

Gujarat State Progress of Gender Responsive Budgeting

The process of Gender Responsive Budgeting was initiated in Gujarat at the suggestion of the Chief Secretary in 2006. Thereafter the Department of Women and Child Development issued a GR dated 13th Oct'2006, within 10 priority sector departments Health, Education, Rural Development, Women and Child Development, Tribal Development, Narmada Water Resource, Supply and Kalpasar, Social Justice and Empowerment, Revenue, General and Administration and Finance. The key initiatives under the same are;

- DWCD, Finance and GAD appointed as the nodal departments.
- DWCD has declare Gender Resource Center as Gender Cell for Monitoring of GRB process.
- Formation of a High Powered Committee headed by Principal Secretary (Expenditure), to monitor the progress. Secretaries of the various departments included in GRB are the members of this Committee.
- Two workshops organised by GRC for developing a common understanding on GRB among Secretaries and Senior Officials of respective departments and agreeing on the way forward.
- Appointment of nodal officers in each department
- Formation of Task force in Health department.
- First High powered Committee meeting held in May 2007. Preliminary Analysis of budgets of 07 departments of last three years to understand current status presented to HPC by GRC.
- In depth analysis being taken up in four departments, RDD, health, education and DWCD by GRC.
 - Report on incorporating gender concerns in RDD budget finalised and printed.
 - Draft reports for Education and Health are almost completed.
- Checklist and formats for GRB analysis developed by GRC for all 10 departments under GRB.
- RDD had invited GRC to discuss increased allocations of Budget for women in 2008-09.
- Formats for initiating Gender Based Profiling of State Budget 2008-09 sent to GAD and Finance through PS (WCD). The same has also been forwarded by Honble Minister WCD to the Honble Chief Minister.
- SIRD initiated process of capacity building for GRB by committing a Capacity Building Cell for GRB. GRC is regularly taking sessions in these trainings.
- GRC has developed a manual on GRB in English and Gujarati for nodal officers and taskforce members.