

# GRI Topic Standard Project for Labor - Remuneration and Working Time Exposure draft

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# GRI REWO: Remuneration and Working Time 202X

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# Note on reading this document

- 2 This document includes generic text used in all GRI Standards. This text is highlighted in grey and
- 3 cannot be changed please do not comment on this text.
- 4 Underlined terms in the draft Standard indicate terms for which definitions have been provided. Most
- 5 of these terms are already defined in the GRI Standards Glossary these are highlighted in grey and
- 6 cannot be changed. The proposed new definitions are not highlighted in grey and are open for review.

# Introduction

- 8 GRI REWO: Remuneration and working time 202X contains disclosures for organizations to report information about their remuneration and working time-related impacts and how they manage these impacts.
- 11 The Standard is structured as follows:
  - Section 1 contains three disclosures, which provide information about how the organization manages its remuneration and working time-related impacts.
  - Section 2 contains four disclosures, which provide information about the organization's remuneration and working time-related impacts.
  - The Glossary contains defined terms with a specific meaning when used in the GRI Standards. The terms are <u>underlined</u> in the text of the GRI Standards and linked to the definitions.
  - The Bibliography lists authoritative intergovernmental instruments and additional references used in developing this Standard, as well as resources that the organization can consult.
  - The rest of the Introduction section provides a background on the topic, an overview of the system of GRI Standards, and further information on using this Standard.



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# Background on the topic

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- 25 This Standard addresses the topic of remuneration and working time, including social protection.
- Remuneration and working time directly affect workers' everyday lives and contribute to a decent and dignified life.
- 28 Remuneration comprises the <u>basic salary</u> and additional amounts paid to a worker. When determining
- 29 remuneration, organizations need to offer basic pay that is sufficient to meet the needs of workers and
- 30 their families. Organizations can ensure these meet the needs of the workers and their families by
- 31 utilizing cost-of-living estimates. These estimations should be transparent, and the methodologies and
- 32 data collection should include robust social dialogue and consultations with workers.
- 33 Collective bargaining, underpinned by freedom of association, is an important mechanism for
- 34 determining remuneration. The International Labour Organization's (ILO) Right to Organise and
- 35 Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98) [1] emphasizes the importance of collective
- 36 bargaining to establish workers' remuneration.
- 37 Remuneration should also ensure gender equality and non-discrimination. The ILO's Equal
- 38 Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100) [2] addresses discrimination in remuneration, ensuring
- men and women receive equal pay for work of equal value.
- 40 Along with remuneration, working time has been a central labor issue. The ILO's Hours of Work
- 41 (Industry) Convention, 1919 (No. 1) establishes a maximum number of working hours per day and
- week. Working time encompasses any period when a worker is at the organization's disposal,
- including rest hours. Working time can be divided into two parts: the number of hours of work and the
- arrangement of working hours. Hours of work, night work, part-time work, weekly rest, and annual
- 45 leave are related to working time.
- The boundaries between work and home life have become increasingly blurred due to globalization,
- 47 technological advances, and the growing number of women seeking paid labor. As a result,
- discussions of work-life balance for workers have surged in recent years. Factors that influence the
- 49 amount of time spent working include how the hours are arranged, the predictability of working hours,
- and the flexibility offered to workers in managing their work hours.
- 51 Social protection or social security is a range of public measures that protect persons from economic
- 52 and social hardships due to loss of income or other contingencies. It plays a vital role in mitigating
- 53 poverty, inequality, and vulnerability of workers and their families and helps enhance employability,
- 54 productivity, and overall economic development. Organizations support public security systems,
- 55 including contributions to social security funds, and ensure access to essential services. Additionally,
- organizations can complement public social protection schemes with sponsored programs to cover
- workers in the event of sickness and loss of income.
- The scope of this Standard is the organization's employees and workers who are not employees and
- 59 whose work is controlled by the organization, hereinafter 'workers who are not employees'. Control of
- 60 work implies that the organization directs the work performed or has control over the means or
- 61 methods for performing the work. See the Control of Work Standard Interpretation to GRI 2 for more
- 62 information.

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# System of GRI Standards

- This Standard is part of the GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards (GRI Standards). The GRI
- 65 Standards enable an organization to report information about its most significant impacts on the
- economy, environment, and people, including impacts on their human rights, and how it manages
- these impacts.
- The GRI Standards are structured as a system of interrelated standards that are organized into three
- 69 series: GRI Universal Standards, GRI Sector Standards, and GRI Topic Standards (see Figure 1 in
- 70 this Standard).
- 71 Universal Standards: GRI 1, GRI 2 and GRI 3



- 72 GRI 1: Foundation 2021 specifies the requirements that the organization must comply with to report in
- accordance with the GRI Standards. The organization begins using the GRI Standards by consulting
- 74 GRI 1.

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- 75 GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021 contains disclosures that the organization uses to provide
- 76 information about its reporting practices and other organizational details, such as its activities,
- 77 governance, and policies.
- 78 GRI 3: Material Topics 2021 provides guidance on how to determine material topics. It also contains
- 79 disclosures that the organization uses to report information about its process of determining material
- topics, its list of material topics, and how it manages each topic.

### **Sector Standards**

- The Sector Standards provide information for organizations about their likely material topics. The
- organization uses the Sector Standards that apply to its sectors when determining its material topics
- and when determining what to report for each material topic.

### **Topic Standards**

- The Topic Standards contain disclosures that the organization uses to report information about its impacts in relation to particular topics. The organization uses the Topic Standards according to the list
- of material topics it has determined using GRI 3.

Figure 1. GRI Standards: Universal, Sector and Topic Standards



# **Using this Standard**

This Standard can be used by any organization – regardless of size, type, sector, geographic location, or reporting experience – to report information about its remuneration and working time-related <u>impacts</u>. In addition to this Standard, disclosures that relate to this topic can be found in:

- GRI EMPL: Employment 202X
- GRI TRED: Training and Education 202X



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- GRI PARE: Working Parents and Caregivers 202X
  - GRI SICH: Significant Changes for Workers 202X
  - GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety 2018
  - Control of Work Standard Interpretation to GRI 2

An organization reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards is required to report the following disclosures if it has determined remuneration and working time to be a <u>material topic</u>:

- Disclosure 3-3 in GRI 3: Material Topics 2021.
- Any disclosures from this Topic Standard that are relevant to the organization's remuneration and working time-related impacts (Disclosure REWO-1 through Disclosure REWO-7).
- See Requirements 4 and 5 in GRI 1: Foundation 2021.
- Reasons for omission are permitted for these disclosures.
- 107 If the organization cannot comply with a disclosure or with a requirement in a disclosure (e.g.,
- because the required information is confidential or subject to legal prohibitions), the organization is
- required to specify the disclosure or the requirement it cannot comply with and provide a reason for
- omission together with an explanation in the GRI content index. See Requirement 6 in GRI 1 for more
- information on reasons for omission.

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- 112 If the organization cannot report the required information about an item specified in a disclosure
- because the item (e.g., committee, policy, practice, process) does not exist, it can comply with the
- requirement by reporting this to be the case. The organization can explain the reasons for not having
- this item or describe any plans to develop it. The disclosure does not require the organization to
- implement the item (e.g., developing a policy), but to report that the item does not exist.
- 117 If the organization intends to publish a standalone sustainability report, it does not need to repeat
- information that it has already reported publicly elsewhere, such as on web pages or in its annual
- report. In such a case, the organization can report a required disclosure by providing a reference in
- the GRI content index as to where this information can be found (e.g., by providing a link to the web
- page or citing the page in the annual report where the information has been published).
- 122 Requirements, guidance and defined terms
- 123 The following apply throughout this Standard:
- 124 Requirements are presented in **bold font** and indicated by the word 'shall'. An organization must
- 125 comply with requirements to report in accordance with the GRI Standards.
- 126 Requirements may be accompanied by guidance.
- 127 Guidance includes background information, explanations, and examples to help the organization
- better understand the requirements. The organization is not required to comply with guidance.
- 129 The Standards may also include recommendations. These are cases where a particular course of
- action is encouraged but not required.
- The word 'should' indicates a recommendation, and the word 'can' indicates a possibility or option.
- Defined terms are underlined in the text of the GRI Standards and linked to their definitions in the
- Glossary. The organization is required to apply the definitions in the Glossary.



