

DG ECHO Gender-Age Marker Overview

Definition and purpose



The European Commission's Gender-Age Marker is a tool to assess to what extent each funded humanitarian action integrates gender and age considerations. This tool will foster and track gender- and age-sensitive programming.



The aim is to increase the quality of aid, by promoting assistance that adequately responds to the specific needs and capacities of women and men of all ages.

Following the adoption of the Commission Staff Working Document on Gender in Humanitarian Aid, the Gender-Age Marker will be launched in January 2014. After a 6-month period, the marker will become a compulsory field of the Single Form.

Features

DG ECHO's Gender-Age Marker builds on lessons learned from existing markers and represents a new generation of assessment tools, with the following innovative characteristics:

- It considers gender issues and explicitly also takes age into account.
- It assesses proposals and project implementation.
- It focuses on quality criteria.
- It is a collaborative learning tool, engaging both partners and staff in a constructive dialogue.

Criteria for determining the mark

When submitting a proposal, partners assess it according to the marker's criteria and propose a mark for their action in the Single Form. DG ECHO verifies and, if necessary, adjusts the mark at proposal, monitoring and final report stages. To determine the mark, follow these steps:

Step 1: Assess whether the action fulfils the four Gender-Age Marker criteria:

1. Gender and Age Analysis / SADD

Does the proposal contain an adequate and brief Gender-Age Analysis and does the final report contain sex- and age-disaggregated data for beneficiaries (SADD)?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not sufficiently
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2. Adapted assistance

Is the assistance adapted to the specific needs and capacities of different gender and age groups?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not sufficiently
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3. Negative effects

Does the action prevent or mitigate negative effects?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not sufficiently
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4. Adequate participation

Do relevant gender and age groups adequately participate in the design, implementation and evaluation of the action?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not sufficiently
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Step 2: Give an overall gender-age mark to the action, using the following scale:

The marker is not applicable		N/A
The action meets none or only one criterion		0
The action meets two or three criteria		1
The action meets all four criteria		2

More information available soon : http://ec.europa.eu/echo/policies/sectoral/gender_en.htm