DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics

UPDATING THE CRS PURPOSE CODES TO IMPROVE THE TRACKING OF THE DECENT WORK AGENDA

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At the WP-STAT formal meeting in June 2017, a proposal to improve the tracking of the Decent Work Agenda - prepared by the Trade Union Advisory Committee - was presented and discussed ([DCD/DAC/STAT/RD(2017)13]). This paper presents a revised proposal, elaborated by the Secretariat based on the feedback at the meeting and on the comments received thereafter.

Members are invited to submit written comments on the proposal as presented in Section 2 - Tables 2.2 and 2.3, by 28 February 2018. Depending on the nature of comments received, it will be reissued for approval under the written procedure or for discussion at the June 2018 WP-STAT formal meeting.

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1. Background

1. At the WP-STAT formal meeting in June 2017, a proposal to improve the tracking of the Decent Work Agenda - prepared by the Trade Union Advisory Committee - was presented and discussed. Based on the discussion at the meeting and on the comments received thereafter, the Secretariat presents here an updated proposal which includes only the proposed changes to the purpose codes, further modified to include the feedback received by the Secretariat.

2. The paper does not cover the previously proposed creation of a Decent Work flag nor the creation of a policy marker to track the Decent Work Agenda. This is because members have requested that, before introducing new policy markers, the existing ones should be evaluated, and that all policy marker proposals should be examined in light of the potential SDG field. Tracking the Decent Work Agenda could indeed be through the SDG field, given the existence of several related SDG targets, particularly but not exclusively under the SDG.

3. Members are invited to submit written comments on this proposal as presented in Section 2 - Tables 2.2 and 2.3, by 28 February 2018.

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2. The proposal

4. The Decent Work Agenda (DWA) is an integral component of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a dedicated SDG (Goal 8) and corresponding targets, but which also cuts across other SDGs and targets\(^5\). As highlighted in the initial review of purpose codes and policy markers in light of the 2030 Agenda there is no strong alignment between the purpose codes and the SDG8 and its targets.\(^6\) As it has been the case for other areas, it is necessary to adapt the CRS to better track provider contributions in support of this aspect of the 2030 Agenda.

5. Research carried out by Overseas Development Institute (at the request of the International Trade Union Confederation) suggests that donors might be contributing to some areas of the agenda without necessarily using the term decent work in project descriptions.\(^7\) This can be explained by the broadness of the framework – decent work includes employment creation, social protection, workers’ rights and the social dialogue – but also by the difficulty in tracking relevant contributions due to the qualitative nature of the DWA\(^8\) and some of its dimensions.

6. The above challenges could be addressed by further delineating CRS purpose codes to reflect the four pillars of the DWA. Currently there are two purpose codes which partially capture DWA, located under the DAC5 sector 160.

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<td>160</td>
<td>16010</td>
<td>Social/ welfare services</td>
<td>Social legislation and administration; institution capacity building and advice; social security and other social schemes; special programmes for the elderly, orphans, the disabled, street children; social dimensions of structural adjustment; unspecified social infrastructure and services, including consumer protection.</td>
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<td>160</td>
<td>16020</td>
<td>Employment policy and administrative management</td>
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\(^5\) For example, social protection policies are mentioned in SDG targets 1.3 and 10.4.


7. Optimally, the four pillars of decent work should each have their own purpose code. Recognising the importance of code continuity in the CRS, it is proposed to partially adjust the two existing codes, and add two more codes. It is also proposed to modify the descriptions of the two existing codes to capture more accurately each of the elements of the DWA.

Table 2.2. Proposed updated and new purpose codes related to decent work

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<td>Social Protection</td>
<td>Social protection or social security strategies, legislation and administration; institution capacity building and advice; social security and other social schemes; support programmes, cash benefits, pensions and special programmes for older persons, orphans, persons with disabilities, children; mothers with newborns, those living in poverty, without jobs and other vulnerable groups; social dimensions of structural adjustment.</td>
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<td>Employment creation</td>
<td>Employment policy and planning; institution capacity building and advice; employment creation and income generation programmes.</td>
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<td>160</td>
<td>1602x</td>
<td>Labour Rights</td>
<td>Advocacy for International Labour Standards, labour law, Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (Child Labour, Forced Labour, Non-discrimination in the workplace, Freedom of Association and Collective bargaining); occupational safety and health.</td>
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<td>160</td>
<td>1602y</td>
<td>Social Dialogue</td>
<td>Capacity building and advice in support of social dialogue; support to social dialogue institutions, bodies and mechanisms; capacity building of workers’ and employers’ organisations.</td>
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8. In order to mitigate this risk of confusing instructions regarding the classification of labour rights, the following revision to the clarifications of the human rights purpose code is proposed:

Table 2.3. Proposed update to purpose code 15160-Human rights

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| 150       | 15160    | Human rights       | Add at the bottom:
(Use code 16021 for Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, i.e. Child Labour, Forced Labour, Non-discrimination in employment and occupation, Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining). |
3. Next Steps

9. Members are invited to send written comment on the proposal to the Secretariat by 28 February 2018.

10. The Secretariat will consolidate comments and, depending on the nature of the comments, will circulate an updated proposal for approval under the written procedure or for discussion at the June 2018 WP-STAT meeting.