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Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA)

Description:

We are an independent non-profit organisation enhancing transparency and accountability in governance through rigorous analysis of policies and budgets, and fostering people's participation in public policy processes by demystifying them.

Stakeholder(s):

National Centre for Advocacy Studies:
Envisioned by a group of civil society leaders and academicians, CBGA was started in 2002 as a programme of National Centre for Advocacy Studies (NCAS). It was set up as an independent organisation in 2005 with the mandate to promote transparent, accountable and participatory governance, and a people-centred perspective in preparation and implementation of budgets in India.

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- Tata Trusts
- WaterAid India
- Child Rights and You (CRY)
- Ford Foundation
- IRC Netherlands
- Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation
- UNICEF India
Vision
People participate in public policy

Mission
To enhance transparency and accountability in governance

Values
- Transparency
- Participation
- Accountability
- Environment
- Equity
- Social Justice
1. Transparency & Accountability

Promote transparent and accountable governance

1.1. Budgets

Focus on transparency in government budgets
2. Participation

Promote participation in the discourse and processes of governance

Given the need for greater transparency and people's participation in the governance processes in the country, CBGA focuses on transparency in government budgets, spaces for people's participation in the processes that determine budgetary priorities, and the effectiveness of accountability mechanisms in this domain.

2.1. Priorities

Focus on spaces for people's participation in the processes that determine budgetary priorities

2.2. Accountability

Focus on the effectiveness of accountability mechanisms in this domain
3. Policy

*Promote a pro-people and rights-based policy environment, equity and social justice*

3.1. Responsiveness

*Be responsive to the needs and rights of the underprivileged*

However, in some cases, even a reasonably transparent and accountable system of governance might adopt an approach towards 'fiscal policy' that is not quite responsive to the needs and rights of the underprivileged sections. A significant part of CBGA's efforts, therefore, falls in the domain of in-depth analysis of India's fiscal policy and related practices.

**Stakeholder(s):**
Underprivileged People

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