



WOMEN'S CHARTER REVIEW SESSION- Western Cape Province Cape Winelands, Central Karoo and Eden District

Financial and Fiscal Commission
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For an Equitable Sharing of National Revenue

ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE FFC

- The Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC)
 - Is an independent, permanent, statutory institution established in terms of Section 220 of Constitution
 - Must function in terms of the FFC Act
- Mandate of Commission
 - To make recommendations, envisaged in Chapter 13 of the Constitution or in national legislation to Parliament, Provincial Legislatures, and any other organ of state determined by national legislation
- The Commission's focus is primarily on the equitable division of nationally collected revenue among the three spheres of government and any other financial and fiscal matters
 - Legislative provisions or executive decisions that affect either provincial or local government from a financial and/or fiscal perspective
 - Includes regulations associated with legislation that may amend or extend such legislation
- Commission must be consulted in terms of the FFC Act

FFC RESEARCH ON GENDER BUDGETING

- One avenue that should receive greater emphasis to gender budgeting is the intergovernmental fiscal relations (IGFR) system
 - ❑ A successful IGFR system would be sensitive to the needs of women and contribute to moving them out of poverty. Innovations in policy design and implementation are required to ensure gender-sensitive resource allocation
- Objective
 - ❑ To assess the gender responsiveness of municipal budgeting processes
- Study followed a two-pronged approach
 - ❑ Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) of 30 randomly selected municipalities were reviewed
 - ❑ Case studies covering seven municipalities across four provinces: Gauteng, Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Free State
 - Particular focus on four sectors: local economic development, water and sanitation, early childhood development and housing infrastructure

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Findings: Results From IDP Scans

- Lack of Gender Mainstreaming and Women Empowerment as an approach
- Lack of gender disaggregated data
- Equity versus mainstreaming for gender equality: More about numbers
- Weak translation of gender equality commitments into fiscal commitments: IDPs show little evidence of the manner in which the IDP planning processes and budget offices have budgeted for gender mainstreaming

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Findings: Results from Case Studies

- Poor translation of the National Agenda on Women Empowerment and Gender Equality into Local Government programmes
- Inadequate sex disaggregated data
- Gender discourse is events driven
- Lack of gender budgeting training and capacity building of decision makers
- Poor Institutionalising of gender responsive budgeting
- Absence of analysis of the gender impact of existing revenues and expenditures

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Findings: Reasons for Limited Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting in Local Government

- Absence of an approved gender policy across all municipalities
- Absence of a municipal gender mainstreaming strategy
- Personnel in management (who make decisions) and budget officers (who track expenditure) have limited knowledge of gender mainstreaming
- Gender equality indicators and the collection of gender disaggregated information is limited

FFC RECOMMENDATIONS ON GENDER BUDGETING

| FFC Recommendations | Government Response | Status |
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| <p>The national and provincial governments should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run gender budgeting pilots in a few municipalities first and evaluate results before wider application. These pilots could be linked to ensuring gender disaggregated data for key conditional grants as part of the grant framework in the Division of Revenue Act • Ensure municipal integrated development plans institutionalise gender planning by sector (e.g. water and sanitation, local economic development etc.) and include gender disaggregated performance indicators and targets; provide gender budgeting good practice guides and toolkits • Provide guidelines for collecting sex-disaggregated data for budgeting processes and ensure that municipalities have the capacity to analyse budgets from a gender perspective | <p>Government supports the proposals, which will help ensure that the collection and allocation of public resources is effectively carried out and contributes to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment. It will provide tools to assess the different needs and contributions of men, women, boys and girls within existing revenues, expenditures and allocations, and will call for adjusted budget policies to benefit all groups</p> | <p>DW is engaging NT on budgets and has indicators on GRB in its strategic plan</p> |

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| <p>The local government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalise gender-responsive budgeting process linked to integrated development plans • Build capacity for gender mainstreaming and gender responsive budgeting at local level • Ensure gender-responsive appropriations and budget allocations and • Ensure gender-sensitive public participation and consultations at local level | <p>Gender-responsive budget analysis, along with legislation and other practical policy measures, can address gender bias and discrimination</p> <p>It is a step towards increased accountability and public transparency, and it can shift economic policies leading to gains across society. However, the proposals' implementation may be hindered by capacity constraints in municipalities</p> | <p>No record of any progress on this recommendation</p> |

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