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## GRB in the draft Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2021"

The Ministry of Finance of Ukraine has included information on gender mainstreaming in the budget process into the Explanatory note to the draft Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2021". In particular, in the process of preparing budget requests for 2021-2023, gender dimension was incorporated by 29 (35%) key spending units of the state budget funds (KSUs) under 41 budget programs. 10 KSUs (12%) are working towards improving the collection and processing of the necessary data, introduction of new and/or revision of the existing forms of statistical and administrative reporting, introducing changes to the legal and regulatory framework. The Ministry of Finance explains that the incorporation of a



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gender perspective in the characteristics of budget programs helps to improve the quality of public services, makes "visible" various groups of public services recipients and providers (in terms of gender, as well as social, age, professional and other characteristics), thus giving consideration to their needs in the process of budget funds allocation. As a result, the scope and structure of budget expenditures are optimised, and KSUs handle limited budget resources more efficiently.



## Webinars with the participation of international experts

In September, a set of webinars with international experts was organised by the Project with the aim of sharing knowledge and experience regarding modern GRB tendencies and practices at the global, European, and national levels.



The image shows three circular portraits of speakers: a man with a beard, a woman with red hair and glasses, and a woman with blonde hair. To the right of the portraits are logos for the project (ГОБ проект), the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Sweden (Швеція Sverige), NIRAS, and CPM.

**15 вересня 11.00-13.00** Резарт Ксело:  
**«Гендерно чутливі послуги: структура, зміст, принципи»**

**16 вересня 11.00-13.00** Елізабет Клатцер:  
**«Участь громадськості у бюджетному процесі»**

**17 вересня 14.00-16.00** Саня Ніколін:  
**«Розвиток ГОБ у балканських країнах»**

The webinars involved experts with international experience in public finance management, gender mainstreaming, gender budgeting, and gender impact assessment. More than 500 participants joined the webinars, which were also broadcast

online on the Facebook page of the "Gender Budgeting in Ukraine" Project.

If you missed the online webinars, all the videos are already available on the Project's YouTube channel!

## Expert and advisory support for the key spending units of the state budget

Following the results of a gender analysis, the Project team has prepared proposals on incorporating a gender perspective into the budget requests and passports of budget programs of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine, the Ministry of Defence

of Ukraine, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Accounting Chamber. At the same time, we do not forget about the importance of training: an online webinar on the essence of the gender responsive approach and the methodology of conducting gender analysis of budget programs was held for 7 KSUs.

## Ministry of Communities and Territories Development



For the first time, GRB is incorporated in the draft laws regulating the activities of local governments in Ukraine! In July, the Project team together with the Ministry of Communities and Territories Development formulated proposals for the draft laws "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine" and "On Local State Administrations". Presently, the corresponding draft laws have been submitted to the parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development and reviewed by the Working Group of the Committee on the Implementation of Decentralization Reform in Ukraine. We will keep you posted on the review and approval of the documents, stay tuned!

Conducting a gender analysis of budget programs within the framework of the state budget expenditures review.

- Systematization and analysis of the data on 3,053 projects in 24 regions financed within the program "Provision of a subvention from the state budget to local budgets for the creation of united territorial communities' infrastructure".
- Gender analysis of a budget program "Provision of state support for the construction (purchase) of affordable housing" for 2017–2019. It is our pleasure to report on the signing of a Memorandum with the State Fund for the Promotion of Youth Housing Construction regarding cooperation in the application of the gender responsive approach for the support of public housing policy. GRB is everywhere :)

## Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine



Together with the GRB Project experts, specialists of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine have conducted a gender analysis of 40% (12 out of 30) of the Ministry's budget programs, which revealed gender gaps in some areas of activities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the National Police of Ukraine, the State Migration Service of Ukraine, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, the National Guard of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine.

The results of the gender analysis of budget programs testified to the presence of problems connected with

Over the period of  
March-July

58  
persons  
underwent training



42

16



poor representation of women in different categories of positions and the difference in expenditures on women and men in the central executive bodies under the authority of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

The Project team has also conducted training for employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs' educational institutions. Specialists of the Ministry and its higher education institutions received certificates upon the successful completion of the course.

