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Nepalese Experience on Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

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GRB Initiatives in Nepal

- Ministry of Finance (MoF) has initiated the process of GRB since 2003.
- MoF has established Gender Responsive Budget Committee (GRBC) in August 2005.
- GoN has formally adopted GRB system in PFM since FY 2007/08.

Planning Process to address GE and WE through GRB system

Step 1- Demand Generation at VDC/DDC/ Municipality level

Step 2- Program Budget Preparation at District Level

Step 3- Budget Preparation Guideline provided to line ministries by NPC highlighting GE policies.

Step 4- Based on budget preparation Guideline, the line ministries will submit annual national program at NPC and MoF through LMBIS.

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Step 5- Discussion at NPC and MoF level and exam the GE programs and proposed GE Budget allocation in BMIS and GFS.

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Step 6- Finalize the budget and submit it at the parliament by Finance Minister.



Step 7- Budget implementation and impact study/ Gender Budget audit

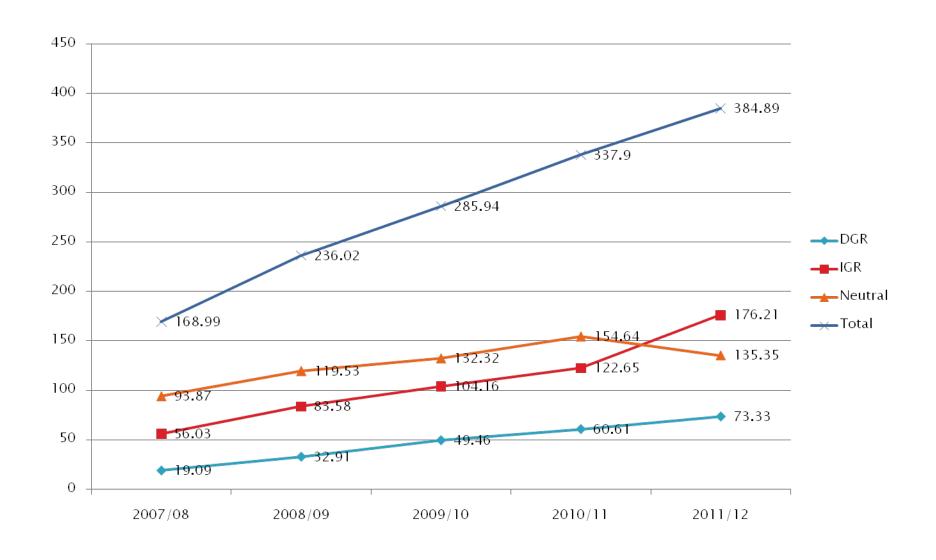
Scoring System in GRB System

No.	Indicators	Percent			
1	Women's Capacity Development	20			
2	Women's participation in formulation and implementation of the program				
3	Women's share in the benefit				
4	Support in employment and income generation for women	20			
5	Quality reform in time use and minimization in work load of women				
Total					

Gender Responsive Budget Allocations 2007/8- 2011/12

SN	Fiscal Year	Directly Responsive	Indirectly Responsive	Neutral	Total Budget
1	2064/65 (2007/08)	19.09 b (11.30%)	56.03 b (33.16%)	93.87 b (55.54%)	169 b
2	2065/66 (2008/09)	32.91 b (13.94%)	83.58 b (35.41%)	119.53 b (50.64%)	236 b
3	2066/67 (2009/10)	49.46 b (17.30%)	104.16 b (36.43%)	132.32 b (46.27%)	286 b
4	2067/68 (2010/11)	60.61 b (17.94%)	122.65 b (36.30%)	154.64 b (45.76%)	338 b
5	2068/69 (2011/12)	73.33 b (19.05%)	176.21 b (45.78%)	135.35 b (35.17%)	385 b

Gender Responsive Budget Allocations 2007/8- 2011/12



Objective: At least one third women in all public positions.

Action: Quota system in new vacancy openings.

Result:

- 57 women out of 265 members in then parliament of Nepal.
- 197 women out of 601 members in previous constitutional assembly of Nepal.
- 13% women in government service, 8% in 2001.
- Women staff increased in Army and Polish (established women cell, women barrack and separate toile system)
- Provision of 20% women representatives in local bodies.

Objective: To establish women's rights on land.

Action: Provision of rebate as 25% in Municipality, 30% in VDC and 40% in hilly area on land registration fee, if ownership certificate transferred in the name of women.

Result:

- Land ownership on women is increased to 23%, while 8% in 2001
- Equal property right to son and daughter on ancestral property.

Objective: To increase women's access on Social Security scheme.

Action: Age limit of widow for social security allowances was from 60 years which has now been removed.

Achievement:

700,000 additional widow women received social security allowances.

Objective: To decrease materiality mortality rate for achieving millennium development goals.

Actions:

- Provision of 24 hrs maternity service with operation facilities in all government hospitals.
- Transportation Expenses will provide, while giving child birth to government hospital,
- Cash grants will provide to women for four time regular check up before delivery.

Achievement:

Maternal Mortality Rate 229/100,000, which was 510/100,000 in 2001.

Objective: Reduce Infant Mortality Rate as to MDG.

Action:

- Establishment of A Women Health Volunteer Fund and a Motherhood & Infant Care Fund in VDC.
- The children protection monthly grant to all disadvantage families up to two children up to 5 years.
- Compulsory immunization to all children

Achievement:

Infant Mortality Rate 9/1000, which was 34/1000 in 1996.

Objective: To stop violence against women.

Action:

- Safe home for victim of domestic violence and sexual harassment.
- Establish fast hearing court.
- One stop crisis centre.

- Declared ending gender based violence year 2010.
- Government has prepared 5 years national strategy on violence against women.

Objective: To decrease dropout rate of adolescents girls.

Actions: Mandatory action of female toilets in public schools and provision of scholarships.

- Decreased school drop out to 5%, which was 16% in 2001 due to toilet facilities during menstruation period.
- 56% female literacy rate, while 42% in 2001
- 96% enrollment rate in primary level.

Objective: To give priority for women in School Teacher, Village Health Volunteers, Development Organizer/Co-Planner and Social Mobilizes.

Action: 45% recruitment on the basis of inclusive system.

- 29% women Teacher in Government Schools.
- Almost 50% women's participation has been observes in all community level organizations in the village.

Objective: Increase women employment and their participatio in economic activities.

Action:

- 10% rebate on income tax to the women professionals.
- 20% tax exemption to the private companies, who provide employment to 100 full time employment of which 33% women.
- Provision of women entrepreneurs village fund (Rs. 10 million)

- Women employees increased in department stores.
- Women entrepreneurs are increased in micro and small scale business and informal sector manufacturing.

Objective: Increase women participation in economic activities.

Action: Expansion of micro-credit programs for poverty alleviation primarily targeted to women.

Achievement: 2000 cooperatives are operated by women.

Objective: Increase women in development activities all over the nation.

Action: Extend women development program to all the VDCs gradually.

Achievement:

Extended women empowerment and gender equality programme up to 3500 VDCs out of 3915.

GE and WE Interventions & Result **Objective:** To act on GRB as a example country.

- Nepal is one example for GRB application in South Asia. Nepal has attempted Module 1: GE and Module II: Inclusive ownership in monitoring survey of PD, 2011.
- AMIS introduced and mandatory for its application to all donors and development partners in Nepal.



Thank You!