# 134 1. Topic management disclosures

- An organization reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards is required to report how it manages
- each of its material topics.
- 137 An organization that has determined remuneration and working time to be a material topic is required
- to report how it manages the topic using Disclosure 3-3 in GRI 3: Material Topics 2021. The
- 139 organization is also required to report any disclosures from this section (Disclosure REWO-1 through
- 140 Disclosure REWO-3) that are relevant to its remuneration and working time-related impacts.
- 141 This section is, therefore, designed to supplement and not replace Disclosure 3-3 in GRI 3.

# Disclosure REWO 1 Policies to determine

### 143 remuneration

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- 145 The organization shall:
- a. describe the policy to determine basic pay for permanent full-time employees and whether this includes:
  - i. any collective bargaining agreements and how workers' representatives are included;
- ii. any cost-of-living estimates;
- b. describe the policy to determine additional amounts paid to permanent and full-time
   employees, including:
  - i. type and rate of overtime pay;
    - ii. type of payments in cash and in-kind;
- 154 c. report if deductions are permitted for permanent full-time employees and, if so, describe the type of deductions that are permitted;
  - describe the differences in remuneration policies between permanent full-time employees and <u>temporary</u>, <u>part-time</u>, <u>non-quaranteed hours employees</u>, and <u>workers who are not</u> <u>employees</u>, and explain reasons for differences;
- e. describe the actions taken to ensure the principle of equal remuneration for work of equal value is applied to employees and workers who are not employees.

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- 162 This disclosure provides information on organizations' remuneration policies for employees and
- workers who are not employees. Workers' remuneration supports the organization's strategy to
- attract, retain, and motivate workers to achieve results and maintain productivity.
- 165 Remuneration is the gross amount earned, which includes basic pay and any additional payments
- 166 such as overtime, bonuses, or payments made in cash or in-kind. Remuneration can also be referred
- to as salary or wages.
- 168 The organization should report the differences in policies by significant locations of operation if it
- operates in multiple locations and faces significant variations in regulations governing basic pay,
- additional payments, and deductions.
- For the purpose of clarity, the term 'workers who are not employees' refers to workers who are not
- 172 employed by the organization but whose work is controlled by the organization. See the Control of
- 173 Work Standard Interpretation to *GRI 2* for more information.
- 174 Guidance to REWO 1-a
- 175 Basic pay refers to the basic wage paid to a worker for performing their duties. It is for regular hours
- of work, excluding any additional payments such as bonuses, productivity or performance pay, or pay
- for overtime work. When referring only to employees, basic pay is sometimes called <u>basic salary</u>.



- 178 Piece rate refers to workers paid by the unit performed. If the organization provides permanent full-
- time employees with a piece rate, it should report how its calculation of the pay per unit reflects the
- 180 difficulty and quality of work within, and it can be completed within regular working hours and not
- 181 below the legal minimum wage.
- 182 The organization can describe how factors such as skills, education, performance, experience, and
- years of service determine an employee's basic pay.
- The organization can describe the frequency with which it adjusts an employee's basic pay, such as
- 185 when the cost-of-living conditions change with an inflation index or when employees have their annual
- 186 performance review.

### 187 Guidance to REWO 1-a-i

- 188 The organization describes how it engages with workers' representatives. For instance, when it
- 189 consults trade unions in decision-making to determine basic pay. The organization should report
- 190 which of the following various collective bargaining levels took place to determine wages. Whether in
- a single organization or multi-organizational setting, at the industry/sectoral/branch of activity level,
- territorial or national level, or at the occupational or interprofessional level.
- 193 If basic pay has been determined by collective bargaining, the organization should report the level at
- which the collective agreements were made. Collective agreements can be made at the level of the
- 195 organization, at the level of a particular site, at the industry level, and at the national level in countries
- where this is the practice.
- 197 In cases where trade unions are restricted by law, the organization can describe how it seeks
- 198 alternative ways for worker involvement.

### 199 Guidance to REWO 1-a-ii

- 200 Cost-of-living estimates are approximate calculations determining the necessary amount to cover an
- individual and their family's basic expenses like food, housing, and healthcare in a specific location.
- 202 These estimates aim to ensure that workers and their families can maintain a decent standard of
- 203 living.
- 204 Cost-of-living estimates can be used to determine basic pay only. However, certain payments in cash
- and in-kind may be included, such as a yearly bonus or accommodation provided by the organization.
- 206 The organization should describe the methodology and assumptions made to calculate the cost-of-
- 207 living estimate used to determine basic pay.
- 208 The organization should report how it considers in its methodology the size of a family or household,
- 209 the number of members receiving remuneration in a family or household, and any regional
- differences. In addition, the organization should report what is included in the calculation, such as
- costs for food, housing, energy, clothes, healthcare, education, and emergency expenses.
- 212 The organization should report if workers' representatives were involved in determining the
- 213 methodology or verifying the cost-of-living estimates. The organization can report if it includes any
- 214 stakeholder feedback, such as from local civil society groups.
- 215 Different methodologies can be used to derive the cost-of-living estimates as there is no international
- agreement. The organization could refer to the Anker methodology, Wage Indicator family
- 217 methodology, Fair Wage Network Typical Family Methodology, or the Living wage for US
- 218 methodology. IDH (the Sustainable Trade Incentive) has a set of criteria to compare different
- 219 methodologies that calculate cost-of-living estimates and criteria that may be used as a self-
- assessment of an organization's methodology.
- 221 See references [29], [30], [31] and [32] in the Bibliography.

### 222 Guidance to REWO 1-b-i

- Overtime pay refers to the payment made for all hours worked in excess of regular hours of work.
- 224 Type of overtime pay refers to monetary payment, paid time off, or a combination of both.
- 225 The rate of pay refers to the number of days compensated for the number of overtime hours worked
- or the percentage of basic pay offered for the number of overtime hours worked. The rate of pay for
- overtime usually differs when additional hours are worked at night, during weekends, or on holidays.



- 228 In accordance with the ILO's Hours of Work (Industry) Convention, 1919 (No. 1) and Hours of Work
- 229 (Commerce and Offices) Convention, 1930 (No. 30), the rate of overtime pay cannot be less than
- one-and-one-quarter times the hourly basic pay. If overtime pay is in the form of a monetary payment
- and the organization offers a rate of pay lower than 125% as prescribed by the ILO, the organization
- should explain why. For example, a lower rate of pay is permitted by national regulation.
- 233 See references [6] and [7] in the Bibliography.

### 234 Guidance to REWO 1-b-ii

- 235 Payments in cash include productivity bonuses, performance payments, seniority increments, work-
- from-home allowances, tips or gratuities, commissions, company shares, or profits.
- 237 Payments in-kind include food, drink, fuel, clothing, footwear, free or subsidized housing or transport,
- 238 electricity, car parking, nurseries or subsidized child care, low or zero-interest loans, or subsidized
- 239 mortgages the organization provides to its employees. The organization should explain how in-kind
- payments benefit its employees and their families for their personal use.
- See reference [21] in the Bibliography.
- 242 Benefits related to social protection, such as medical and health care insurance, maternity, or
- 243 retirement benefits, are not covered under this requirement but are part of Disclosure REWO 6 on
- 244 social protection.

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- 245 The organization can also report how it decides to provide certain types of payments in cash or in-
- 246 kind and if these are consulted with workers' representatives.

### Guidance to REWO 1-c

- 248 Deductions are amounts that the organization withholds from employee remuneration. These benefits
- can be mandatory if prescribed by national law or collective bargaining agreements. They can also be
- 250 non-mandatory or voluntary, meaning they are not required by national laws or regulations or
- 251 collective bargaining agreements. For example, retirement plans, gym memberships, or worker
- 252 purchase programs.
  - If the organization makes deductions, it should report:
- the reasons for the deductions made:
  - how it informs the employee of any deductions made;
- how an employee can appeal any deduction.
- 257 If deductions are made to reimburse loss or damage to the organization's goods and facilities, the organization should explain how it ascertains the employee's responsibility and how the cost is calculated.
- For deductions regarding payment-in-kind, the organization should report how the cost is calculated and whether it is subsidized or given at cost price.
- The organization can report how it ensures that additional payments in-kind are not used to
- 263 compensate for low basic pay. If there is an overall threshold for deductions, the organization can
- 264 indicate the maximum remuneration percentage of additional payments in-kind. For example, the
- organization states that additional payments in-kind do not exceed 30% of the remuneration or does
- 266 not take deductions for in-kind benefits to the lowest-paid workers. The organization should describe
- the involvement of workers' representatives when deciding the types of deductions for in-kind
- 268 benefits.
- According to the ILO's *Protection of Wages Convention*, 1949 (No. 95) [8], deductions or fees
- 270 regarding the purpose of recruitment or retaining employment are not permitted. See guidance in
- 271 Disclosure EMPL-3-a-i in GRI EMPL: Employment 202X regarding recruitment fees or related costs.
- 272 See references [8] and [9] in the Bibliography.

