

## BUDGETARY COMMITMENT

### Indicator Phrasing

**English:** increased budgetary commitment by [specify the stakeholder] to address the advocated issue

**French:** augmentation des dépenses de fonds par [préciser la partie prenante] pour traiter la question défendue

**Spanish:** mayor compromiso presupuestario por parte de [especifique la parte interesada o actor] para abordar un determinado proceso de incidencia

**Portuguese:** aumento do compromisso orçamental da parte de [especificar o actor interveniente] para abordar a questão alvo de advocacia

**Czech:** zvýšení rozpočtového závazku [uvedte zúčastněnou stranu] na řešení daného problému

### What is its purpose?

This indicator measures any changes to the amount of money budgeted by a given stakeholder (e.g. a local authority or a company) in addressing a given issue highlighted by the advocacy efforts.

### How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Determine the indicator's value by using the following methodology:

1) Conduct interviews with key informants (incl. budget tracking experts) and review relevant budget documents to:

a) **Identify the budget amount committed to addressing the advocated issue** i) before the advocacy actions began; and ii) at the end of each reporting period / the entire advocacy campaign. Keep in mind that given their nature, advocacy campaigns tend to be multi-annual, with interim targets that are reviewed each year. For example, a three-year campaign can have a target to increase the budget commitment to addressing a given issue by 60%, aiming for an annual increase of 20%.

b) **Identify the reasons for the change**, focusing on the extent to which the advocacy efforts have contributed to it.

2) To **report on the indicator's value**, provide information on how big was the change (in percentages and the amount – e.g. year 1 saw a 20% increase in the budget committed, equalling 10,000 USD). Report on an increase only if there is solid evidence that the advocacy efforts contributed to the change.

## Important Comments

- 1) Budget tracking - from the national to the local level - is a complex process. **Engage a relevant expert** to help you identify and analyse the data.
- 2) There are myriad influences on budgetary commitments, so **gathering as much information as possible on the reasons for the change observed** is critical.
- 3) Budgetary commitment is **not the same as budget spent**. There can be many levels between a high-level budget commitment and disbursement in the areas of operation. Actual spending is measured by the '[Financial Disbursement](#)' indicator.