



IDEAL
CENTRE FOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE

Budget analysis for monitoring Sustainable Development Goals

13th - 14th May 2023

CONCEPT NOTE

Despite the commitment of the constitution, the neglect, discrimination and deprivation of many sections of the people over the years will be left behind if Union and state governments do not pay special attention to them. However, it was found that largely the policy announcement went without much priority in budget allocation and the policy design has not been appropriate and suitable to the needs of Minorities/Muslims. Further, development programmes and schemes that were formulated during the Plan processes at different levels (such as the Ward, Village, Block, District, State and the National Five Year Plan – that prioritises budget allocation) have not been adequately ‘responsive’ to the needs of poor Muslims. The economic disparities, unequal social structures, patriarchy, religious identity, and discriminatory factors are also excluding Muslims from the development policies of the governments.

Therefore, there is a need for organising capacity building workshops on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), different aspects of budgeting and public finance with a focus on social sectors and advocacy strategies for the inclusion of marginalised communities in the budgetary processes. This will allow participants to build capacity on this front and thus leverage it to begin lobbying/petitioning for increased/more targeted budget outlays where relevant. The approach followed by CSJ will rely on the input-action-reflection framework. CSJ will further provide hand-holding support for the same beyond the planned programme.

Objectives of the Program:

- To develop proficiency in analysing and tracking government budgets/federal grants/other public resources for relevant sectors and schemes and sections of the population.

About Centre for Social Justice:

Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) is an organisation that has been working in the arena of Access to Justice for the past 30 years. It has been part of several campaigns and has responded to cases at the ground level and ensured that people get their rights. CSJ has been an integral part of the Wada Na Todo Abhiyan and has been responsible for the introduction of the access to justice agenda within WNTA. The Centre engages extensively in capacity building efforts, for the empowerment of communities is an institutional mandate. Therefore, various activities are undertaken for the capacity

building of members of the organization, and various stakeholders who can potentially aid or assist in its goal of furthering access to justice for all.

Other details:

- **Venue:** Neembadi Learning Pathway, Sanand, Ahmedabad. It takes about 1 - 1.5 hours to reach from the Ahmedabad railway station/airport.
- Participants should aim to arrive by the night of 12th May 2023 or the early morning of the 13th May 2023.
- We will be starting the event by 10 AM on 13th May and concluding it by 4 PM on the 14th May.
- The programme will be conducted in HIN-GLISH. Most of the material distributed will be in English but discussions will take place in Hindi.

✚ The workshop would be facilitated by Jawed A. Khan.