### 273 Guidance to REWO 1-d

- 274 This comparison of full-time and permanent employees assumes that they have the most favorable
- 275 remuneration conditions. The organization can report the remuneration differences in REWO 1-d for
- temporary, part-time, and non-guaranteed hours employees, and workers who are not employees.
- This covers all the elements listed in REWO 1-a-i to 1-a-ii, 1-b, and 1-c.



- Examples of differences can be that the organization involves workers' representatives in determining basic pay for all employees except workers who are not employees because it does not have access to their representatives. For workers who are not employees, the industry-standard wage is used to determine the basic pay. Another example of differences can be that statutory deductions in the form of contributions to social protection are deducted only for permanent full-time employees because social protection coverage does not extend by law to other types of employees, such as temporary or part-time employees.
- The organization may present the information required for workers who are not employees for each of the most common types of workers reported under 2-8-a- in *GRI* 2.

### 287 Guidance to REWO 1-e

- 288 This requirement covers equal remuneration for all genders.
- 289 ILO's *Equal Remuneration Convention*, 1951 (No. 100) states that men and women should receive 290 equal pay for work of equal value, which does not mean all work should be paid at the same rate. The 291 principle of 'equal remuneration for work of equal value' means that if two workers, regardless of 292 gender, perform similar tasks or work that is of comparable value, they should receive equal pay
- gender, perform similar tasks or work that is of comparable value, they should receive equal pay.
- This principle also covers situations where they perform different types of work. If men and women carry out work that differs in terms of content, responsibilities, skills or qualifications required, and
- working conditions, but the work is the same value overall, then they should receive equal pay.
- 296 However, jobs held predominantly by women tend to be more limited and undervalued. For instance,
- caterers and cleaners can often be women, while gardeners and drivers are often men. Despite these
- roles requiring comparable levels of effort, skill, and responsibility, the positions held by women are
- 299 more likely to receive lower pay.
- 300 See reference [22] in the Bibliography.
- The organization can report how it uses job classification systems to make the remuneration of a given role equal to its counterpart. The organization can report the objective work-related criteria used
- in its system.
- 304 Other examples of actions to ensure the principle of equal work for equal value are making
- 305 information on the basic pay to employees available, equal pay auditing at the workplace, publishing
- 306 pay information in job vacancies, availability of pay-disaggregated data, and using gender-neutral and
- 307 skills-based assessment.
- 308 See additional reference [22] in the Bibliography.

EXPOSURE



# Disclosure REWO 2 Policies to determine working time

### 310 REQUIREMENTS

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- 311 The organization shall:
- 312 a. report the working time policy for <u>permanent full-time employees</u>, including:
- i. maximum regular hours of work per day and week;
  - ii. maximum hours of overtime per day and week, whether overtime is voluntary or compulsory, and how employees' consent is obtained for voluntary overtime;
  - iii. daily and weekly periods of rest;
    - iv. paid annual leave entitlements and measures to ensure annual leave is taken;
- 318 v. working time arrangements;
- b. describe the differences in working time policies between permanent full-time employees
   and temporary, part-time, and non-guaranteed hours employees, and workers who are not
   employees and explain reasons for differences;
- c. describe how the working time policy considers the specific needs of <u>vulnerable groups</u>,
   including:
- 324 i. young workers;
- 325 ii. pregnant and nursing workers;
- d. describe the process of determining the working time policy for employees and workers
   who are not employees, including the involvement of workers' representatives.

### 328 **GUIDANCE**

- Working time refers to the period during which workers are at the disposal of the organization during a specified timeframe and does not reflect the intensity or efficiency of time spent on work. The effect of working hours on workers can be due to:
- the number of hours of work: and
- the setting of those working hours, commonly known as working time arrangements or work schedules.
- 335 See reference [23] in the Bibliography.
- If the organization operates in multiple locations and there are significant variations in working time laws, then the organization should report the differences in policies by significant locations of
- 338 operation.
- 339 For the purpose of clarity, the term 'workers who are not employees' refers to workers who are not
- 340 employed by the organization but whose work is controlled by the organization. See the Control of
- Work Standard Interpretation to *GRI 2* for more information.

### 342 Guidance to REWO 2-a-i

- Regular hours of work are the period of time when a worker is at the disposal to perform paid work for
- an organization. It does not include rest periods or overtime. See references [6] and [7] in the
- 345 Bibliography.
- 346 An example of maximum regular hours of work can be eight hours a day and forty-eight hours a week,
- 347 so the organization reports that regular hours of work do not exceed eight in the day and forty-eight in
- 348 the week. In addition, the organization should report any exceptions to maximum regular hours of
- work and the reasons why.

### 350 Guidance to REWO 2-a-ii

- Overtime refers to the hours worked beyond regular hours of work.
- When reporting the maximum hours of overtime per day and week, the organization can describe
- overtime as not exceeding four hours per day and twelve hours per week. Overtime can be
- 354 compulsory, which means that the organization does not have to consult employees before requiring
- them to do overtime, such as when there are exceptional peaks in workload.



- 356 When overtime is voluntary, where employees have the right to opt in or out of overtime, the
- organization should report how it obtains employees' consent. For example, a sign-up form can be
- 358 provided for employees to indicate their availability. In addition, the organization can report how it
- ensures overtime is fairly distributed among employees.
- In accordance with the ILO's Hours of Work (Industry) Convention, 1919 (No. 1), compulsory or
- 361 voluntary overtime must be within the limits prescribed by law or collective bargaining agreements. If it
- 362 exceeds these limits, it might result in forced labor. Refer also to GRI 409: Forced or Compulsory
- 363 Labor 2016.
- 364 Additionally, the organization can report the applicable notice period when requesting workers to
- 365 perform overtime.
- 366 See reference [10] in the Bibliography.
- 367 Guidance to REWO 2-a-iii
- 368 According to the ILO's Weekly Rest (Industry) Convention, 1921 (No. 14) [11] and Weekly Rest
- 369 (Commerce and Offices) Convention, 1957 (No.106) [12], daily rest is continuous non-working hours
- 370 within a 24-hour period. Weekly rest refers to a continuous rest period over seven days. For example,
- 371 it provides a daily rest of at least ten hours and a weekly rest of at least 24 hours for each seven-day
- 372 period or work week.
- 373 Guidance to REWO 2-a-iv
- Paid annual leave is a period of time that allows workers to be away from work, receive remuneration,
- 375 and remain entitled to social protection. It is available in addition to public holidays, sick leave, daily
- and weekly rest, maternity, paternity, or parental leave. An example of paid annual leave entitlements
- is at least four working weeks for one year of service, and if an employee has joined the organization
- 378 mid-year, then the employee is entitled to 2 working weeks, which is paid annual leave proportionate
- 379 to their length of service in that year.
- The organization can report any measures to ensure employees use their annual leave, such as
- 381 setting a limit on the number of days that can be carried forward to the next calendar year.
- When the organization allows for the accumulation of annual leave or the ability to take unlimited
- 383 leave, it should report the reasons for allowing this practice. The organization should also report the
- 384 conditions when offering unpaid extra days of leave.
- 385 Unlimited annual leave allows employees to take as many days off as they need or desire instead of a
- set number of annual leave days per year. If the organization has an unlimited annual leave policy, it
- 387 should report how it ensures employees take adequate paid annual leave.
- 388 See reference [24] in the Bibliography.
  - Guidance to REWO 2-a-v
- Working time arrangements refer to how working hours are organized, which varies depending on the
- 391 sector and its characteristics. The standard workweek is the most common working time arrangement,
- 392 typically consisting of a fixed five-day workweek from Monday to Friday (Sunday to Thursday in the
- 393 Arab States) or Monday to Saturday for a six-day workweek. The traditional workday is from 8 or 9
- 394 a.m. to 5 or 6 p.m.

