

Transforming economies for gender equality

Lessons from African feminist advocates for economic justice

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We work across 8 African countries to advance gender-just macroeconomic policymaking through learning, convening and influencing.

The vision of the 'Gender-Just Recoveries'

project is to advance gender-just macroeconomic policymaking in the pandemic recovery context in Africa. The project seeks to achieve this through an iterative process involving feminist advocates in learning, convening and influencing activities, working with the following actors:



'The programme made us go back after the sessions to research things we thought we knew but realised we don't. It has made us more open to knowledge-seeking.'
Feminist advocate in Nigeria

Challenge we see:
Unjust macroeconomic policies.

Approach: Influencing

To secure gender transformative macroeconomic policy commitments by facilitating increased dialogue between policy actors with grassroots feminists.

Values: rights-based, care-based, intersectional

Challenge we see:
Limited civic spaces to analyse, advocate and hold policy actors accountable.

Approach: Convening

To foster a broad based, well connected community of civil society by strengthening movements to align for gender-just macroeconomic policymaking.

Values: solidarity, collective agency, interconnectedness

Rights-based and gender transformative macroeconomic policies

Approach: Learning

We initiated an 18-month, cross-country learning programme on feminist macroeconomic advocacy, aimed at fostering well-informed and well-connected communities of advocates.

Using a reflective and iterative pedagogy, learning modules covered a range of concepts like African feminisms, tax and debt justice, rights-based economies and community-centered research.

Values: collaboration, knowledge justice, reflexive praxis, self-determination

Challenge we see:
Lack of data, language barriers, and limited learning space.

'The exercises in the first two sessions led me to research gender budgeting in my country. I can say that I know more about my country's political and economic environment when it comes to taking gender into account. I know more about the institutional players in gender budgeting, and I know about the voiceless players in gender budgeting.'
Feminist advocate in Burkina Faso

'Very few women are involved in national budget preparation in Zimbabwe. Even the few of us that participate, our inputs are hardly considered.'
Feminist advocate in Zimbabwe

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