

### **Call for Article Submissions**

The Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER) invites submission of articles on the theme: *Realizing Social & Economic Rights through Gender Budgeting*, which is the focus of the 6<sup>th</sup> Issue of its Economic and Social Rights Advocacy (ESRA) Brief to be published in April 2016.

While the ESRA Brief is dedicated to Economic and Social Rights (ESRs) advocacy in Uganda, it does draw on key lessons from the broader East African Community and beyond. The Brief provides insight into the debates and steps currently being undertaken by Ugandan organizations individually and collaboratively towards the full realization of ESRs.

According to Article 2 (1) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, States are required to take the maximum steps possible within available resources to progressively achieve the full realization of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCRs). The Covenant requires States to guarantee the realisation of ESCRs without discrimination in order to uphold equally the entitlement of women and men to the enjoyment of these rights.

Uganda's Public Finance and Management Act 2015 makes provision for the issuance, in consultation with the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC), of a certificate that attests to the gender-responsiveness and equity of the annual budget. Additionally, the Act provides for measures to be taken to ensure equal opportunities for men, women, Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) and other marginalized groups to participate in the budget process.

In the next edition of the ESRA brief, we examine the functionality of gender budgeting as a tool for the realization of ESCRs.

#### **We therefore welcome submissions that address, but are not limited to, the following topics:**

- Is the proposed national budget for 2016/2017 financial year gender responsive?
- What is the Certificate of Gender and Equity and what impact could it have on gender equality?
- What policy measures should be taken to ensure the participation of vulnerable groups, including women and PWDs in the budget process and what are the benefits of doing so?
- To what extent is the budgetary process participatory? What strategies are advocated to secure government commitment to the allocation of substantial resources to reducing gender discrepancies in the provision of health, education and other public services in order to ultimately achieve the realization of ESRs in a gender equitable manner?
- What are the experiences at local government level (district and sub county) concerning the promotion of, respect for gender budgeting?
- The impact of tax policies in achieving gender sensitive budgets

The deadline for submission of articles is the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2016. Contributions should be 800 – 1000 words in length.

Please direct all inquiries regarding this call for articles to the editors at [info@iser-uganda.org](mailto:info@iser-uganda.org)