## Accounting Chamber



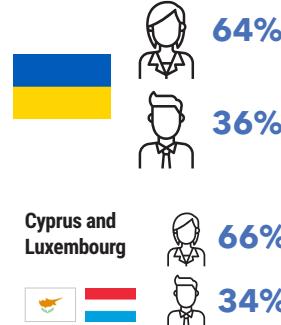
As a result of an expert and advisory support provided by the Project experts, when presenting performance indicators of the budget program "Leadership and management in the field of control over the state budget implementation" in its budget request for 2021-2023, for the first time the Accounting Chamber provided sex-disaggregated data regarding the expected number of persons to undergo advanced professional training. Thus, the total number of persons who are going to undergo the relevant training in 2021 makes up is 234, of which 136 are women (58%).

Total number of persons to undergo advanced professional training



### Do you know what the sex composition of the Accounting Chamber personnel looks like in Ukraine and other European countries?

As of the beginning of 2020, the share of women in Ukraine makes up 64%, of men – 36%. A similar situation is observed in:



## Fifth school for GRB coaches

It is for the fifth time that the Project has organized a School of GRB Coaches to swell the ranks of GRB advocates and coaches! On September 21-October 2, experts in gender budgeting who have the experience of applying the gender responsive approach in the budget process became participants of the School. The coaches gained new in-depth knowledge, in particular in the sphere of international

experience of GRB implementation, as well as coaching skills.

In total, over the course of 2017-2020, as many as 56 participants have become agents of change and are now actively applying the gender responsive approach at all stages of budget process and spreading knowledge about GRB at the local level.

**We wish our coaches success and inspiration! Keep up the good work!**

# Results of a gender analysis of the programs financed from local budgets

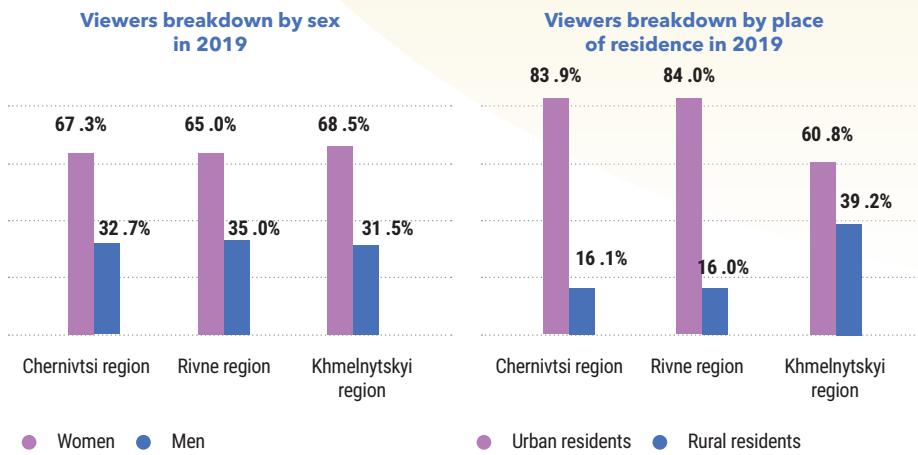
As announced in the previous issue, we are ready to present the results of a gender analysis of programs, prepared by 14 GRB Working Groups in the regions and the city of Kyiv.

In total, 15 programs financed from local budgets were analysed, while the analysis covered 12 areas in which budget funds are used. This year, some new sectors that had not been analysed before were selected for the analysis. Out of the 12 areas of budget funds uses, the most popular one turned out to be "Financial support of philharmonic halls, artistic groups, music ensembles, concert organizations and circuses", which was chosen for the analysis by the GRB Working Groups in 3 regions: Chernihiv, Rivne, and Khmelnytskyi regions. The results of the 3 studies testified to some common trends in this sector. For example, these are women and urban residents that predominate among the recipients of services provided by these institutions, which is demonstrated in Fig. 1. These trends are also reflected in the expenditures within the stated programs.

