

Colombia

Mainstreaming gender considerations



TYPE OF TOOL:
*Methodology/
guidelines*



MAIN SECTOR:
All sectors



THEME:
Gender



INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE PILLARS:
Long-term strategic vision

In a nutshell:



OBJECTIVE: Colombia has adopted a methodology to identify, track and monitor public investments that have a gender equality component to promote better alignment of future investment plans with gender equality targets.



Agency in charge
National Planning Department



Levels of government
National



Year of implementation:
2019



Current status:
Fully operational

Overview:

Colombia has been working on tools to promote better alignment of future investment plans with gender equality targets. In 2019 the Colombian Presidential Council for Gender Equality (CPEM), the National Planning Department (DNP) and the Ministry of Finance adopted a methodology to identify, track and monitor public investments that have a gender equality component (Trazador Presupuestal para Equidad de la Mujer). The implementation guide prepared by the DNP includes practical tools for public practitioners to mainstream gender considerations throughout the investment life cycle, with a strong emphasis on strategic planning. The guide puts particular focus on the following considerations throughout the planning phase: i) Gender-sensitive needs assessment: use of key gender-disaggregated indicators and cross-sectoral data to get a better sense of invisible gender gaps in public investment; ii) Gender-focused objectives: definition of gender equality objectives that provide a clear idea of the baseline and targets to achieve; and iii) Gender indicators: definition of indicators that will allow the measurement of the impact of public investment on gender equality.

The methodology identifies the following gender budget tags: i) Women's economic empowerment and access to assets; ii) Participation in positions of power and decision-making processes; iii) Health, sexual and reproductive rights; education and access to new technologies; and iv) A life free from any gender-based violence and harassment. For the implementation of the mechanism, the DNP and the CPEM, with the support of UN Women, provided online training on the use of gender budget tagging to public officials at the national level, including to those within the Ministries of Information Technologies and Communications, Health, Transport, Education, Housing and Energy.

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