



# Gender Analysis of Covid - 19 Budgeting in Serbia



# Starting points and framework

- Gender Budget Watchdog Network Project

- Rapid assessment in April 2020 - Mapping the Territory for Gender-responsive Covid - 19 Measures

The feminist political and economic approach

Role, position, and participation of Women's CSOs (WCSOs)

# Methodology

## **The feminist political and economic approach**

Only fiscal measures

Gender perspective integration continuum (from gender negative to gender transformative measures)

Measures analyzed against **the key gender issues**

identified by the experts and WCSOs

The feminist approach meaning:

- division and distribution of paid and unpaid work
  - gap(s) in paid economy
- visibility of needs - lack of statistics and data



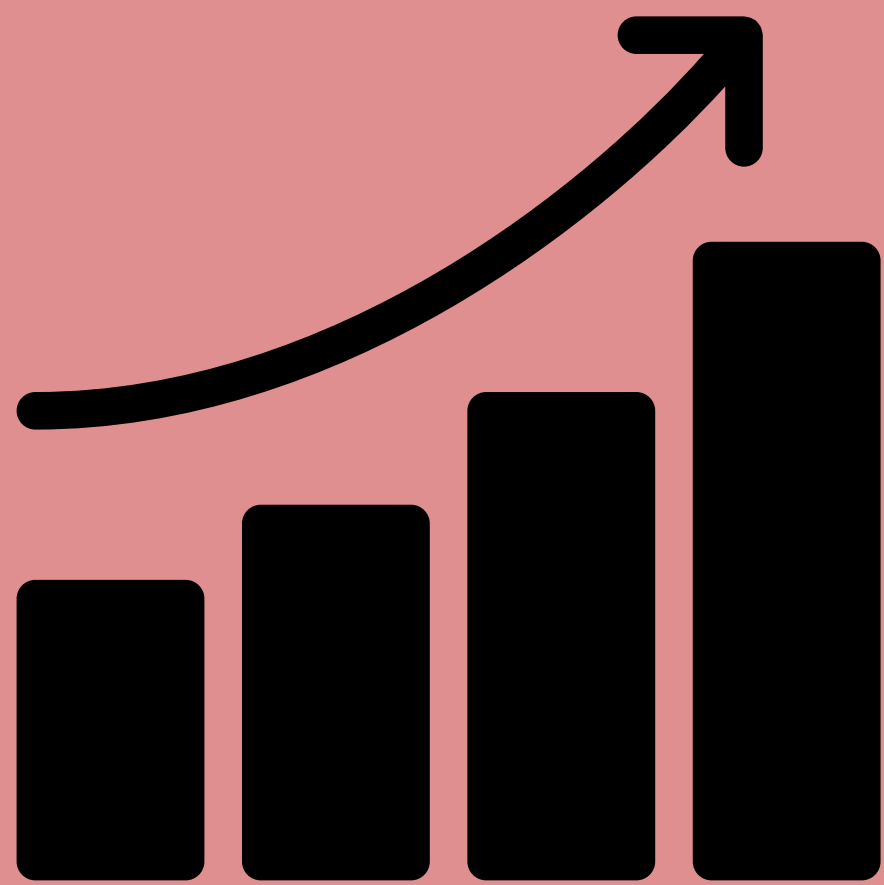
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- 1. To what extent did the measures include the problem and the context of the distribution of unpaid work (economy of care)?**
- 2. To what extent did measures relate specifically to “women’s” sectors, such as, for example, education, social protection, and problems faced particularly by women or vulnerable groups?**
- 3. Did the measures contribute to achieving and/or improving the protection of women from violence?**
- 4. To what extent were WCSOs involved in the design of the measures?**





Budget rebalances and relocations  
at the level of ministries  
The measures designed and  
implemented by the government  
Perspective of the WCSOs  
representatives



Ministry of Economy- 695,29%

Ministry of Health - 54,19%

**Ministry of defence - 12,3%**

**Ministry of Mining and Energy - 40,83%**

**Ministry of Construction, Transport, and Infrastructure - 40,74% (including subsidies for air transport)**

**Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management - 6,36%**



Ministry of Justice - 13,31%

Ministry of Labour, Employment and Veteran Affairs - 4,01%

Ministry of Environmental Protection - 25,57%

**Measures of support to the economy: payment of minimum wages per employee in micro, small and medium enterprises – gender-blind measure**

**Measures of support to agriculture – gender-blind measure**  
**Payment of 100 EUR to all adult citizens – gender-blind measure**

**Increase of salaries for health sector employees – gender-neutral measure**

**Increased salaries for employees in social protection institutions and increase in the number of employees: gender-neutral measure**



# WCSSOs

Participation in consultation, preparing the recommendation

Providing services in changed circumstances

Developing new services (Octopus)

Funds for CSOs were decreased as well as for the social services or the legal aid

The CSOs' representatives (17) were not informed about the budget reallocations - lack of transparency and also on the capacities of WCSSOs

Lack of capacities for the advocacy



We need joint-regional advocacy

**Initiative for the Regional Working Group for Gender Transformative Solutions**

Further strengthening of GEMs as a bridge between the government and WCSOs

**Stronger cooperation with (W)CSOs in service providing  
(in the time of crisis)**

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