



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality  
and the Empowerment of Women



## Gender Responsive Budgeting in SEE and the Republic of Moldova

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# WHY IS GRB IMPORTANT?

- There is a **lack of implementation of gender equality commitments** as laid out in policy documents at national, regional and global levels
- GRB recognizes the ways in which women contribute to the society and to the economy with their **unpaid labor in the productive sector and the care work**
- GRB acknowledges the **intersection between budget policies and women's well being** and allows us to challenge the gender blindness/neutrality of macroeconomic policies (fiscal policy, aid policy, debt etc) by bringing forth their gender differentiated impact

Globally in 2016 GRB was UN Women priority area of work in 82 countries out of 107 Countries where UN Women had programme presence.

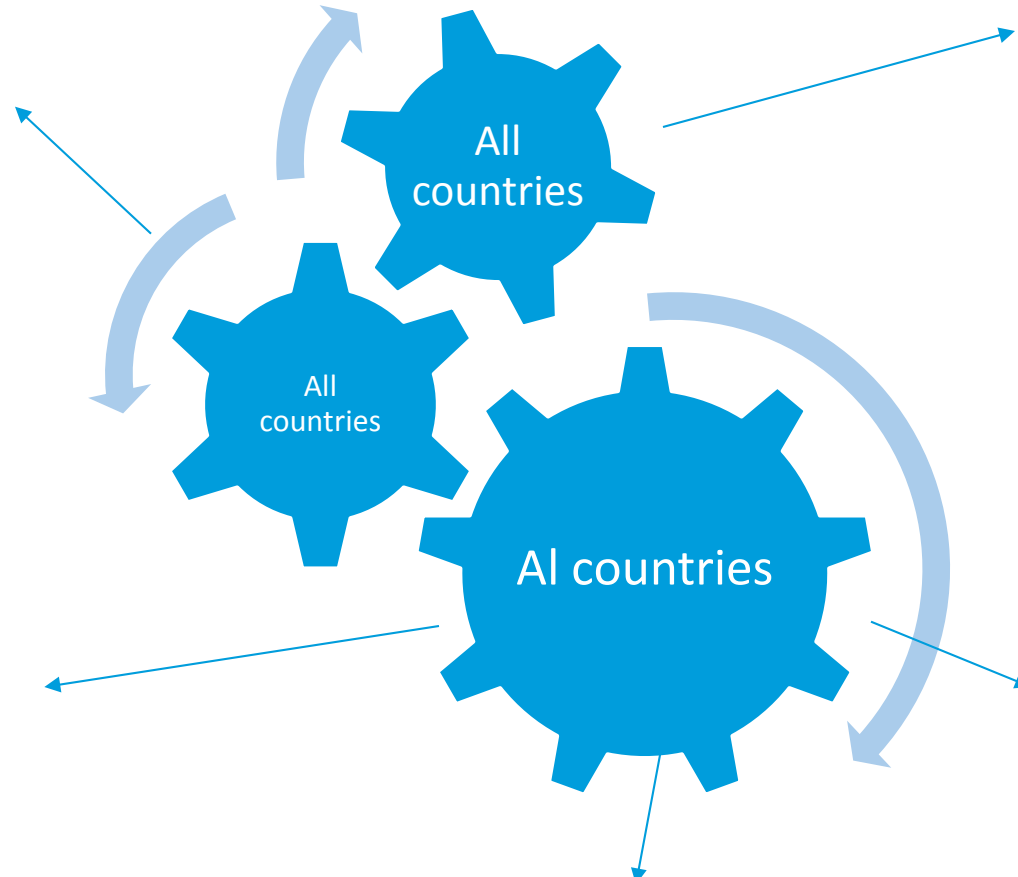
In Europe and Central Asia (ECA) UN Women supported different initiatives in Albania, BiH, FYR Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo, Turkey, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine & Moldova



Increased capacity of MoF to institutionalize the integration of GRB

Selected central and local programs and budgets analyzed to respond to GE commitments

Strengthened capacities and increased commitments of select number of local governments to make programs and budgets gender responsive



Experts, academia and CSOs have strengthened capacities to analyze programs and budgets from gender perspective

MPs and local counselor have increased knowledge and capacities of the national and local budget from GE perspective

Networks of GRB experts and public officials are capacitated to respond to country and regional demands on GRB expertise

# GRB Actors and stakeholders



# Changes of normative frameworks

- Change of budget law at national and local level
- Introduction of GRB in the Public Finance Management Reform
- Development of gender module and upgrade of the existing Budget Management Information System
- Inclusion of GRB in the budget circular which makes GRB mandatory for Line Ministries.



