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# IMPLEMENTING GENDER-RESPONSIVE PLANNING AND BUDGETING IN TURKEY PROJECT

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“Implementing Gender-Responsive Planning and Budgeting in Turkey Project” is run by UN Women Turkey in collaboration with the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS) - Directorate General on the Status of Women (DGSW) and the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey - Presidency of Strategy and Budget (PSB). Co-financed by the European Union and UN Women, the project started on 14 December 2020 and will be completed by December 2023 with a total project duration of 36 months.

The project's overall goal is to empower women and further strengthen gender equality in Turkey through systematic and sustainable integration of gender perspective at all stages of national and local policymaking and budgeting processes. The Project targets the selected line ministries at the central level and four pilot municipalities: Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality, Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, Edirne Municipality as well as local civil society organizations (CSO) in these cities. The project aims to increase the awareness of the senior officials and staff of public institutions and municipalities, members of the parliament, academicians, and representatives from CSOs through workshops, trainings, and inter-agency coordination meetings.

## CONTRIBUTION TO CORPORATE STRATEGIES AND PLANS

In the scope of UN Women's Strategic Plan for 2022–2025, the Project contributes to the Outcome 1 “Global normative frameworks and gender-responsive laws, policies and institutions A comprehensive and dynamic set of global norms and standards on gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is strengthened and translated into gender-responsive laws, policies, and institutions. States” and Outcome 2 “Financing for gender equality: Public and private financing advance gender equality through gender-responsive financing policies, strategies and instruments.”

The Project contributes to the Outcome 4.1 “By 2025, governance systems are more transparent, accountable, inclusive and rights-based with the participation of civil society, and quality of judicial services is improved” of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2021-2025 between the Government of Turkey and the United Nations.



## PROJECT'S EXPECTED RESULTS:

<b>RESULT 1:</b>	<p><b>National and local authorities in Turkey will have increased awareness and understanding of Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) to better address the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) financing gap and advance GEWE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN Women will deliver awareness Raising Seminars on GRB for Senior Managers of public institutions at the central level and for the high-level representatives of each pilot municipality.</li> <li>• Advocacy meetings targeting high-level public officials for scaling up GRB will be organized by UN Women Turkey in close partnership with MoFSS and PSB.</li> <li>• An online learning platform will be established. The platform will serve as an online training hub and an experience-sharing platform on GRB for stakeholders, public officials, and other target groups of the Project. Box: UN Women Turkey will organize an International Conference on best GRB practices in order to increase the eagerness and ownership of local and national stakeholders to implement similar initiatives in their own institutions.</li> </ul>
<b>RESULT 2:</b>	<p><b>National and local authorities in Turkey will have capacities to develop gender-responsive policies, plans, and programmes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Advisory Board and a Technical Working Group will be established together with the beneficiary institutions of the Project and other related public institutions in Turkey.</li> <li>• UN Women Turkey will review the key strategic policy documents from a gender perspective and prepare a comprehensive Policy Document on the implementation of GRB. The Policy Document will include recommendations on furthering the policy framework and international best practices to guide policymakers in Turkey.</li> <li>• UN Women Turkey will organize technical and in-depth training programs on GRB targeting public officials at the central and local levels.</li> <li>• UN Women Turkey will conduct GRB analysis in selected ministries and Pilot Municipalities. Following the analysis, a Practical Guide on the Implementation of GRB at the central level and a GRB Analysis Guideline for Municipalities will be developed.</li> </ul>
<b>RESULT 3:</b>	<p><b>Gender advocates and women's groups will have enhanced capacities on monitoring and ensuring accountability on spending for the achievement of GEWE results.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Gender Budget Groups under Women's Assemblies in pilot municipalities will be supported by UN Women Turkey. Through training programs, UN Women Turkey will increase the Gender Budget Groups' capacity to monitor and oversee public spending.</li> <li>• UN Women Turkey will develop a GRB Monitoring Guideline that will include strategies, tools, and reporting formats to be used by the Gender Budget Groups while producing their monitoring reports.</li> <li>• Dialogue meetings among central/local public officials and Gender Budget Groups will be organized to foster the dialogue between civil society included in Gender Budget Groups and public administrations.</li> </ul>

## PROJECT GOVERNANCE:

The multi-actor governance structure of the Project is ensured through the **Project Steering Committee (PSC)** that oversees the overall implementation of the action and provides strategic guidance. The PSC consists of representatives of UN Women, Ministry of Family and Social Services, Presidency of Strategy and Budget, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Directorate for EU Affairs and Central Finance and Contracts Unit and convenes on a bi-annual basis.

**Advisory Board and Technical Working Group** established within the project contribute to creating an open communication platform in which technical knowledge and experience of different public institutions can be exchanged.