



Institute of Social Policy and Research
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CALL FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE BUDGET ADVOCACY TRAINING IN WAU

UNDER THE PROJECT: ENHANCING CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR A TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE BUDGET.

INTRODUCTION

The Institute of Social Policy and Research (ISPR) is a registered non-governmental, non-profit public policy and research Centre (RRC Registration No 1122) that implements social, economic, and governance policy research and conducts governance trainings and management consultancy for civil society groups, the public and private sectors.

The Interim Constitution of South Sudan 2011 as amended and the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act, 2011, mandate stakeholders to engage in the national budget process. These laws give the responsibility of budget preparation, execution, management, and reporting to rests with the Ministry of Finance and Planning. Both the Constitution and the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act call for the active participation of citizens and civil society in the budget process because the budget is financed by oil and taxes from citizens. The laws give the power to approve the budget and provide oversight to the national assembly through the Members of parliament. Citizen and civil society participation in the national budget is also important because the budget finances key needs and citizen priorities sectors such as education, health, roads, bridges, electricity, agriculture, clean water, security, peace, salaries, and activities relating to good governance. Government and citizens have both responsibilities of holding each other accountable and promoting a transparent budget process including its utilization. This enables them to have an informed influence on the allocation, utilization, and accountability of public funds.

South Sudan parliament on August 14, 2023, passed the country's 2023/2024 fiscal budget to the tune of SSP 2.1 trillion. After a few days later the president signed the budget making it ready for implementation. The budget was presented to the parliament by the government in July and at least two readings have been conducted with the finance minister answering lawmakers' questions regarding the budget.

ISPR and CEFORD are currently implementing a project: enhancing citizen participation for a transparent and accountable budget. The project is implemented in Juba(Central Equatoria State), Yambio(Western Equatoria State), and Wau(Western Bahr El Ghazal State). The project objectives include.

1. Strengthen the capacity of citizens to effectively engage in the national budget process.
2. Strengthen the capacity of key government actors to create a pro-citizen national budget.

As part of the project, ISPR together with Community Empowerment for Rehabilitation and Development (CEFORD) will be conducting training for civil society members one in Juba, one in Wau, and one in Yambio.

ABOUT THE TRAINING

both female and male in Juba South Sudan on the National Budget Process and how to build a collective advocacy front on the remaining issues of budget implementation.

The training is intended to support the CSO in appreciating the different dimensions and aspects of a National Budget making in order to help them in carrying out advocacy, especially on the national budget based on the Public Finance Management Act and the Citizen's Handbook Guide on the Budget Process in South Sudan.

The participants will also use the training as an opportunity to choose advocacy issues that ISPR and CEFoRD will support them to implement.

Experienced trainers will carry out the training and the training will last for three days.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE TRAINING

Interest CSO please send in your member (s) for consideration through ISPR EMAIL: info.ispr2017@gmail.com, copying ganuun2@gmail.com and santinomagut@gmail.com not later than August 31, 2023.

PLEASE NOTE

- There are very limited places for this training.
- Please also note those civil society members who took part in previous training courses are not eligible. If they apply, they will not be shortlisted.
- The required CSOs members sent for this training must be based in Wau.
- Invitation letters will be sent to all the selected participants including dates and venue of the training.