- 395 Other working time arrangements comprise shift work, including night or weekend work, compressed
- 396 weeks, and flextime.
- 397 According to the ILO's Night Work Convention, 1990 (No. 171) [13], night work is all work performed
- during a period of at least seven consecutive hours, including the interval from midnight to 5 a.m. The
- 399 definition of night work may vary according to competent authorities, collective agreements, and
- 400 workers' representatives. If the organization has a night work shift, it should report how it arranges
- 401 working time to protect night workers' health and assist them in meeting family and social
- 402 responsibilities.
- 403 Compressed weeks involve the same number of hours but in fewer days than is typical in a standard
- 404 workweek, resulting in more hours per working day. For example, a compressed workweek typically
- reduces a 40-hour workweek from five 8-hour days to four 10-hour days. Flextime refers to when an
- 406 employee can define their working time based on individual needs and preferences (within specified



- 407 limits) and, in some cases, the number of hours they work in a particular week. This can be within or
- 408 outside of the organization's premises.
- 409 See reference [25] in the Bibliography.
- 410 Telework is a flexible working time arrangement that uses information and communications
- 411 technologies (ICTs) to work from outside the organization's premises. Although telework can be
- 412 performed from almost any location, it is typically performed from a worker's home (home-based
- 413 telework, working from home, or home office) or on a mobile basis (mobile telework). It does not
- include those working in the 'gig' economy.
- The right to disconnect refers to a worker's right to disengage from work and refrain from engaging in
- 416 work-related electronic communications during non-work hours, such as emails, texting, or other
- 417 communications.
- 418 See references [26] and [27] in the Bibliography.
- 419 The organization should report how it guarantees that telework is voluntary, safeguards the right to a
- 420 healthy work-life balance, and protects workers' personal data and privacy. See Disclosure EMPL 4 in
- 421 GRI EMPL: Employment 202X for more information.
- The organization can report on the actions taken to ensure permanent full-time employees maintain a
- work-life balance in regard to working time arrangements.
- 424 See references [13] and [25] in the Bibliography.
- 425 Guidance to REWO 2-b
- 426 The organization may present the information required for workers who are not employees or for each
- of the most common types of workers reported under requirement 2-8-a in GRI 2.
- This comparison of full-time and permanent employees assumes they have the most favorable
- working time conditions. This requirement covers all the elements listed in REWO 2-a-i to REWO 2-a-
- v. The organization is required to separately report the differences in REWO 2-b for temporary, part-
- 431 time, and non-guaranteed hours employees, as well as workers who are not employees.
- 432 Guidance to REWO 2-c
- In the GRI Standards, a 'young worker' is defined as a person above the applicable minimum working
- age but younger than 18. Considerations for working time for young workers include ensuring that
- working times (no night work or extended hours do not interfere with school or training and education
- programs), tasks (lifting heavy loads, working on high structures, handling hazardous substances),
- and physical conditions (extreme heat or cold), are not harmful.
- 438 See references [13], [14], [15], [16] and [33] in the Bibliography.
- 439 Examples of considerations for pregnant and nursing workers include paid breaks for feeding and
- 440 lactating, access to compressed work weeks, and alternatives to night work for a specified period
- 441 before and after childbirth.
- See references [13], [14], [17] and [18] in the Bibliography.
- The organization should report considerations made for other vulnerable groups, such as persons
- 444 with disabilities.
- 445 Guidance to REWO 2-d
- The process of determining working time policy can involve following national regulations or
- 447 international best practices. It can also be based on discussions with workers' representatives to
- decide on the hours of work and how they are arranged, taking into account health and safety, work-
- 449 life balance, and family responsibilities.



# Disclosure REWO 3 Transparency of remuneration and

# 451 working time

### 452 **REQUIREMENTS**

- 453 The organization shall:
- 454 a. describe measures undertaken to ensure that <u>remuneration</u> and working time are 455 transparent to employees and workers who are not employees.

### 456 **GUIDANCE**

- This disclosure asks the organization to report how it ensures remuneration and working time
- 458 information is accessible to employees and workers who are not employees. These measures build
- 459 trust between the organization and workers and help to improve work satisfaction. Workers should
- have clear communication channels to get more information.
- 461 For the purpose of clarity, the term 'workers who are not employees' refers to workers who are not
- 462 employed by the organization but whose work is controlled by the organization. See the Control of
- Work Standard Interpretation to *GRI 2* for more information.

### 464 Guidance to REWO 3-a

- Measures undertaken to effectively inform employees and workers who are not employees about their
- remuneration include documenting the total remuneration details (basic pay, overtime pay, additional
- payments in cash and in-kind, and deductions), how the worker is paid, and providing the worker a
- 468 pay statement.
- The organization should also report if all information in the employment contract is provided to the
- 470 employee or worker who is not an employee prior to starting.
- 471 The organization can report how it ensures workers are effectively informed about remuneration
- changes, such as providing documentation in an accessible and understandable format. Other actions
- 473 include workers who are not employees providing the working time policy in work contracts or posting
- shift schedules in visible locations at the workplace.
- 475 The organization can also describe the channels available to workers to seek clarification about
- 476 remuneration and working time.

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# 2. Topic disclosures

- 478 An organization reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards is required to report any disclosures
- 479 from this section (Disclosure REWO-4 through Disclosure REWO-7) that are relevant to its
- remuneration and working time-related <u>impacts</u>.

## **Disclosure REWO 4** Remuneration of Workers

### 482 **REQUIREMENTS**

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- 483 The organization shall:
- a. for each significant location of operation, report the median gross hourly basic pay by
   employee category;
- 486 b. for each significant location of operation, report, in headcount, the number of <a href="employees">employees</a>
  487 who are paid at the local minimum wage;
- 488 c. for each significant location of operation, report in, headcount, the number of workers who are not employees who are paid at the local minimum wage;
- 490 d. for each significant location of operation, report the cost-of-living estimate;
- 491 e. for each significant location of operation, report, in headcount, the number and percentage
   492 of employees whose basic pay is at or above cost-of-living estimate, including a
   493 breakdown of:
- 494 i. employee category;
- 495 ii. gender;
- f. describe actions taken or commitments made to address the gaps between basic pay and the cost-of-living estimates for employees and workers who are not employees;
- 498 g. report the definition used for 'significant locations of operation';
- 499 h. report contextual information necessary to understand how the data has been compiled,
   500 including standards, methodologies, and assumptions used.

### 501 **GUIDANCE**

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- This disclosure helps to explain how the organization remunerates its employees and workers who are not employees.
- Basic pay is for regular work hours, excluding additional payments. See guidance REWO 1-a on remuneration. The minimum wage differs from basic pay and is the minimum remuneration for a
- 506 period specified by the competent national authority. If the organization operates in multiple locations
- and there are significant variations in regulations governing remuneration, then the organization
- should report the differences in policies by significant locations of operation.
- For the purpose of clarity, the term 'workers who are not employees' refers to workers who are not
- 510 employed by the organization but whose work is controlled by the organization. See the Control of
- Work Standard Interpretation to *GRI 2* for more information.

### Guidance to REWO 4-a

- 513 The median is a statistical measure representing a data set's middle value. To calculate the median
- gross hourly basic pay value, the organization arranges the gross hourly basic pay information of all
- employees from the smallest to the largest in each employment category and for each significant
- location of operation. If there is an odd number of values, divide the total number by two and round up
- 517 to the nearest whole number. The value in that position is the median. However, if there is an even
- number of values, then it is necessary to calculate the mean of the values above and below that
- 519 position to obtain the median value.



- 520 The organization should report the employee category breakdown by level (such as senior
- 521 management and middle management) and function (such as technical, administrative, and
- 522 production). This information is derived from the organization's own human resources system.
- 523 See Table 1 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 4-a.

Table 1. Example template for presenting information on the median gross hourly basic pay by

525 employee category and significant locations of operation

	Significant location of operation 1	Significant location of operation 2	Significant location of operation 3	Significant location of operation 4
Employee category 1				
Employee category 2				
Employee category 3				

- 526 The organization should report the median gross hourly basic pay with the corresponding currency symbol.
- Organizations with operations across multiple countries can compare wages by reporting the median hourly basic pay according to the average exchange rate for the year (e.g., using Purchasing Power
- 530 Parity exchange rates).

### 531 Guidance to REWO 4-b and REWO 4-c

- According to the ILO's *Minimum Wage Fixing Convention*, 1970 (No. 131) [19], a competent national
- authority legally sets minimum wages. When the country does not establish a minimum legal wage,
- the organization should describe how it defines the minimum amount of pay, such as the prevailing
- 535 industry wage.

