ABOUT GENDER BUDGET IN BRIEF
Grandpa, are we going outside?

Yes, grand-daughter, I’m finishing my reading...

And what are you reading?

Gender, what is it?

Well, gender simply means how boys grow up to be boys and girls become girls, and how women and men relate to each other.

No, grandpa, it doesn’t make sense. "Gender budgeting" is written here. And budget means money, right? So, how does money relate to women and men?

Like you and granny?

Yes, exactly.

A gender budget reflects the often different interests and priorities of women and men.

Imagine you want to have a bicycle – this is your interest. And also you want new boots. Now you need to choose what is more important. Since winter has come new boots are your priority. A priority is what is more needed compared to something else.
What is a gender budget then?

Are we going to the park then?

Sure.

Is it heavy for you, is it?

She is just a little.

Because there is no stroller.

But where is it?

In a shop.

Why is it a shop? Haven't you bought it yet?

No, because money is needed to buy it; you know what money is, right?

Then why don't you put her in a stroller?

I do, also I know that it is called a budget. But why don't you have money? Is it because you don't work?

You are such a smart girl! I cannot work now, my baby is too little.

Doesn't anyone help you?

The state. It allocates an allowance for those who become a mother, so that we can buy what is necessary.

And did you work for a long?

I worked a lot, but also I stayed at home for several years to raise kids. I have five children. So it happened that while I was taking care of children, and was a housewife, the state didn't count those years as work.

Would be pension enough to buy a stroller?

It depends on whose pension. Women usually have smaller pensions. So, it wouldn't be enough for a stroller.

But why women have smaller pension?

Because the amount of the pension depends on duration of employment and the salary.

Would you buy a stroller from this allowance?

No! The allowance is small, if it is not enough to buy a stroller, you need a man or baby's clothing for the first months.

Oh! Spa-z-za-ma, I know you, you live in our house.

Hi sweetie!

Where did you go?

To the post office.

What for?

To receive my pension.

So if you did not have to look after children, then your pension could be enough for a stroller.

Maybe, dear...
Well, it would be better if the state counted those years until the kids can go to kindergarten.

What happened?

I am thinking.

When I grew up, I do not need to become a mother and make a family, because it seems to be very expensive. See! the allowance is not enough even to buy a carriage! It is unprofitable to be a housewife, because the pension is not accrued. And then when I'm a grandmother, I'll be poor. Again I'll have no enough money for anything. I do not want that... That's tough, I'm a girl! The boys are all different!

Boys have their problems.

And still family is necessary for all of us. Otherwise there is no sense in life. What kind of life I would have without you? A very solitary one. And in order to put an end to inequality between men and women, when you grow up and study hard you may become the minister of finance or a lawmaker. You can then see to it that the budget is fair to all, and sufficient resources are provided for boys and girls, women and men. Our tax money should work for all the people. Deal?
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