Gender Equality Methodology Note
Assessing Performance in Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy

The measure of progress in achieving these targets is the DAC gender equality marker, by which donors mark all activities on a scale from 0 to 2:

2 - gender equality is the principal objective of the activity (15% target),

1 - gender equality is a significant objective, but one among several other objectives (80% target), and

0 - the activity has no gender equality activity (5% target).

GAC uses a modified gender equality marker with three levels, rather than the DAC's two levels, based on an assessment of gender equality in the project's outcomes:

3 – primary purpose of the project is gender equality

2 – gender equality integrated at the intermediate outcome level

1 – gender equality integrated at the immediate outcome level

0 – gender equality not marked or no gender equality activities.

GAC reports its markers 1 and 2 against the DAC's marker 1 (gender equality is a significant objective). This is the calculation that is used in AidWatch Canada's assessment of performance for the Feminist International Assistance Policy.

This study focuses on GAC's bilateral projects in its Historical Projects Dataset, as these are the projects identified in the Policy for implementing it gender equality and women's empowerment commitments. But using DAC's criteria for bilateral programming, projects for Partnerships for Development Innovation are also included.

The disbursement will differ between the GAC Dataset for a given fiscal year and the DAC's Creditor Reporting System. The latter is based on disbursements in a calendar year and is reported in US dollars.

For the five program areas, the DAC sector coding is used to identify project activity.

Human Dignity

Health and Nutrition: Codes 12110 to 12281

Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS: Codes 13010 to 13081

Quality Education: Codes 11110 to 11320 and 11420

Humanitarian Action: Codes 72010 to 74010

Growth that works for everyone

Small and Medium Enterprises and informal financial services: Codes 24040, 32130, 32140

Agriculture: Codes 31110 to 31195

Technical and Vocational Training: Code 11330

Environment and Climate Action

All projects marked climate change mitigation and marked climate change adaptation

Renewal energy sector: Codes 23210 to 23270 (including hydro power)

Inclusive Governance

       Public Sector: Codes 15110, 15111, 15112, 15113
       Civil Society and Human Rights: Codes 15150, 15152, 15153, 15160, 15180

Peace and Security

       Peace negotiations and conflict prevention: Codes 15220, 15261
       Peacekeeping: Codes 15230, 15240, 15250

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