

Strengthening Gender Responsiveness of Employment Sector Policies and Programmes: A Focus on Women with Disabilities in Sri Lanka

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OBSERVATIONS/RESULTS

- The study found that gender-responsive budgeting is not practiced in Sri Lanka, except for the allocation of a minimum of 25% of funds for women under rural economic projects.
- The impact of disability on the education of the disabled appears severe, as around 25% had never attended school, another 24% had not completed even primary education due to difficulty in coping with studies, lack of support from teachers, and harassment by peers indicating a lack of acceptance and marginalization of disabled persons. As the majority had not expressed much interest in getting a job, only 94 of the 400 disabled persons interviewed were employed.
- Facilities in the built environment and transport were some of the barriers they faced in participation.