

Gender Budgeting & Capability Approach

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PUBLIC BUDGETING RESPONSIBLE TO GENDER EQUALITY

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The case for gender auditing

- ↻ Efficiency
- ↻ Equity
- ↻ Transparency
- ↻ Participation

Implementing gender auditing

- Context analysis
- Indicators on the quality of services and on the targets
- Evaluation of the impact of the revenue and expenditure side of the budgets

Context analysis and indicators

- Get statistics and indicators by gender
- Get all the relevant information to perform gender auditing
- institutionalize the need of data collection that is gender sensitive to ensure the continuity of the gender auditing process

A change in focus

- departing from an evaluation exclusively based on income or commodities
- public policies impact on well being in its multidimensional definition and in its complexity

Sen's approach to the definition of individual well being in terms of capabilities

- individual's opportunities to achieve functionings (like being well-sheltered, in good health, educated ...)

A change of focus

- ✓ Well being is defined at the individual level
- ✓ Intra-household analysis
- ✓ possibility of conflicts amongst its members on the construction of well-being

The role of institutions on

- development of capabilities and...
- their conversion into functionings

A shift of perspective

From means to ends

monetary expenditures and revenues are
means and residents' well-being is the
end of policy.

Defining a list of capabilities

- **Context-specific** by following Robeyns' criteria for the selection of capabilities
- On the basis of the **functions of the institution** involved in the gender auditing process
- By using a **participatory** definition of the list (this can increase community participation to the auditing process and awareness of gender differences and can lead the government to make commitments to a given list)

New data are needed in the context analysis

- Sources of data (primary sources of data on capabilities are not often available; secondary source of data often not reaching capabilities but functionings)
 - Data showing the interaction between capabilities or amongst functionings of different capabilities

Tools for analysis

A matricial representation of capabilities by...

- institutions' departments
- institutions' budgetary responsible units and/or elementary cost units
- institution's targets as defined in the mandate budget or in other institutional programmes

Capabilities	Cognitive	Access to public and private resources	to live an healthy life	to care for oneself and the others	to enjoy art and culture	to live in adequate healthy and safe spaces	Physical mobility	Participation and active citizenship
01 Planning								
02 Communication								
03 General Secretary								
04 General and Institutional Matters								
05 Law and administrative unit								
06 Public Work Coordination								
07 Managing and Internal audit								

Tab.2 Capabilities by responsible unit, cost units, programmes and activities.

Source: Addabbo, Corrado, Ferrari and Picchio (2007)

Responsible Unit	Cost Unit	Programme	Activities	Capabilities

Table 3 – Capabilities, context and policies suggestions. Source:

Addabbo, Corrado, Ferrari and Picchio (2007)

Capabilities	Indicators	Context	Policies Suggestions

Different departments can affect the same capability

CAPABILITY OF CARING (children <3)

- Public education (child care services)
- Health and Social Services: Centro per le famiglie, parental subsidy

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Capability of care and capability of access to resources through work

- 🌍 Positive gender effect of public child care services though fees imply income pooling
- 🌍 Extension of increasing supply of private child care facilities to the public can reduce the risk of a lower social interaction amongst employees' children and improve work life balance
- 🌍 Discouragement effect on mothers' employment of subsidized one year parental leave (due to design and eligibility)

Policies suggestions on subsidized parental leave

- Change the design of the subsidy to encourage fathers' take up and their capability of care development
- Monitor the households overtime on:
 - Child's probability to attend public child care services
 - mothers' labour supply and employment status
- Instead of total interruption of employment activities, part-time work could be encouraged and subsidized while part-time child care services could be supplied

Interactions of different
levels of government
on capabilities and residents'
well-being

Matrix of capabilities and levels of government

Level of government				
Capabilities to:	Municipality	District	Region	State
Be trained and educated				
Be informed				
Work				
Access to public resources				
Live an healthy life				
Feel secure				
Care for oneself				
Care for others				
Enjoy art and culture				
Live in adequate, healthy and safe shelter				
Physical mobility				
Participation and active citizenship				