

As per OECD Gender DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as G1.

The action will contribute to address more specifically and ensure the unhindered access to basic services of women and girls with particular attention to SRHR, as well as maintaining employment for female workers in the fields of health, nutrition and education. Livelihoods opportunities should benefit equally to women, including those heading MSMEs, contributing to their economic empowerment.

It should however be noted that despite the initial positive narrative from the Taliban as regards women participation in the society/public life, Taliban's words did not translate into positive actions (from the central leadership or local authorities), on the contrary, the situation has worsened. Although, the *de facto* authorities highlighted that the restrictions imposed to women are only temporary, a continuous assessment of such restrictions will be necessary and should inform the EUs position for adapting the activities of this action.

### **Human Rights**

To the extent possible, the people will be considered as rights-holders and will be represented by the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), which will be highly involved in the action. The action will ensure the implementation of the Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) principles: Respect to all rights, non-discrimination, transparency, participation and accountability. A protection mainstreaming approach will be pursued as well, in line with the direct basic needs and livelihoods assistance approach of the Action.

All categories of the community with a special attention to population living in the most vulnerable situations such women, girls and all ethnicity groups will have access to health services under this action. Health services will be provided to the entire population, with a focus on under-served areas.

### **Disability**

As per OECD Disability DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as D1. This implies that mental health and disability are core components of Basic Package of Health Services and Essential Packages of Hospital Services, and therefore this action will continue expanding health services to persons with disabilities.

### **Democracy**

Basic services are provided to the whole population. However, groups living in the most vulnerable situations or the most subject to discriminations, including women, children are specifically targeted by this action.

### **Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience**

The elements of the conflict analysis screening conducted in 2020-2021 that are still relevant in the new context will be factored into the design of activities covered by this action. Flexibility will contribute to ensuring that the activities covered by this action can be more easily sequenced with humanitarian assistance, thereby promoting the EU's crisis response capabilities according to a direct basic needs and livelihoods assistance approach.

Since refugees, returnees and IDPs are a particularly vulnerable segment of the population, they will be specifically considered when expanding the reach of basic services.

With the Taliban victory, military hostilities ceased in most of Afghanistan, putting an end to the primary drivers of displacement. Preliminary statistics from IOM and UNHCR show that current displacement is due to the economic situation in the country and the ongoing drought.