

**Proposals on Gender Responsive Budgeting to the Sri Lanka Ministry of Finance.
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The Proposals are set out in two sections. Section 1: Women Specific Budgetary allocations that can be adopted with immediate effect. Section 2 :Strategies that Government proactively adopts to mainstream Gender Responsive Budgeting. These policies and processes can be initiated within 3 months and hence the National Budget should make the necessary provisions

SECTION 1: WOMEN SPECIFIC BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS

Women Specific Budgetary Allocations	Gender Responsive Actions	Ministry/Government Department
1. Women entrepreneurs	Low interest loans – for medium scale entrepreneurship, following screening and training, development of Business Plans. Include: Organic products , women in fish industry (give nets, boats etc.), dry fish production, yogurt, condiments, shallow sea fishing, Auyurvedic products	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Industries Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations Ministry of Education Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare Sri Lanka Standards Institution:for product certification etc.
2. Non-traditional occupations for women: Technical Training Opportunities and Financial support to women	Three wheel drivers Cab drivers Electrical Services such as Wiring Motor repair Carpentry Masonry	Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training

	Plumbing etc.	Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation
3. Marketing	Women's marketing and distribution collectives 'middle-women' concept: purchase and marketing of agricultural, fisheries, industrial products	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation Ministry of Agriculture
	Grants of low interest loans to women to buy/run lorries, refrigerator trucks, dimo battas, containers lorries	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Industries Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs Ministry of Public Enterprise Development Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation
	Distribution Mobiles for marketing of women's products run by women.	Ministry of Public Enterprise Development Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations
	Setting up of women headed farmer societies – at least 20% farmer societies should be women-headed.	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation
	Viable funding and program for the National Secretariat for the Empowerment of Widows and Female headed	Ministry of Women and Child Affairs Ministry of National

	Households	Integration and Reconciliation
4. Enhance Support for Victims of Domestic Violence.	Mithuru Piyasa, Women in Need Sahana piyasa	Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare Ministry of Justice Ministry of Women and Child Affairs
5. Sexual and Gender based Violence	Allocation to combat Ragging and SGBV in universities	Ministry of Higher Education Ministry of Finance
	Explore with phone companies to offer options for Mobile Apps for women's security	Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure Ministry of Justice Ministry of Women and Child Affairs. Information and communication technology agency of Sri Lanka
	Introduce and mainstream Policies on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace in all government institutions. Require private sector institutions to follow suit.	Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations
6. Recycling	Cadre of trained women to run the recycling plants etc.	Ministry of Primary Industries Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation

		Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare
	Government set up Recycling plants that employ 50% to women with training to recycling centres glass, paper etc. Private sector can be brought in under regulations that protect employees rights.	Ministry of Primary Industries Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare
	Manufacture of organic products for replacement for plastic bag/containers (thal kola, pol kola, pan vetikeyyawa	Ministry of Primary Industries Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare
7. Reconciliation Support for War Widows (North and South)	War widows to be given direct financial support instead of through the Ranaviru Seva Authority.	Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare
	Direct financial and employment support for ex- Combatants and widows of the North	Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation Ministry of Finance Ministry of Women and Child Affairs. Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations
	Set up separate sections in Divisional Secretariats to handle outstanding war- related administrative issues	Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation

	Set up separate courts to expedite outstanding war related issues in the North and East as well as in the South.	Ministry of Justice Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation
8. Revenue	Compulsory payment by perpetrators of violence against women, including domestic violence, of fine to support Shelters for survivors.	Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government. Ministry of Women's Affairs. Ministry of Justice
9. Education	Mainstream Age Appropriate Comprehensive Sexuality Education	Ministry of Education Ministry of Finance Ministry of Health.
10. Monitoring	Introduce mechanisms to monitor and assess implementation and impact of Gender responsive Budgeting in Government Sector.	Ministry of Finance Central Bank Department of Census and Statistics Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs Ministry of Women's Affairs.

SECTION 2: ADOPTION OF STRATEGIES TO MAINSTREAM GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING.

Policies, Institutional Processes and Programme	Gender Responsive Actions	Ministry/Government Department
(i) Initiate 'Gender Budgeting Secretariat in the Ministry of Finance.	Conduct Analysis of the Budget through a gender lens. This should be carried out by the Planning Unit of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and be undertaken annually	Ministry of Finance and Mass Media Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs

	Draw on Gender Budgeting methodology adopted by countries such as India: Example, (a). Expenditure specifically targeted to women (b) Pro-women allocations (at least 30% expenditure schemes that target women (c) mainstream public expenditure with gender-differentiated impact ¹	Ministry of Finance Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs
(ii). Integrate Gender Budgeting at Provincial and Local Government levels	Budget allocations for all Local Councils to enable active gender budgeting forums. Allocation for special meetings on gender issues between Local Authorities and civil society groups. Targeted Gender responsive Budgets in all Local Councils. Training in Gender responsive Budgeting and targeted Gender Budgets for 2018 in all Local Authorities.	Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation Ministry of Finance.
(iii). Mainstream Gender Budgeting in all relevant financial and policy making institutions	Training for relevant officials and cadre on Gender responsive Budgeting.	The Treasury
2. Demographic and Socio-Economic information	Budgetary Allocations specifically to collect Sex-disaggregated data on all aspects of Economic Planning	Department of Census and Statistics Central Bank Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs
	Enumerate and Value Unpaid Care Work by Mainstreaming 'Time-Use Data' Collection.	Department of Census and Statistics Central Bank

¹ Chakraborty, L. (2016). Asia: A Survey of Gender Budgeting Efforts. IMF Working Paper WP/16/150.

	Enumerate sex-disaggregated data on women and men engaged in Unpaid Care Work to include in National Population and Labour Force Surveys.	Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs Ministry of Finance
	Sex-disaggregated data on women and men in poverty	Department of Census and Statistics Central Bank Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs
	Data on Female headed households in poverty	Department of Census and Statistics Central Bank Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs
3. Support Services	Flexi hours at place of employment	Ministry of Labour, Trade Unions Relations. Ministry of Finance
	Enhance capacity of Childcare Facilities at Provincial and District Levels Enhance capacity of Elder Care Facilities at Provincial and District Levels	Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare Ministry of Finance Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation
	Estimate the loss of revenue to the government due to preventable crimes such as SGBV	Ministry of Finance

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