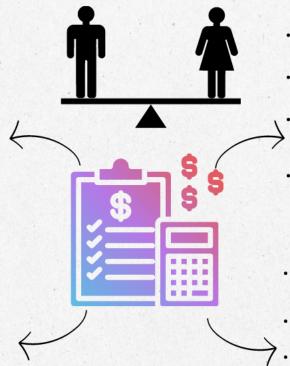
Gender budgeting

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GENDER BUDGETING

ABOUT

- Gender budgeting is defined by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) as a tool to achieve gender mainstreaming and to ensure benefits of development reach women.
- The government publishes a Gender Budget Statement (GBS) each year along with the Union Budget in order to review programmes from a gender perspective and present information on allocations for women.
- This is analysis of the budget through a gender lens rather than creating a separate budget for women.
- The motive is to examine the gender-specific impact of the budget and align it with gender commitments.
- Examples of programs which benefit women more than men include: Nal se Jal (piped water supply), Ujjwala Yojana (cookingfuel), and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (toilet construction).



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IMPORTANCE

- It promotes transparency and accountability in government budgeting processes.
- Addresses constant gaps in gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Ensures allocation of resources to address certain needs and challenges faced by women and girls.
- Supports achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment, necessary for sustainable development.

CHALLENGES

- Scarcity of data and information on the gender impacts of government policies and programs.
- Resistance to change and limited understanding of the significance of gender budgeting.
- Lack of political will and resources for implementing gender budgeting.
- Difficulty in integrating gender considerations into compound budget processes and decisionmaking structures.