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- See Table 2 for an example of how to present the information on REWO 4-b and REWO 4-c.
  - Table 2. Example template for presenting information on the number of employees and workers who are not employees who are paid at the local minimum wage by significant

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	Significant location of operation 1	Significant location of operation 2	Significant location of operation 3
In headcount, the number of employees paid at the local minimum wage			
In headcount, the number of workers who are not employees paid the local minimum wage			

### Guidance to REWO 4-d

- The organization should report the cost-of-living estimates using the respective currency symbol of the significant location of operation.
- The organization should report if information on cost-of-living estimates is based upon an employee's monthly or annual basic pay. The organization can report either a fixed value or a monetary range for
- cost-of-living estimates. The organization should report the cost-of-living estimates with the
- 546 corresponding currency symbol. See guidance in Disclosure REWO 1-a-ii in this Standard for more
- information on the methodology for cost-of-living estimates.
- See Table 3 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 4-d.



Table 3. Example template for presenting information on the cost-of-living estimate by significant locations of operation

	Significant location of operation 1	Significant location of operation 2	Significant location of operation 3	Significant location of operation 4
Cost-of-living estimate (currency)				

Organizations with operations across multiple countries can compare wages by reporting the median hourly basic pay according to the average exchange rate for the year (e.g., using Purchasing Power Parity exchange rates).

### 554 Guidance to REWO 4-e

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The organization should use this formula to calculate the percentage of employees who are paid at or above the cost-of-living estimates by significant locations of operation.

Percentage of employees who are paid basic pay at or above the cost-of-living estimate	=	In headcount, the total number of employees who are paid basic pay at or above the cost-of-living estimate	X 100
		In headcount, the total number of employees	

See Table 4 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 4-e.

Table 4. Example template for presenting information on number and percentage of employees whose basic pay is at or above cost-of-living estimate by significant locations of operation

	Number of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate	Percentage of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate
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Significant location of operation 2		
Significant location of operation 3		



### Guidance to REWO 4-e-i

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The percentage of employees who are paid at or above the cost-of-living estimates by employee category is calculated by using the following formula:

Percentage of employees who are paid at or above the cost-of-living estimates of an employee category	=	In headcount, the total number of employees who are paid basic pay at or above the cost-of-living estimates in an employee category	X 100
		In headcount, the total number of employees in an employee category	

See Table 5 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 4-e-i.

Table 5. Example template for presenting information on the number and percentage of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimates by employee category and significant

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	Significant location of operation 1		Significant I operation 2	ocation of	Significant location of operation 3		
	Number of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimates	Percentage of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimates	Number of employees paid at or above the cost-of- living estimates	Percentage of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimates	Number of employees paid at or above the cost-of- living estimates	Percentage of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimates	
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Employee category 3	3/2	)					

### 567 Guidance to REWO 4-e-ii

The percentage of employees who are paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate by gender is calculated by using the following formula:

Percentage of employees who are paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate per gender		In headcount, the total number of employees by gender who are paid basic pay at or above the cost-of-living estimate	
	=	In headcount, the total number of employees by gender who are paid basic pay at or above the cost-of-living estimate	X 100

See Table 6 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 4-e-ii.



Table 6. Example template for presenting information on number and percentage of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate by gender and significant locations of operation

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	Number of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate	Percentage of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate	Number of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate	Percentage of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate	Number of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate	Percentage of employees paid at or above the cost-of-living estimate	
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Women							
Other*							
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- 573 \* Gender as specified by the employees themselves.
- \*\* Gender is not disclosed by the employees themselves.

The organization is free to choose how to report the breakdowns by gender. It is not required to report the four categories suggested in Table 6. For example, instead of an 'other' category, the organization can report any gender category specified by employees.

### Guidance to REWO 4-f

If the organization has commitments to address gaps between basic pay and cost-of-living estimates, it should report the types of employees and workers who are not employees to which the commitments apply. An example of closing these gaps includes adopting transparency measures, which means providing workers with information to understand their pay rates so they can negotiate, identify potential pay discrimination, and raise questions. Measures could also include pay audits to evaluate the gender pay gaps and publish remuneration structures setting up the minimum and maximum pay levels by position.

Other measures are pay scales with the organization's core values, policy, and standards on the treatment of workers, joining a sector initiative to work with other organizations to identify ways to improve the basic pay conditions, participating in governmental or non-governmental initiatives to develop systematic solutions, a gradual increase in the basic pay plan, revision and adjustment to the basic pay policy or supporting social dialogue.

### Guidance to REWO 4-q

Significant locations of operations refer to organizational sites or specific geographical areas where the organization has operations or conducts operations or activities. This could also increase the likelihood of a potential, actual, or severe impact, such as an increase in the presence of certain groups of workers, e.g., migrant workers.

### Remuneration distribution

The organization can also report the distribution of remuneration.

Inequality in pay within an organization can have an impact on an employee's overall well-being and worker satisfaction. To understand whether there is pay inequality within the organization or the extent of pay inequality, the organization can gather annual remuneration data of all employees and divide it into ten equal groups, also known as deciles. The organization can use Table 7 to report the distribution of remuneration.



Table 7. Example template for presenting information on remuneration distribution by deciles

	Bottom 10%	2 <sup>nd</sup> decile	3 <sup>rd</sup> decile	4 <sup>th</sup> decile	5 <sup>th</sup> decile	6 <sup>th</sup> decile	7 <sup>th</sup> decile	8 <sup>th</sup> decile	9 <sup>th</sup> decile	1st half of top 10%	Top 5% (excl. top 1%)	Top 1 %
Basic pay bands												

See reference [28] in the Bibliography.

### In-kind payments

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The organization can report the average percentage of full-time employees' basic pay consisting of inkind payments by employee category. This can be calculated by using the following formula:

Average percentage of full-time employees' basic pay consisting of inkind payments per employee category	Average monetary value of inkind payments received by fulltime employees per employee category  Average full-time employees in per employee category
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See guidance to REWO 1-b-ii for more information on in-kind payments.



# Disclosure REWO 5 Basic gender pay gap

### 610 REQUIREMENTS

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- 611 The organization shall:
- a. by significant locations of operation, report the percentage difference in average gross basic hourly pay of men and women for each employee category;
- b. report contextual information necessary to understand how the data has been compiled,
   including standards, methodologies, and assumptions used;
- 616 c. report the definition used for 'significant locations of operation'.

### 617 **GUIDANCE**

- This disclosure provides information on the difference in basic pay between men and women. This measurement is commonly known as the gender pay gap.
- The measurements of the gender pay gap often only consider the distinction between men and women. However, an organization can describe how it includes employees who do not identify as binary in its reporting of the gender pay gap. For instance, instead of relying on the gender identity recorded in human resource systems, an organization can offer its employees the opportunity to update their gender information if necessary. To protect the confidentiality of data or if the sample size
- 625 is too small, the organization may provide qualitative information about these employees.

### Guidance to REWO 5-a

- The organization should use the average of gross hourly basic pay (mean) or the central value of the distribution of the gross basic hourly pay (median) to report the percentage difference in gross basic hourly pay of men and women employees for each employee category. The breakdown by employee category should cover a breakdown by level (such as senior and middle management). This information is derived from the organization's own human resources system.
- An example for calculating the mean gross hourly basic pay for men by employee category is presented below as an example:

Mean men's gross = Total men's gross basic hourly pay by employee category

Total number of men employees in employee category 1

- The same formula should be applied for all categories of men and women employees respectively to calculate the mean gross basic hourly pay.
- The organization could also choose to calculate the central value of the basic hourly pay by gender and by employee category in other ways, such as the median or modal value. However, if it chooses such a method, the organization should report the methodology used and the calculations. With either the mean or other central gross basic hourly pay by gender and per employee category, the organization should calculate the percentage difference between them by using the following formula:

Percentage difference in = Mean men's basic hourly pay per employee category — Mean women's basic hourly pay per employee category

Mean men's basic hourly pay per employee category

Mean men's basic hourly pay per employee category

When the percentage is positive, it means that women have lower basic pay than men; if the percentage is negative, it indicates that men have lower pay than women; and finally, a percentage of zero signifies that the basic pay of men and women is the same.



See Table 8 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 5-a.

