

Iceland

Gender-disaggregated infrastructure data



TYPE OF TOOL:
Data and digital initiatives



MAIN SECTOR:
Transport



THEME:
Gender



INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE PILLARS:
*Evidence-informed decision-making;
Long-term strategic vision*

In a nutshell:



OBJECTIVE: Iceland is advancing its efforts to incorporate the use of gender-disaggregated data for infrastructure strategic planning.



Agency in charge
Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Infrastructure



Levels of government
National



Year of implementation:
2021



Current status:
Fully operational

Overview:

A necessary condition for mainstreaming gender considerations in strategic planning for infrastructure is to adopt an evidence-based approach. Choices regarding infrastructure development should be based on a sound understanding of differentiated needs between women and men. The analysis should be based on gender-disaggregated socioeconomic data related to gender gaps in access to infrastructure, different patterns of use and preferences between women and men, as well as measurable benefits and risks that infrastructure poses to women and girls.

Iceland has made efforts to incorporate the use of gender-disaggregated data in its strategic planning of infrastructure. Annually, the Icelandic Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Finance release a status report where gender perspectives are mapped based on comprehensive analysis done by line ministries. One of the focus areas of the reports is addressing the availability of gender-disaggregated data to inform planning and policy-making. While the collection of gender-disaggregated data is essential, systematic use of such data in planning and policy-making requires analysis from relevant gender perspectives. Therefore, the annual status reports on gender perspectives have been pivotal in advancing gender mainstreaming in government policies and programmes in Iceland.

Analysis done by the Ministry of Infrastructure has found differentiated travel patterns between men and women, as shown in the Ministry's 2021 report "*Transport and Equality: Status analysis*". The report finds a significant difference in attitudes of men and women towards the use of the transport system. It also finds that women are less represented in the transport sector workforce, with the biggest gender gap seen in the maritime transport sector and the smallest in aviation.

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