

**Development Co-operation Directorate
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DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics

PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE CRS PURPOSE CODES TO IMPROVE THE TRACKING OF THE DECENT WORK AGENDA

The WP-STAT formal meeting in June 2017 discussed a room document proposal prepared by the Trade Union Advisory Committee to improve the tracking of the Decent Work Agenda [DCD/DAC/STAT/RD(2017)13].

At the WP-STAT informal meeting of January 2018, the Secretariat presented a revised proposal and requested members to provide feedback through written comments [DCD/DAC/STAT(2018)15].

On the basis of the feedback received, the Secretariat updated the proposal and now submits it for APPROVAL through written procedure. If no objections are received by 8 June 2018 the proposal will be considered approved.

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1. Background

1. At the WP-STAT formal meeting in June 2017, a room document with a proposal to improve the tracking of the Decent Work Agenda - prepared by the Trade Union Advisory Committee - was presented and discussed¹. The proposal included both the update of selected purpose codes and the creation of a policy marker.
2. At the informal January 2018 WP-STAT meeting the Secretariat presented an updated proposal to amend CRS purpose codes and asked for written comments².
3. This document further refines the proposal on the basis of the written comments received. Members are invited to review and approve the proposed changes presented in paragraph 8 (Table 2.2) and paragraph 9 (Table 2.3).
4. **If no comments are received by 8 June 2018 the proposal will be considered approved. The changes will take effect in 2019 for reporting on 2018 flows.**

¹ DCD/DAC/STAT/RD(2017)13.

² DCD/DAC/STAT(2018)15.

2. The proposal

5. 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 targets³. 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.⁴ As it has been the case for other areas, it is desirable to adapt the CRS to better track provider contributions in support of this aspect of the 2030 Agenda.

6. Research carried out by the 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.⁵ 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 and some of its dimensions.

7. 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.

Table 2.1. Current CRS Purpose Codes related to decent work

DAC5 code	CRS code	Description	Clarifications/Additional notes on coverage
160	16010	Social/ welfare services	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.
160	16020	Employment policy and administrative management	Employment policy and planning; labour law; labour unions; institution capacity building and advice; support programmes for unemployed; employment creation and income generation programmes; occupational safety and health;

³ For example, social protection policies are mentioned in SDG targets 1.3 and 10.4.

⁴ See DCD/DAC/STAT(2015)9.

⁵ http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/oda_decent_work_en.pdf

combating child labour.

8. 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

DAC5 code	CRS code	Description	Clarifications/Additional notes on coverage
160	16010	Social Protection	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.
160	16020	Employment creation	Employment policy and planning; institution capacity building and advice; employment creation and income generation programmes; including activities specifically designed for the needs of vulnerable groups.
160	160xx	Labour Rights	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); formalisation of informal work, occupational safety and health.
160	160xy	Social Dialogue	Capacity building and advice in support of social dialogue; support to social dialogue institutions, bodies and mechanisms; capacity building of workers' and employers' organisations.

9. In order to mitigate the 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

DAC5 code	CRS code	Description	Clarifications/Additional notes on coverage
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).