Table 8. Example template for presenting information on the percentage difference in gross

hourly basic pay of men and women employees

	Significant location of operation 1	Significant location of operation 2	Significant location of operation 3
Employee category	Percentage difference in gross basic hourly pay between men and women	Percentage difference in gross basic hourly pay between men and women	Percentage difference in gross basic hourly pay between men and women
Employee category 1			
Employee category 2			
Employee category 3			

The mean gender pay gap can be influenced by a small number of highly paid individuals, whereas the median gender pay gap is less affected by outliers or extreme values. Therefore, calculating both measures can provide a more comprehensive understanding of the basic pay distribution in the organization.

### Guidance to REWO 5-b

In reporting the methodology used to compile the information, the organization should include the following information:

- if the organization used an average of basic pay (mean) or the middle value of the distribution of basic pay (median);
- if the calculation uses headcount or full-time equivalent (FTE);
- how part-time employees' hours are reflected in the calculation; and
- if an adjusted gender pay gap was used to consider other relevant variables, such as length of service and education.

The organization can report an additional percentage in gross basic pay between groups of employees other than men and women employees. For example, the percentage difference in basic pay of employees without disabilities to employees with disabilities. The organization can also report the difference in basic pay of women to men for workers who are not employees.



# Disclosure REWO 6 Social protection coverage

### 665 **REQUIREMENTS**

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- 666 The organization shall:
- a. report whether it makes contributions to the following types of social protection for its employees by significant locations of operation;
- i. medical and health care insurance;
- ii. sickness benefit;
  - iii. maternity and paternity benefits;
- 672 iv. employment injury benefit;
- v. unemployment benefit;
- 674 vi. invalidity benefit;
  - vii. survivors benefit
- 676 viii. retirement benefit;
- b. report the types of benefits that it provides to its employees in the absence of, or
   complementary to, public programs for social protection and by significant locations of
   operation;
- c. report the number in headcount and percentage of employees by significant locations of operation that are not covered under each type of social protection in REWO 6 a, whether provided by public programs or as benefits by the organization;
- d. report the types of employees not covered under REWO 6- a and REWO 6-b by significant locations of operation and explain why certain types of employees are not covered;
- e. report the definition used for 'significant locations of operation';
- f. describe how it monitors that social protection contributions are made to relevant authorities according to local regulations for workers who are not employees;
- 688 g. describe actions taken to increase social protection coverage for:
- 689 i. employees:
  - ii. workers who are not employees;

h. report contextual information necessary to understand how the data has been compiled,
 including standards, methodologies, and assumptions used.

### 694 **GUIDANCE**

- Social protection or social security is a set of public measures to protect persons against economic and social distress, which prevents a substantial reduction in income from a loss of work as a result of various contingencies.
- Social security is also fundamental for improving job quality, increasing human dignity, and reducing poverty, inequalities, and vulnerability of workers and their families. It also contributes to improving employability, productivity, and economic development.
- Most countries have programs anchored in national legislation covering all or some areas of social protection. In many jurisdictions, organizations are responsible for partially or fully contributing to the social protection of their workers. These are statutory contributions mandated by law as part of public programs for social protection.
- Organizations may help enhance public social protection coverage through their organizationsponsored programs as a complementary package or in the absence of public programs. The coverage and types of benefits depend on a country's national social security system.
- Social protection coverage reflects the share of workers covered by public social protection programs provided by the state or benefits through organization-sponsored programs. The disclosure aims to identify existing social protection benefits, its beneficiaries, and gaps in coverage.



- Additional payments in cash and in-kind that are not related to social protection are reported under
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- For the purpose of clarity, the term 'workers who are not employees' refers to workers who are not
- 714 employed by the organization but whose work is controlled by the organization. See the Control of
- 715 Work Standard Interpretation to *GRI 2* for more information.

### 716 Guidance to REWO 6-a and REWO 6-b

- 717 According to the ILO's *Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention*, 1952 (No. 102), social protection includes:
  - Medical and health care insurance concerns the availability of facilities such as general practitioners, specialists, pharmaceutical supplies, hospitalization, and medical rehabilitation.
  - Sickness benefits for when a worker is unable to work due to a morbid condition that results in suspension of earnings this benefit enables workers to stay at home until they recover, which protects their health and, in the case of communicable diseases, the health of others.
  - Maternity and paternity benefits in case of pregnancy or childbirth covers income security, maternal healthcare, maternity leave, paternity leave, parental leave, adoption leave, breastfeeding arrangements, employment protection, and childcare solutions after return to work.
  - Employment injury benefit for workers who suffer an accident or a prescribed disease while performing their job.
  - Unemployment benefit in cases of suspension of earnings due to the inability to obtain suitable employment in the case of a worker who is capable of and available for work.
  - Invalidity benefit for when workers are unable to engage in any gainful activity and in cases where this inability is permanent or persists after the sickness benefit ends.
  - Survivors benefit for when there is a loss of support as the result of the worker's death, who was the principal earner in the household.
  - Retirement benefit provided to workers when they reach retirement age.

See reference [3] in the Bibliography.

See Table 9 for an example of how to present the information on REWO 6-a and REWO 6-b.



Table 9. Example template for presenting information on contributions to the types of social protection under public programs made by the organization and benefits provided by the organization for employees by significant locations of operation

organization for	Significant location of operation 1		Significant location of operation 2		Significant location of operation 3	
	Contributio ns to social protection programs	Benefits provided by the organization	Contribution s to social protection programs	Benefits provided by the organization	Contribution s to social protection programs	Benefits provided by the organization
Medical and health care insurance	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Sickness benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Maternity and paternity benefits	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Employment injury benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Unemploymen t benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Invalidity benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Survivors benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Retirement benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No

The organization can also describe its efforts to work with governments and other stakeholders to improve or develop social protection coverage.

The organization can report how it supports migrant employees in accessing the same benefits as nationals. Many countries have concluded bilateral or multilateral social security agreements to transfer social protection rights and benefits between host countries and countries of origin. The organization should report how it facilitates migrant employees' transfer of benefits from one country to another.

750 See reference [20] in the Bibliography.



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### 751 Guidance to REWO 6-c

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The organization should use the following formula to report the percentage of employees that are not covered under each type of social protection.

Percentage of employees that are not covered under each type of social protection	=	Number of employees not covered under each type of social protection	X 100
		Total number of employees at the end of the reporting period	

See Table 10 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 6-c.

Table 10. Example template for presenting information on the number and percentage of employees who are not covered by significant locations of operation

	Significant location of operation 1		Significant location of operation 2		Significant location of operation 3	
	Number of employees not covered by social protection	Percentage of employees not covered by social protection	Number of employees not covered by social protection	Percentage of employees not covered by social protection	Number of employees not covered by social protection	Percentage of employees not covered by social protection
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Sickness benefit						
Maternity and paternity benefits	25	9.				
Employment injury benefit	0					
Unemployment benefit	•					
Invalidity benefit						
Survivors benefit						
Retirement benefit						

The organization can also report the information required by REWO 6-c for workers who are not employees.



### 759 Guidance to REWO 6-d

760 See Table 11 for an example of how to present the information for REWO-6-d.

761 Table 11. Example template for providing information on the types of employees not covered under social protection

Significant location of operation: 1	Permanent employees	Temporary employees	Non- guaranteed hours employees	Full-time employees	Part-time employees
Medical and health care insurance	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Sickness benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Maternity and paternity benefits	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Employment injury benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Unemployment invalidity benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Invalidity survivor benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Survivors benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Retirement benefit	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No

The organization can also provide the same information required by REWO 6-d for workers who are not employees.

### Guidance to REWO 6-e

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- Significant locations of operations in this context means where the organization has its activities.

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- 767 Consider these locations, there is a larger proportion of workers. In addition, the organization should refer to social protection coverage. For instance,
- the lack of public social protection programs in certain countries.

### 770 Guidance to REWO 6-f

The organization should describe how it monitors social protection contributions for workers who are not employees. These contributions are made to relevant authorities through private compliance initiatives such as auditing, certification schemes, or self-reporting mechanisms.

### Guidance to REWO 6-g

Social protection coverage can be increased by either expanding the number of eligible workers covered or expanding the types of social protection available to employees and workers who are not employees.