Capacity building for Ministry of Finance staff on Gender and Gender Mainstreaming using GRB tools

- Unified methodology on GRB application at national level
- Number of line Ministries in ECA region which have done gender analyses of their specific programmes with specific budget allocation
- Improvements of programme indicators with gender lenses
- Technical assistance to non traditional sectors/ministries such as the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning

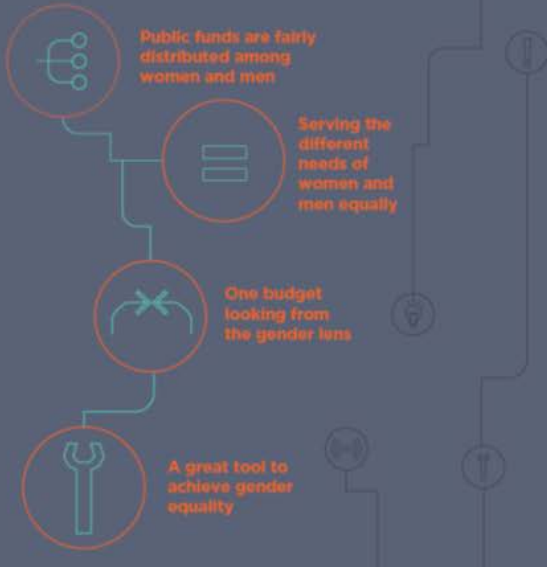


- In most of the cases GRB is not any more an unknown tool
- Critical number of central government institutions responsible for policy making process triggered by GRB process
- Resource materials as publication, research, analysis, manuals for public administration GRB, GM developed and at disposal.
- E-learning modules on gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting applicable to LMS in the public administration soon will be in place

## Albania

- ▶ From 9 Budget Programs in 2015, to 24 Programs in 2017 that embed GRB application;
- ▶ 90 million USD devoted to GRB related outputs in 2017 as opposed to 24.6 million USD in 2015
- ▶ GRB providing 2.3% of Total Expenditures in 2017 compared to 1% in 2015

## 1. What Is Budgeting for Equality

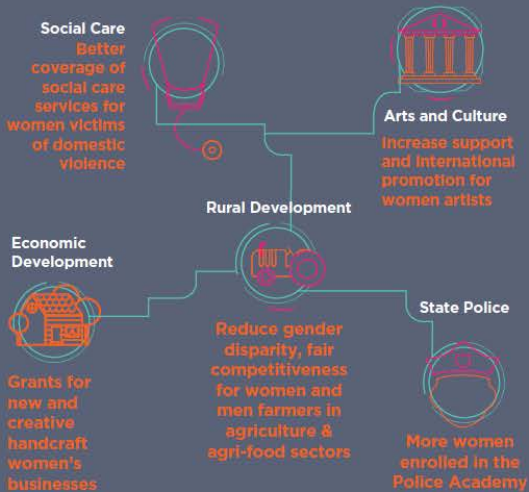


## 2. Building a Responsive Budgeting

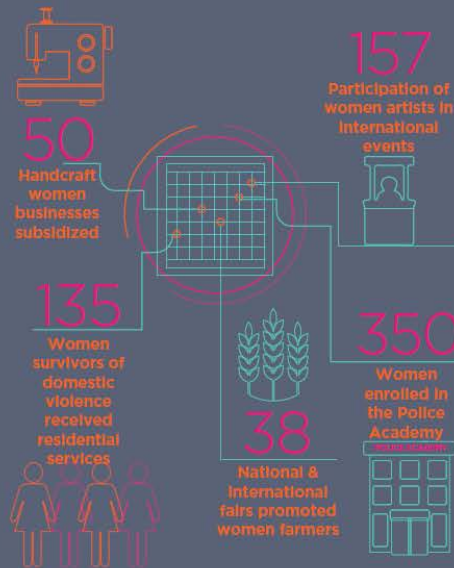


## 3. Partnership Matters

## 4. Programs in Depth



## 5. Impact on society



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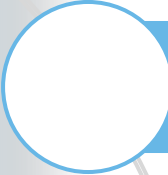
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# GRB in Universities

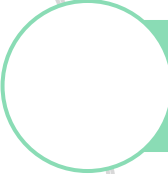


Adoption of the GRB textbook;

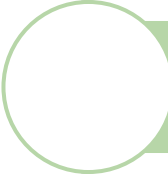
- GRB course was approved by the highest body of the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (ASEM), the Senate, and the Ministry of Education as mandatory course.
- The GRB course will be part of two Master programs at ASEM – Public Finance and Taxation, Accounting and Audit in Public Institutions, starting this academic year.
- Preparation of GRB related Syllabus in 3 universities in Albania. Continuous lectures in all 3 universities.




It's a long process and needs a lot of capacity building and change of attitudes and traditional values.



It requires budget literacy for line ministries and gender trainings for ministries of finance



It makes more sense to public administration when it is explained in simple terms and very practical



It requires new ways of doing budget different from the traditional approaches.




It requires evidence and rights-based policy analyses

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It should not be a separate exercise rather part of ongoing reforms

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GRB creates the bridge between Communities/CSOs and Government through the participatory processes and between government institutions itself

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CSOs can play very important roles including budget watch dog reports, identify needs of the most vulnerable part of the society and make sure that their needs are addressed within the budget at national and local level, make their voice count, support with tools on budget transparency and accountability



## Future plans

- Continue with GRB support in ECA region
- SDG Indicator 5.C.1 with OECD and UNDP
- Improvements Gender Statistics

