N/A (non-applicable) Coding Guideline:

The IASC Gender Marker is a tool that codes, on a 2-0 scale, whether or not a humanitarian project is designed to ensure that women, men, boys and girls of all ages will benefit equally from it, and that it will contribute to increasing gender equality.

Humanitarian assistance must meet the distinct needs of women, girls, boys and men of all ages to generate positive and sustainable outcomes. However, some projects respond to a *humanitarian support need only,* never coming into contact with affected populations or having any influence over resources, goods or services provided to affected populations. Rather than coding such projects as '0', with the implication that they are insensitive to gender issues and differences, a new code has been developed. The Code N/A, or Not Applicable will be used to indicate that integrating gender in such a project would not affect the project's outcomes or sustainability. These projects fall primarily under support services and/or logistics, and may include air support services, procurement, emergency telecommunications. However such projects may fall within the domain of any cluster. Three criteria must be met for a project to qualify for the N/A code:

N/A CODING CRITERIA

- ✓ The project does not have any **direct contact** with affected women, men, boys or girls;
- ✓ The project does not **directly affect** the choice of resources (goods/services) that will be available to women, men, boys or girls;
- ✓ The project does not **directly affect** the methods by which resources (goods/services) will accessed by women, men, boys or girls.

ALL THREE CRITERIA MUST BE MET FOR A PROJECT TO QUALIFY FOR THE N/A CODE

Examples of N/A coded projects might include:

CLUSTER	PROJECT EXAMPLES
Emergency Telecommunications	To deploy new radio room hardware to ensure MOSS compliance
Logistics	To provide air transport for humanitarian staff
Logistics	To preposition mobile storage units for rapid deployment

IASC GENDER MARKER CODING SUMMARY:

GENDER CODE 2A – GENDER MAINSTREAMING	GENDER CODE 2B – TARGETED ACTION
Potential to contribute significantly to gender equality	*Project's principal purpose is to advance gender equality*
A **gender and age 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.**	**The gender analysis in the needs assessment justifies this project in which *all* activities and *all* outcomes advance gender equality**. Targeted actions are projects responding to the disadvantage, discrimination or special needs of women, girls, boys or men. All **targeted actions** are based on gender and age analysis.

CODE 1
Potential to contribute in some limited way to gender equality
There are gender dimensions in only one or two components of the project sheet: i.e. in needs assessment, activities and outcomes.*
Where gender and age appear in outcomes only, the project is still considered gender and age-blind.

CODE 0
No visible potential to contribute to gender equality
Gender and age are not reflected anywhere in the project sheet or only appears in the outcomes.

CODE N/A - NOT APPLICABLE
This project does not have **direct contact** with affected populations, including their employment, and does not **directly affect** or **determine the selection or use** of resources, goods or services accessed by affected populations.

CODE NOT SPECIFIED
This project is still in development and the Gender Marker code is temporarily not specified.

For more information on the **Gender Marker** go to www.onereponse.info
For the e-learning course on "Increasing Effectiveness of Humanitarian Action for Women, Girls, Boys and Men"**,** see www.iasc-elearning.org

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