

## **CALL FOR CIVIL SOCIETY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL BUDGET PROCESS TRAINING JUBA MARCH 2022**

### **Introduction**

The Institute of Social Policy and Research (ISPR) is a registered non-governmental, non-profit public policy and research Centre (RRC Registration No 1122) that implements social, economic and governance policy research and conducts governance trainings and management consultancy for civil society groups, the public and private sectors.

The Interim Constitution of South Sudan 2011 as amended and the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act, 2011, mandate stakeholders to engage in the national budget process. These laws give the responsibility of budget preparation, execution, management, and reporting to rests with the ministry of Finance and Planning. Both the constitution and the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act calls for active participation of citizens and civil society in the budget process because the budget is financed by the oil and taxes from citizens. The laws give the power to approve budget and provide oversight to the national assembly through the Members of parliament. Citizen and civil society participation in the national budget are also important because the budget finances key needs and citizen's priorities sectors such as education, health, roads, bridges, electricity, agriculture, clean water, security, peace, salaries, and activities relating to good governance. Government and citizens have both responsibilities of holding each other accountable and promote transparent budget process including its utilization. This enables them to have an informed influence on the allocation, utilization, and accountability of public funds.

South Sudan parliament in March 2022 voted unanimously to pass the country's 2021/2022 fiscal budget to a tune of SSP 338 billion, a parliamentary action that is the first of its kind in over two years. The budget was presented to the parliament by the government in February and at least two readings have been conducted with finance minister answering lawmakers' questions regarding the budget.

According to South Sudan constitution, the budget is supposed to be tabled two months before the end of the current fiscal year, but it is nine months into the fiscal year without an approved budget.

ISPR together with Community Empowerment for Rehabilitation and Development (CEFoRD) have received funding for the training of civil society members both female and male in Juba South Sudan on the National Budget Process and how to build a collective advocacy front on the remaining issues of budget implementation.

### **About the training**

The training is intended to support the CSO appreciate the different dimensions and aspects of a National Budget in order to help them in carrying out advocacy specially on the national budget using the public finance management act and the Citizen's Handbook Guide on the Budget Process in South Sudan.

The participants will also use the training as an opportunity to choose advocacy issues which ISPR will support them to implement.

Experienced trainers will carry out the training and the training will last for three days.

### **How to apply for the training**

Interest CSO please send in member (s) for consideration to [info.ispr2017@gmail.com](mailto:info.ispr2017@gmail.com), coping [emalish107@gmail.com](mailto:emalish107@gmail.com) not later than **30<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**.

### **Please Note**

- **There are very limited places for eligible**
- **The required CSOs members sent for this training must be based in Juba.**
- **Invitation letters will be sent to all the selected participants including where the training will take place and when.**