Workers in a non-standard form of employment, such as agency workers, may receive inadequate social security coverage. This can be because statutory provisions exclude them from entitlements to social security payments, such as maternity or sick leave. In addition, part-time workers may not be fully covered by social security because their hours worked or earnings do not pass eligibility thresholds, which can often affect women disproportionally. The organization can report how it has worked to increase the eligibility criteria to cover all types of employees and workers who are not employees. Additionally, the organization can report actions to reduce gender gaps in access to social protection benefits and equality in access for migrant workers.

Governments organize national dialogues to identify and address the needs and weaknesses of their current social security system. The organization can describe if it participates in this decision-making process to voice its priorities and concerns and how it constructively contributes to enhanced social protection policies and coverage.



# **Disclosure REWO 7** Monitoring working time

### 791 **REQUIREMENTS**

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- 792 The organization shall:
- 793 a. report the number of employees by significant locations of operation who work the following hours a week on a regular basis, and a breakdown by employee type:
- 795 i. work less than 20 hours a week:
  - ii. work between 20 and 35 hours a week;
  - iii. work between 36 and 48 hours a week;
- 798 iv. work longer than 48 hours a week;
- 799 b. report the number of <u>workers who are not employees</u> by significant locations of operation who work the following hours a week on a regular basis:
- i. work less than 20 hours a week;
  - ii. work between 20 and 35 hours a week;
  - iii. work between 36 and 48 hours a week;
- iv. work longer than 48 hours a week;
- c. report the average time period applied to communicate hours of work to non-guaranteed hours employees by significant locations of operations;
- d. report the percentage of employees and <u>workers who are not employees</u> who have flexible working time arrangements by significant locations of operation;
- e. report the ratio between paid annual leave days taken and entitled paid annual leave days by significant locations of operation and gender for:
- i. full-time employees;
- 812 ii. part-time employees;
- 813 iii. non-guaranteed hours employees;
- 814 iv. <u>temporary employees</u>;
- f. report the average number of paid annual leave days taken by the most common types of workers who are not employees by significant locations of operation and by gender;
- g. report the definition used for 'significant locations of operation';
- h. report contextual information necessary to understand how the data has been compiled, including standards, methodologies, and assumptions used.

### 820 **GUIDANCE**

- Organizations face the challenge of promoting productivity and competitiveness while safeguarding
- the physical and mental health of employees and workers who are not employees. Therefore,
- 823 monitoring working time is an important aspect of making decisions on the potential negative impacts
- 824 of excessive working time.
- The organization can track working time using monitoring systems, which means it manages a
- 826 comprehensive and accurate recording of working hours. These systems often record regular working
- hours, daily and weekly hours of rest, and overtime hours while also flagging when limits are
- 828 exceeded.
- 829 Annual leave is important to provide a period of rest, maintain a work-life balance for employees,
- reduce absenteeism, and enhance workers' motivation.
- The organization is free to choose how to report the breakdowns by gender. Reporting the four
- 832 categories suggested in Tables 13, 15, and 16 is not required. For example, instead of an 'other'
- 833 category, the organization can report as many additional gender categories as specified by
- employees themselves.
- For the purpose of clarity, the term 'workers who are not employees' refers to workers who are not
- employed by the organization but whose work is controlled by the organization. See the Control of
- 837 Work Standard Interpretation to *GRI 2* for more information.



### Guidance to REWO 7-a and REWO 7-b

In the context of this requirement, a regular basis means the actual hours of routine and frequent work over a certain period, including regular hours of work and overtime. The organization should report its definition of regular hours of work.

### Guidance to REWO 7-a

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The breakdown by employee category provides a detailed analysis of employees categorized by their level (such as senior management and middle management). This information is derived from the organization's own human resources system.

See Table 12 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 7-a.

Table 12. Example template for presenting information on the number of employees by the number of hours worked by employee type and by significant locations of operation

	Number of employe	Number of employees by the number of hours worked on a regular basis					
	Employee type	<20 hours a week	20-35 hours a week	36-48 hours a week	>48 hours a week:		
Significant location of	Permanent employees			CO,			
operation 1	Temporary employees		(				
	Full-time employees		10,,				
	Part-time employees		0,				
	Non-guaranteed hours employees	60%					
	Permanent employees	(1)					
Significant location of	Permanent employees	<b>O</b> .					
operation 2	Temporary employees						
	Full-time employees						
	Part-time employees						
,48	Non-guaranteed hours employees						

Overtime is the number of hours exceeding regular hours worked as stated in the employment contract. The organization can report the information on overtime separately, using the following categories for the number of employees who work:

- up to 12 hours of overtime a week;
- between 12 and 20 hours of overtime a week; and
- over 20 hours of overtime a week.
- The organization can then disaggregate the data by employee gender, type, or category.
- 855 See Table 13 for an example of how to present the information for overtime.



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# Table 13. Example template for presenting information on number of overtime hours employees by gender significant locations of operation

	Number of employe	es who do overtime	hours on a regular	basis
		< 12 hours a week	≥ 12 and <≤ 20 hours a week	> 20 hours a week
Significant	Men			
location of operation 1	Women			
operation i	Other*			
	Not disclosed**			
	Total			
Significant	Men			
location of operation 2	Women			
operation 2	Other*			
	Not disclosed**		~O,	
	Total		0	

<sup>\*</sup> Gender is specified by the employees themselves.

### 860 Guidance to REWO 7-b

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The most common types of workers who are not employees covered by this requirement are those reported under Disclosure 2-8 in *GRI* 2: *General Disclosures* 2021.

See Table 14 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 7-b.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Gender is not disclosed by the employees themselves.

Table 14. Example template for presenting information on number of workers who are not employees, by significant locations of operation and the number of hours worked

	Number of workers w	Number of workers who are not employees who on a regular basis work:						
		<20 hours a week	20-35 hours a week	36–48 hours a week	>48 hours a week:			
Significant location of operation	Most common type of workers who are not employees 1							
1	Most common type of workers who are not employees 2				Ä			
	Most common type of workers who are not employees 3				US,			
Significant location of operation	Most common type of workers who are not employees 1			COLU				
2	Most common type of workers who are not employees 2		(1)					
	Most common type of workers who are not employees 3		Nio,					

### 866 Guidance to REWO 7-c

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871 872 When employees have sufficient notice of their working time, it allows time to plan personal activities such as family time and promotes work-life balance. Working hours of non-guaranteed hours employees are usually ad-hoc hours and subject to an organization's planning. Therefore, the organization should report the average time taken to notify non-guaranteed hours employees of their schedule in hours, days, weeks, or any other applicable schedule.

### Guidance to REWO 7-d

The organization should provide separate percentages for <u>employees</u> and <u>workers who are not</u> employees covered under this policy.

The percentage of employees and workers who are not employees with flexible working time arrangements can be calculated using the following formulas:

Percentage = of employees	Number of employees with flexible working time arrangements	X 100
with flexible working time arrangements	Total number of employees	X 100

Percentage of workers who are with flexible	=	Number of workers who are not employees and whose work is controlled by the organization who have flexible working time arrangements	_ X	100
working time arrangements		Total number of workers who are not employees		



See Table 14 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 7-d.

Table 14. Example template for presenting information on percentage of employees and workers who are not employees and work is controlled by the organization who have flexible working time arrangements

	Percentage of Employees with flexible working time arrangements	Percentage of Workers who are not employees with flexible working time arrangements
Significant location of operation 1		
Significant location of operation 2		
Significant location of operation 3		00

### Guidance to REWO 7-e

 Employees take leave throughout the year to maintain a healthy work-life balance. However, managing paid annual leave can be challenging when several employees want to take their leave at the same time. It is important to let employees choose when they would like to take their paid leave so their obligations and preferences can be considered. This requirement highlights the organization's responsibility to ensure that employees utilize their entitlements for paid annual leave.

The number of annual leave days varies depending on jurisdiction and the employment relationship between the organization and employees. The number of annual days also varies across regions due to the prevailing work culture and by gender, as women tend to utilize more leave to fulfill childcare responsibilities.

Paid annual leave entitlement refers to the paid annual leave days according to national legislation and the organization's policies. The organization can also report the additional leave above the statutory annual leave it provides to its employees. Public holidays are separate from annual leave entitlements.

See guidance to REWO 2-a-iv to find more details about the definition of paid annual leave. The rate of annual leave can be calculated using the following formula:

Ratio of paid annual leave =	Paid annual leave days taken by employee type
days taken and the paid annual leave days entitlement	Paid annual leave days entitlement by employee type
by employee type	

See Table 15 for an example of how to present the information for REWO 7-e.



