

Activity: Finding budget documents in your country

Individual task and plenary

Instructions:

- Enter the website of the Ministry of Finance
- Search for budget documents.
- Explore one or two budget documents.
- Once you are familiar with the documents, answer the following questions, and share your answers with the group.

Questions:

1. Does your country publish key budget documents? How many?
2. Are these documents easy to find?
3. Do these documents include information on the health budget? Note that the availability of national budget documents does not mean that you will find sufficient information to analyse the budget for UHC. Often, limited information is available on the breakdown of ministry budgets, especially if some activities are funded by off-budget mechanisms, such as a health insurance or social security fund. There is an important difference between a national budget and a detailed ministry or section budget, and the latter might not be publicly available at all times and in all countries.
4. What is your recommendation for improving budget transparency in your country?

Do these results surprise you?