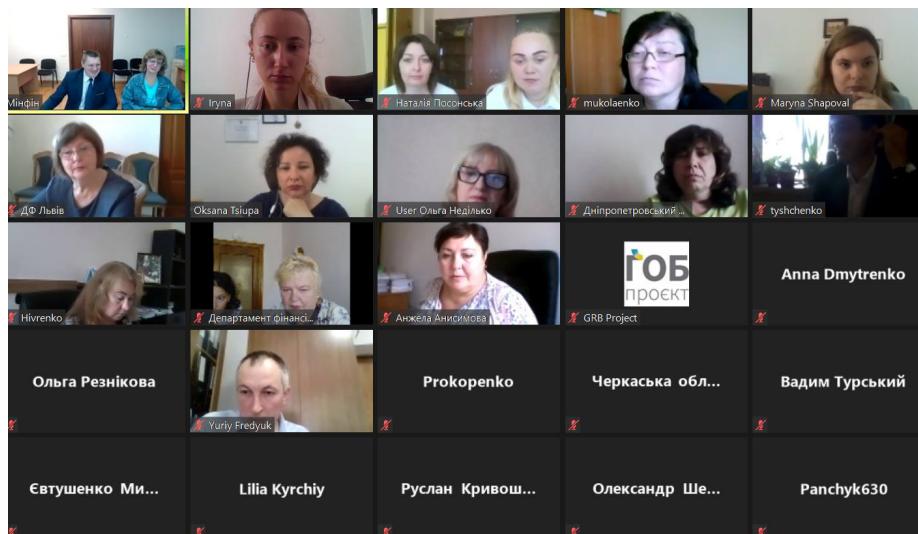
For instance, according to estimates of the Working Group in Chernivtsi region, 98.2% of expenditures (UAH 33.6 million) were allocated on ensuring the needs of urban audience, while expenditures on rural audience made up only UAH 0.6 million (1.8% of the expenditures).

On August 26-27, a joint web meeting was held with the participation of the GRB Working Groups of the regions and the city of Kyiv, as well as the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine; the participants developed recommendations on incorporation of a gender perspective in legal acts that regulate relations in the relevant sectors, programs, statistical and administrative reporting, and documents used in the budget process. These recommendations were sent to the relevant central executive bodies and the State Statistics Service.

**Figure 1. Viewers breakdown by sex and place of residence, based on the results of the gender analysis of the programs financed from local budgets\***



\*Source: Reports of GRB Working Groups in Chernivtsi, Rivne, and Khmelnytskyi regions.



## Dissemination of knowledge about GRB

The participants of the Kyiv Forum for Equal Rights and Opportunities – aimed at setting an agenda for the city concerning the commitment to and achievement of greater equality of citizens – discussed how to deal with the challenges connected with the coronavirus crisis. GRB Project Manager Oksana Kyseliova spoke about the Project's research on the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on various groups of population.



*“As far as business is concerned, the quarantine measures imposed by the government - closure of restaurants, hairdresser's, etc. - have affected women in the first place, since these are women who make up 70% of the entrepreneurs involved in this sector. The prohibition of passenger transportation, on the other hand, undoubtedly affected men's employment, since men make up 80% of employees in this field,”* said Oksana Kyseliova.

We shall remind you that the “Gender dimension of the COVID-19 pandemic” study can be found on the website of the “Gender Budgeting in Ukraine”

We are actively working in all possible formats with the aim of spreading knowledge about GRB!

In the course of online training at Kyiv Minor Academy of Sciences, a webinar on the basics of gender budgeting was held with the participation of Deputy Project Manager Oksana Tsiupa.

**900 people took part in the event in online mode, and in total the event has got 2.4 thousand views of Facebook users!**



## Announcements and future events

- Organisation of an international online conference on the results of the 7 years of the Project's implementation in Ukraine.
- Creation of an interactive online course on the application of the gender responsive approach in the budget process both at the state and local levels.
- Webinars for the participants of the “Public Finance Management” training program of the Kyiv School of Economics.
- Joint meetings of the Ministry of Finance, GRB Working Groups in the regions and the city of Kyiv, and the relevant ministries on the results of a gender analysis of the programs funded by local budgets.
- Online training for the specialists of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine.

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