# Table 15. Example template for presenting information on the ratio of paid annual leave days taken and that they are by employees by gender and significant locations of operation

Ratio between the paid annual leave days taken and the paid annual leave days entitled		Full-time employees	Part-time employees	Non- guarantee d hours employees	Temporary employees
Significant	Men				
location of operation 1	Women				
	Other*				<b>V</b>
	Not disclosed**				
	Total				
Significant	Men				
location of operation 2	Women				
	Other*				
	Not disclosed**			9	
	Total				_

<sup>900 \*</sup> Gender is specified by the employees themselves.

### Guidance to REWO 7-f

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The most common types of workers who are not employees covered by this requirement are those reported under Disclosure 2-8 in *GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021*.

The organization should use the following formula to report the average number of paid annual leave days taken by the most common types of workers who are not employees:

Average number of paid annual = leave days taken by the most common types of workers who are not employees:	The total paid annual leave days taken by a single type of workers who are not employees whose work is controlled by the organization	
	Total number of a single type of workers who are not employees and whose work is controlled by the organization	

907 See Table 16 for an example of how to present the information on REWO-7-f.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Gender is not disclosed by the employees themselves.

Table 16. Example template for presenting information on the average number of paid annual leave days taken by workers who are not employees by gender and significant locations of operation

operation		Most common type of workers who are not employees 1	Most common type of workers who are not employees 2	Most common type of workers who are not employees 3
Significant location of operation 1	Men Women Other*			
Significant location of operation 2	Not disclosed**  Men  Women		CON	
	Other* Not disclosed**			

- 911 \* Gender is specified by the employees themselves.
- 912 \*\* Gender is not disclosed by the employees themselves.

### Guidance to REWO 7-g

Significant locations of operations refer to organizational sites or specific geographical areas where the organization has operations or conducts operations or activities. This could also increase the likelihood of a potential, actual, or severe impact. In the context of Disclosure REWO 7, the organization should define the significant locations of operations, emphasizing impacts on working time conditions. For example, where the majority of employees are based and where it has workers who are not employees in specific countries with a lack of or weak working time regulations.



920	Gloss	ary			
921 922	This glossary provides definitions for terms used in this Standard. The organization is required to apply these definitions when using the GRI Standards.				
923 924 925	The definitions included in this glossary may contain terms that are further defined in the complete <i>GRI Standards Glossary</i> . All defined terms are underlined. If a term is not defined in this glossary or it the complete <i>GRI Standards Glossary</i> , definitions that are commonly used and understood apply.				
926	benefit				
927 928	direct benefit provided in the form of financial contributions, care paid for by the organization, or the reimbursement of expenses borne by the <a href="mailto:employee">employee</a>				
929 930 931	Note:	Redundancy payments over and above legal minimums, lay-off pay, extra employment injury benefit, survivors' benefits, and extra paid holiday entitlements car also be included as a benefit.			
932	collective barg	gaining			
933 934 935 936	all negotiations that take place between one or more employers or employers' organizations, on the one hand, and one or more workers' organizations (e.g., trade unions), on the other, for determining working conditions and terms of employment or for regulating relations between employers and workers				
937 938	Source:	International Labour Organization (ILO), <i>Collective Bargaining Convention</i> , 1981 (No. 154); modified			
939	employee				
940 941	individual who i practice	s in an employment relationship with the organization according to national law or			
942	employee cate	egory			
943 944	breakdown of <u>employees</u> by level (such as senior management, middle management) and function (such as technical, administrative, production)				
945	Note:	This information is derived from the organization's own human resources system.			
946	entry level wag	ge			
947	full-time wage i	n the lowest employment category			
948	Note:	Intern or apprentice wages are not considered entry level wages.			
949	full-time emplo	pyee			
950 951	<u>employee</u> whose working hours per week, month, or year are defined according to national law or practice regarding working time				
952	impact				
953 954 955	effect the organization has or could have on the economy, environment, and people, including on the <u>human rights</u> , which in turn can indicate its contribution (negative or positive) to <u>sustainable</u> <u>development.</u>				
956 957	Note 1:	Impacts can be actual or potential, negative or positive, short-term or long-term, intended or unintended, and reversible or irreversible.			
958 959	Note 2: minimum wag	See section 2.1 in <i>GRI 1: Foundation 2021</i> for more information on 'impact'.local e			
960	minimum compensation for employment per hour, or other unit of time, allowed under law				
961 962	Note:	Some countries have numerous minimum wages, such as by state or province or by employment category.			
963	non-guaranteed hours employee				



964 employee who is not guaranteed a minimum or fixed number of working hours per day, week, or 965 month, but who may need to make themselves available for work as required 966 Source: ShareAction, Workforce Disclosure Initiative Survey Guidance Document, 2020; modified 967 968 Examples: casual employees, employees with zero-hour contracts, on-call employees 969 part-time employee 970 employee whose working hours per week, month, or year are less than the number of working hours 971 for full-time employees 972 permanent employee 973 employee with a contract for an indeterminate period (i.e., indefinite contract) for full-time or part-time 974 work 975 stakeholder 976 individual or group that has an interest that is affected or could be affected by the organization's 977 activities 978 Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct, 2018; modified 979 980 Examples: business partners, civil society organizations, consumers, customers, employees and other workers, governments, local communities, non-governmental organizations, 981 982 shareholders and other investors, suppliers, trade unions, vulnerable groups 983 Note: See section 2.4 in GRI 1: Foundation 2021 for more information on 'stakeholder'. 984 temporary employee employee with a contract for a limited period (i.e., fixed term contract) that ends when the specific 985 986 time period expires, or when the specific task or event that has an attached time estimate is 987 completed (e.g., the end of a project or return of replaced employees) 988 vulnerable group group of individuals with a specific condition or characteristic (e.g., economic, physical, political, 989 990 social) that could experience negative impacts as a result of the organization's activities more 991 severely than the general population 992 children and youth; elderly persons; ex-combatants; HIV/AIDS-affected households; Examples: 993 human rights defenders; indigenous peoples; internally displaced persons; migrant 994 workers and their families; national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities; 995 persons who might be discriminated against based on their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics (e.g., lesbian, gay, bisexual, 996 transgender, intersex); persons with disabilities; refugees or returning refugees; 997 998 women 999 Note: Vulnerabilities and impacts can differ by gender. 1000 worker 1001 person that performs work for the organization 1002 Examples: employees, agency workers, apprentices, contractors, home workers, interns, self-1003 employed persons, sub-contractors, volunteers, and persons working for 1004 organizations other than the reporting organization, such as for suppliers 1005 In the GRI Standards, in some cases, it is specified whether a particular subset of Note: 1006 workers is required to be used.



1008 1009 worker consultation 1010 seeking of workers' views before making a decision 1011 Worker consultation might be carried out through workers' representatives. Note 1: 1012 Note 2: Consultation is a formal process, whereby management takes the views of workers into account when making a decision. Therefore, consultation needs to take place 1013 1014 before the decision is made. It is essential to provide timely information to workers or 1015 their representatives in order for them to provide meaningful and effective input before decisions are made. Genuine consultation involves dialogue. 1016 1017 Note 3: Worker participation and worker consultation are two distinct terms with specific meanings. See definition of 'worker participation'. 1018 1019 worker participation 1020 workers' involvement in decision-making 1021 Note 1: Worker participation might be carried out through workers' representatives. 1022 Note 2: Worker participation and worker consultation are two distinct terms with specific meanings. See definition of 'worker consultation'. 1023 1024 worker representative 1025 person who is recognized as such under national law or practice, whether they are: 1026 a trade union representative, namely, a representative designated or elected by trade unions or by members of such unions; or 1027 1028 an elected representative, namely, a representative who is freely elected by the workers of the undertaking in accordance with provisions of national laws, regulations, or collective 1029 agreements, whose functions do not include activities which are recognized as the exclusive 1030 prerogative of trade unions in the country concerned. 1031 1032 Source: International Labour Organization (ILO), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135) 1033 1034 1035 workers who are not employees 1036 workers who perform work for the organization and whose work is controlled by the organization but 1037 are not in an employment relationship with the organization. Control of work implies 1038 that the organization directs the work performed or controls the means or methods for 1039 performing the work. Note 1: the type of contractual relationship between the organization and the worker (e.g., employment agency, contractor) does not determine whether the organization controls the work. Examples: agency workers, apprentices, contractors, home workers, interns, self-employed persons, sub-contractors, and volunteers.



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