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BLOCK INTRODUCTION

The second block in the course gender budgeting is gender audit. There are three Units in the Block. All the Units in this block dealt gender audit. The Unit 7 entitled as Social Audit and Gender Audit and gender Budgeting covers the significance of accountable and responsive governance at all levels. Social audit is one of the instruments to ensure accountable, transparent responsive governance. This unit is going to explain about the concept and characteristics of social audit and gender audit, steps and methods of social and gender audit, advantages of both audits. The next Unit (Unit 8) in the block 2 is frame work for gender audit. The unit will discuss the concept of gender audit from its evolution. It also talks about participatory gender audit. The women component plan and gender budgeting is elaborately given in this Unit. The Unit 9 is good practices and experiences of gender audit. The case study of good practices explained in this Unit. UNESCO defines gender audit as a management and planning tools, an audit evaluates the gender-responsiveness of an organization's culture and how well that organization is integrating gender perspective into it work, the audit outcome aims to assist the organization to become more gender responsive. It is also a kind of impact evaluation that assesses measures the impact of interventions on gender equality and women's empowerment. Gender audit enhances the collective capacity of an organization to examine its activities from a gender perspective and identify strength and weakness in promoting gender equality issues.