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**Gender Budgeting as Feminist Policy Change:
Framework of Favourable Conditions**



GBA as feminist policy change

- Improvement of women's rights, status or situation relevant to men's
- Reduction of gender-based hierarchies
- Avoids distinction between public and private spheres
- Focuses on women and men
- Can be identified with recognised feminist movements (Mazur, 2002).
- “gender status” policies - remedy disadvantage and discrimination against women as *women*
- “class-based” policies - target the unequal distribution of resources and sexual division of labour (Htun and Weldon, 2010)



Factors of feminist policy change

- Political Opportunity Structures and political change
- Active and engaged feminist organisations
- Openness of government structures
- Effective gender equality architecture/women's policy agencies
- External influences
- Policy learning and diffusion through transnational networking
- Constellation of engaged actors
- Access to strategic actors in key policy venues
- Favourable economic conditions
- Time and temporal dimensions
- Critical framing of feminist policy change arguments and demands



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Phase One: Advocacy and Agenda-Setting

- **Pro-equality climate**
 - Commitment to gender equality
 - Responsiveness and receptiveness to external drivers
 - Political change and political opportunity structures
 - Gender equality architecture
 - Positive approach to governance
 - Favourable economic conditions
- **Understanding of budgetary processes**
- **Presence and pressure of women and feminist civil society organisations**

Phase Two: Formal Adoption

- **Clear conceptual framework for gender budgeting**
- **Engaged actors**
 - Officials (Finance)
 - Politicians/Parliamentarians
 - Civil Society
- **Political will**
- **Positive institutional arrangements**

Phase Three: Implementation

Gender Aware Budget

- **Evidence in practice**
- **Political leadership**
- **Strategy for continuity**



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