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No information was found on the implementation of gender-responsive budgeting in Brunei Darussalam. There is some indication of awareness of the role of gender-responsive budgeting in promoting gender equality in the government's regional engagements.

In 2006 the government signed the Tokyo Joint Ministerial Communiqué 'Toward gender equality in East Asia' which identifies gender-responsive budgeting and gender analysis as tools to 'enhance gender equality as well as to ensure strategic use of limited public resources. They are also tools for good governance, helping to ensure that women have a voice in the governmental decisions' (ASEAN 2006: 4). At the time the Brunei Darussalam Ambassador-at-Large acknowledged that the government needed to strengthen skills and knowledge in-country on gender issues through 'research and analysis on gender issues in Brunei Darussalam to allow for more effective policy formulation' (Brunei Darusalam Ambassador-at-Large: 6).

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