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# BUDGETING IN THE UK

- Assessing expenditure needs:
  - participatory budgeting; women's juries
- Analysis of statistics: -Office of National Statistics; UK Stats Authority; Royal Statistical Society; Gender Statistics Users Group
- Setting objectives: - prebudget report; budget; Public Service Agreements (PSAs), Comprehensive Spending Review

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- Scrutiny mechanisms: -National Audit Office; Audit Commission
- Public Accounts Committee
- Legal instruments: the Gender Duty; The Freedom of Information Act; Judicial review

# GENDER BUDGETING

- What is gender budgeting?
- Why should we undertake gender budgeting?
- How can it be done?

# SOME DEFINITIONS

- Gender is about socially constructed identities
- Women and men carry out different roles in society
- Gender inequality arises because of an imbalance of power between women and men
- Women have less political voice; fewer resources; less money

# WHY GENDER BUDGETING?

- Women make up half of the population, but much of their economic activity is not included in national accounts
- Effective fiscal policy must take their specific contribution and needs into account
- Gender analysis of budgets will increase the evidence base
- Gender impact analysis of budgets will ensure that expenditure is more effective

# GENDER BUDGETING METHODOLOGY

- There are three ways of making gender visible in budgeting:
- Specifically targeted expenditure for women
- Equal opportunity expenditure: paid parental leave
- Mainstream budget expenditure
- Gender budgeting is not about a separate budget for women; it is about analysing the differential effect of budgetary expenditure on women and men.

# GENDER BUDGETING METHODOLOGY

- The South Africa women's budget initiative
- A five step method:
  - Review gender issues in the sector
  - Analyse the appropriateness of the policy framework
  - Examine the extent to which the allocation of resources reflects commitment to the policy goals
  - Examine how resources of actually being used and how they impact on women and men
  - Assess the long-term impacts on women and men



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- Key steps:
- Incorporate gender analysis into the budgetary cycle:
  1. assess expenditure need:
  2. Undertake gender impact analysis
  3. Analyse gender disaggregated statistics
  4. Consult women/gender budgeting experts
  5. Set gender sensitive objectives/indicators
  6. Set budgets
  7. Monitor against indicators
  8. Audit/Evaluate

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Examples from the UK:

Gender expenditure analysis project

The costs of violence against women

WBG Budget responses

Welfare Reform

□ [www.wbg.org.uk](http://www.wbg.org.uk)