at some higher educational institutions and within the network of the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service in the Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Chernihiv, Cherkasy regions and in Kyiv.

GRB project also supported a Regional Conference on Public Administration “Odesa. Richelieu. Forum” (September 25-27, Odesa). The Forum reviewed the latest trends in the sphere of personnel management, discussed the challenges of public administration and civil service reform, as well as the topic of gender mainstreaming into the system of professional training and development of civil servants and local government officials.



Training sessions for united territorial communities

We are actively cooperating with the U-LEAD with Europe program in the implementation of the gender responsive approach in the budgetary process for the representatives of united territorial communities. Despite the summer period, the training schedule is varied and busy.

July			2019
2-3 Jul.	Chernihiv region (10 UTC)	14	<div><div></div>93%</div> <div><div></div>7%</div>
8-9 Jul.	Khmelnitskyi region (18 UTC)	17	<div><div></div>90%</div> <div><div></div>10%</div>
9-10 Jul.	Odesa region (15 UTC)	19	<div><div></div>95%</div> <div><div></div>5%</div>
11-12 Jul.	Volyn region (18 UTC)	19	<div><div></div>90%</div> <div><div></div>10%</div>
August			2019
5-6 Aug.	Dnipropetrovsk region (10 UTC)	14	<div><div></div>93%</div> <div><div></div>7%</div>
8-9 Aug.	Vinnytsia region (18 UTC)	17	<div><div></div>90%</div> <div><div></div>10%</div>
21-22 Aug.	Cherkasy region (15 UTC)	19	<div><div></div>95%</div> <div><div></div>5%</div>
September			2019
17-18 Sept.	Luhansk region (14 UTC)	16	<div><div></div>94%</div> <div><div></div>6%</div>
24-25 Sept.	Donetsk region (10 UTC)	19	<div><div></div>90%</div> <div><div></div>10%</div>
26-27 Sept.	Kharkiv region	33	<div><div></div>94%</div> <div><div></div>6%</div>

Involvement of representatives of other administrative-territorial levels in GRB implementation

Kherson region handed over the baton to Ivano-Frankivsk region for further work with representatives of other administrative-territorial levels.

In August, the Project expert team conducted 4 two-day training sessions on the application of the gender responsive approach in the budget process for representatives of local financial authorities of Ivano-Frankivsk region.



13 DISTRICTS



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CITIES OF
REGIONAL
SUBORDINATION



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PERSONS

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We are in the media

If you still cannot understand or cannot find arguments in favour of gender responsive budgeting, an interview with a deputy project manager, national GRB expert Oksana Tsiupa for «Hromadske Radio» is definitely worth reading and listening. Why aren't most programs gender-sensitive, how can gender analysis really help spend budgetary resources rationally and efficiently in accordance with the real needs of different population groups? You



can find answers to these and other important questions in the interview. Highly recommended for reading and listening!

Planned activities

- Preparation for joint meetings with the Ministry of Finance and sectoral ministries on the results of gender budget analysis of the programs financed from local budgets;
- We are working on a new format for the Fifth School of Coaches;
- We are preparing training sessions in Kyiv on including the topics of gender mainstreaming and GRB in the curricula of the system of training, specialization and advance development of civil servants and local self-government officials together with the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service.

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