Gender Marker Description Note: The essential starting point for any humanitarian project is to identify the number of women, girls, boys and men who are the target beneficiaries. This information is required in all project sheets. Gender is not reflected anywhere in the project sheet. There is risk that the project will Gender Code 0 unintentionally nurture existing gender inequalities or deepen them. No visible potential to contribute to gender equality Gender Code 1 The project has gender dimensions in **only** one or two components of the critical three components 1): needs assessment, activities and outcomes. The project does not have all three: 1) gender analysis in Potential to the needs assessment which leads to 2) gender-responsive activities and 3) related gender outcomes contribute in some These projects have pieces, like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, but not enough pieces to fit together limited way to ensuring male and female beneficiaries' needs are both addressed. gender equality Most code 1 projects have potential to code 2a by improving their gender analysis or design. Gender Code 2a Potential to contribute significantly to gender equality Gender Mainstreaming

A gender analysis is included in the project's needs assessment and is reflected in one or more of the project's activities and one or more of the project outcomes.

Gender mainstreaming in project design is about making the concerns and experiences of women, girls, boys and men an integral dimension of the core elements of the project: 1) gender analysis in the needs assessment which leads to 2) gender-responsive activities and 3) related gender outcomes. This careful gender mainstreaming in project design facilitates gender equality then flowing into implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Gender Analysis of Needs Activities Activities

Most humanitarian projects should aim for code 2a. These projects identify and respond to the distinct needs of women, girls, boys and men.

Gender Code 2b

Potential to contribute significantly to gender equality: this is the principal purpose of these projects

The project's principal purpose is to advance gender equality

The gender analysis in the needs assessment justifies this project in which all activities and all outcomes advance gender equality.

All targeted actions are based on gender analysis. In humanitarian settings, targeted actions are usually of these two types:

- 1. The project assists women, girls, boys or men who have special needs or suffer discrimination. The project needs analysis identifies the women, girls, boys and men who have special needs or are acutely disadvantaged, discriminated against or lacking power and voice to make the most of their lives. Targeted actions aim to reduce the barriers so all women, girls, boys and men are able to exercise and access their rights, responsibilities and opportunities. Because the primary purpose of this targeted action is to advance gender equality, the code is 2b. Examples: Special needs – breastfeeding mothers or men's reproductive health. Discrimination: out-of-school girls, boy excombatants, women survivors of rape, widowed men who need cooking and parenting skills.
 - 2. The project focuses all activities on building gender-specific services or more equal relations between women and men.

The analysis identifies rifts or imbalances in male-female relations that generate violence; undermine harmony or wellbeing within affected populations, or between them and others; or prevent humanitarian aid from reaching everyone in need. As the primary purpose of this type of targeted action is to address these rifts or imbalances in order to advance gender equality, the code is 2b. Examples: Projects devoted to gender-based violence or to sector-wide gender assessments.

Targeted Actions