



# Gender Budgeting in the Philippines

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# Her-story and Institutionalization of the Gender and Development (GAD) Budget

1992

National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (now PCW) lobbies to include “women’s budget” in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA)

1995

GAD budget policy is included as a general provision in the annual GAA

2009

Passage of the **Magna Carta of Women**: Strengthening PCW’s functions; Mandating support from Commission on Audit, Departments of Budget and Management, Interior and Local Government, Economic and Development Authority; Institutionalizing the GAD budget

*“All departments... shall formulate a **GAD Plan, designed to empower women and address gender issues**, in accordance with the Women in Development and Nation Building Act and the Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development 1995-2025. The cost of implementation of the GAD Plan shall be **at least five percent of the agency’s total budget appropriations.**”*



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Other institutional mechanisms have complemented the GAD budget policy:

- Establishment of **Gender Focal Point System** in each government agency to lead the planning and implementation of GAD activities
- Development of an online portal for submission of GAD Plans and Budgets, the **Gender Mainstreaming Monitoring System**
- Incorporation of a **gender audit** in the national auditing process, to help identify gender issues and monitor compliance.

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Some studies have explored the implementation of the GAD Budget:

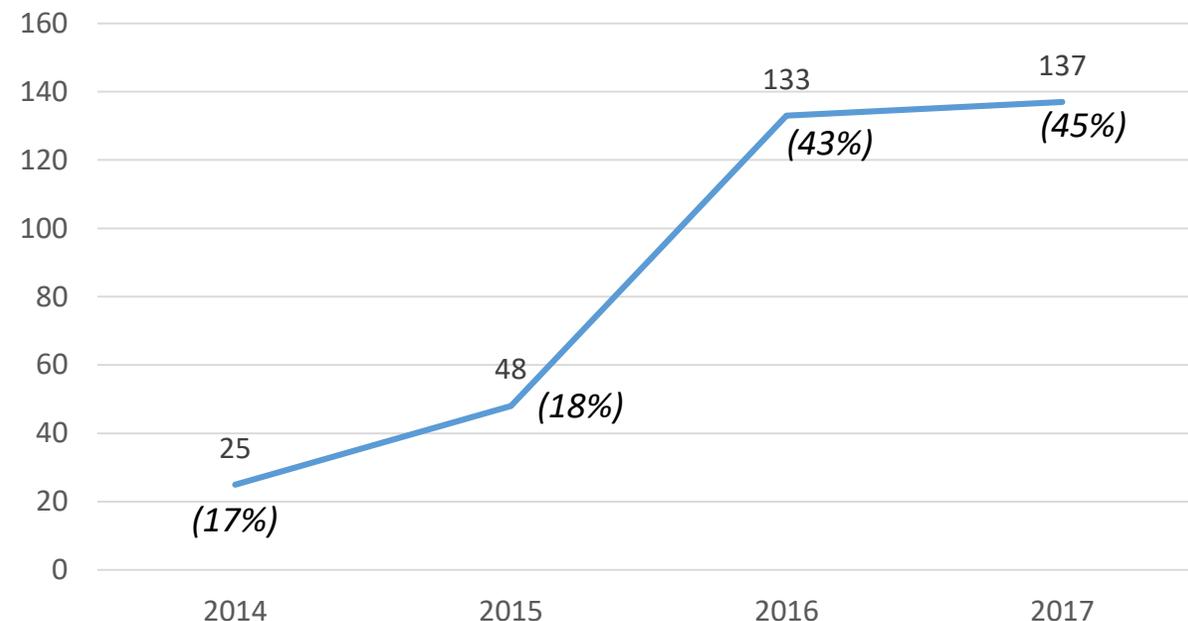
- Accounting for Results: A Review of the Philippine GAD Budget Policy (1992-2010)
- Gender and Development Budgeting in the Philippines: Issues, Challenges and Imperatives (2004)
- Gender Budgeting in the Philippines 2010-2017 (December 2018)



# Gender Budgeting in the Philippines 2010-2017: Key Findings and Lessons Learned

- Low allocation and utilization of the GAD budget is a major challenge
  - Lack of capacity to identify appropriate activities to address gender issues
  - Broader lack of capacity to conduct gender analysis and prepare GAD Plans

No. of Agencies Submitted GAD Plans with at least 5% GAD Budget Allocation





# Gender Budgeting in the Philippines 2010-2017: Key Findings and Lessons Learned

PCW has developed guidelines for timelines, submission and assessment of GAD Plans and Budgets, and issues a GAD budget call every year to initiate the process

- Agencies prefer a **streamlined, simplified, easier process** of submission and review
- **Impact assessment is still low**, as the focus is on inputs, rather than results
- **Individual activities** outnumber flagship programs or projects that have a gender lens
- **Existing tools and guiding documents** are helpful in drafting GAD Plans and Budgets, such as the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines and the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) Plan

# Gender Budgeting in the Philippines 2010-2017: Key Findings and Lessons Learned

- “Getting there, but not enough”
- GAD Plans and Budgets have contributed to:
  - Protection from violence and abuse
  - Improving access to and elimination of discrimination in education
  - Enhancing food security and nutrition
  - Providing decent work and livelihood
  - Improving social protection
- PCW continually works toward a more impactful and structured GAD budget policy for all women and girls

Thank you  
very much!



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