

South Africa's Women's Budget Initiative — Parliament-led gender analysis of the national budget (1995–2000)

Gender Equality · Good practice · South Africa

Quality score: 78/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

In 1995, South African civil-society organisations and women MPs launched the world's first parliamentary gender-responsive budget analysis, contributing to VAT removal on paraffin (2001) and Gender Budget Statements, inspiring 40+ countries.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	3/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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[World Bank — Women's Budget Initiative: South Africa](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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