WHY FISCAL JUSTICE?

- Unfair multiple taxation, persistent patriarchal gender norms and the informality of women's labour in many African countries results in millions of women and girls being confined in viscous poverty cycles.
- Deliberate efforts to increase domestic resource mobilization that is available to finance accessible health-services, education, and improving public spending is central to creating an equal, inclusive, sustainable, and just society.
- Generating evidence and fostering citizens' activism to conduct oversight over public expenditure management is critical for holding policymakers accountable to implementing fiscal policies and practices.
- Strengthening the capacities of CSOs and WROs to strategically influence and effectively participate in formulating national and regional fiscal policies contributes to good governance in public finance management and domestic revenue mobilization.

PROJECT AIM

The overall aim of the project is to contribute to more transparent and accountable revenue generation and spending policies by transforming fiscal systems to better respond to the needs of citizens, especially women and girls in Africa.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

To strengthen the ability of CSOs, WROs, and citizens in Uganda and Zambia to hold decision-makers to account for the formulation and implementation of fiscal policies affecting women and girls on a national and regional level.

TARGET GROUPS

- Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)
- Women's Rights Organisations (WROs)
- Youth and Tertiary Students movements
- Media Organisations and Networks
- Trade Union Movements



MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Knowledge Generation: Use a gender lens to analyse public finance management and tax justice and develop and disseminate knowledge products.
- Policy Advocacy: Conduct Fair Tax Monitor Research in Zambia and Uganda and use the research findings to produce advocacy tools for national and regional policy influencing.
- Capacity Strengthening: Facilitate training sessions for CSOs and WROs on fiscal justice, gender responsive budgeting and tax justice.
- Movement Building: Co-create and roll out public campaigns to mobilize and raise awareness amongst the citizenry on tax justice advocacy.

RESULTS

The project seeks to contribute to the achievement of the following result areas:

- Result 1: 40 CSOs and WROs have increased technical capacity to gather evidence and create advocacy plans to effectively engage with policy makers on fiscal policies affecting women and girls on a national (Uganda & Zambia) and regional level.
- Result 2: 40 CSOs and WROs have increased influencing capacity to mobilize at least 10,000 citizens in Uganda and Zambia to demand improved public services for women and girls.





CALL TO ACTION

African women and girls are calling for transparent revenue generation, gender-responsive tax systems and progressive public spending that will ensure fiscal systems respond effectively to the needs and priorities of citizens.

PARTNERS OF ACTION

The African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) together with Oxfam Pan-African Program as the grant coordinators for this Action is working closely with Oxfam Novib (Uganda), the Southern Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI), Oxfam GB (Zambia) and Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) as implementing partners. This action will be implemented between March 2020 and February 2023.

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