

# The Republic of Korea

**GRPFM—6:  
Tracking Budget Expenditure  
for Gender Equality**

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This case study is related to PEFA gender responsive public financial management indicator **GRPFM—6 Tracking Budget Expenditure for Gender Equality**. The indicator measures the government's capacity to track expenditure for gender equality throughout the budget formulation, execution, and reporting processes.

In the Republic of Korea, the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MoEF) releases guidelines for classifying gender sensitive projects and requests budgetary units to use them for all projects. Each departmental proposal of gender sensitive projects is submitted to the MoEF by line ministries. Final coordination is made in the standing committee of the relevant ministries, including the MoEF and the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family (MoGEF).

Gender sensitive classification sets the following criteria for direct and indirect projects.

***Direct projects. Projects that contribute directly to the achievement of gender equality goals:***

1. Budget projects that are included in the Basic Plan for Gender Equality Policy (2018–22) and its implementation plan
2. Projects that are selected as key projects for the year through arrangement between the MoEF and the MoGEF and discussions with the related departments.

***Indirect projects. Projects that contribute indirectly to the achievement of the Gender Equality Goals:***

1. Projects that are called for improvement as a result of the previous year's gender impact assessment
2. Projects of which beneficiaries can be distinguished by gender
3. Welfare projects that have a significant impact on gender equality.



As of 2020, 35 ministries and agencies have submitted 284 gender sensitive projects amounting to ₩31.8 trillion (US\$26.1 billion). The following table presents the top 10 allocations classified as part of the gender sensitive budget in 2020 (US\$ millions).



Line ministry	Number of gender sensitive projects	Gender budget allocation (US\$ millions)
Ministry of Health and Welfare	32	9,067
Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises and Start-ups	22	6,103
Ministry of Employment and Labor	35	5,352
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport	13	2,821
Ministry of Gender Equality and Family	32	684
Ministry of Interior and Safety	9	382
Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs	13	339
Ministry of Science and Information and Communication Technology	15	308
Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism	17	199
Ministry of Education	7	185
Other 25 ministries and agencies	89	624
<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>26,063</b>



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