

Item 04 – GRI Topic Standard Project for Economic Impact – Economic Performance exposure draft

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Description	This document sets out the exposure draft of the GRI Topic Standard for Economic Performance, including the explanatory memorandum summarizing the objectives of the project and the significant proposals contained within the draft. These are submitted for GSSB approval.

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Explanatory memorandum

This explanatory memorandum sets out the objectives for the review of *GRI 201: Economic Performance 2016*, the significant proposals contained in the exposure draft, and a summary of the GSSB's involvement and views on the development of the draft.

Objectives for the project

The objective of the economic impact project is to review and revise all GRI economic impact-related Standards and incorporate new issues to reflect stakeholder expectations for reporting the organization's impact on the economy. The economic impact project is divided into three sets of thematic Standards to allow targeted messaging and stakeholder engagement during the public comment periods. This ensures the workload is manageable for stakeholders and GRI reporters worldwide reviewing the draft Standards during public inquiry, the GSSB, the working group, the GRI Standards Division, and other GRI divisions. Details for the GRI Topic Standard Project for Economic Impact can be found in the [project proposal](#).

The review of *GRI 201: Economic Performance 2016*, under Phase 1 of the project, aims to represent internationally agreed best practice and align with authoritative intergovernmental instruments related to an organization's impact on the economy, environment, and people, such as the United Nations (UN) Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles, UNGPs) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

As part of the GSSB Work Program 2023-2025, the Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB) identified the review of *GRI 201: Economic performance 2016* as a priority project for commencement in 2023. Since the GRI disclosures on Economic performance were last revised, the issue of Economic performance has received significant attention in the global sustainable development agenda. In line with the GSSB [Due Process Protocol](#), a multi-stakeholder working group was established in January 2024 to contribute to the review and content development.

The revised GRI Economic Performance Standard could address a key gap between conventional financial reporting and impact reporting by establishing a connection between the distribution of monetary flows and their impacts on the economy, environment, and people. In this way, it enhances the comparability of information, enabling stakeholders to assess how financial decisions contribute to impact.

For more information on the project, consult the [project website](#) and [Terms of Reference](#) of the [Working Group](#).

Summary of the significant proposals

The exposure draft, a revision of the *GRI 201: Economic Performance 2016* Topic Standard, includes both revised disclosures and new disclosures, aligning with the project objectives outlined above. Notable changes and inclusions in this exposure draft are summarized below.

Revised definitions. To address the inconsistent interpretation of terms like 'economic value' and 'value distributed', the revised Standard proposes the term 'monetary flows' as a replacement for value-related terminology to describe financial transactions by the organization. This shift is reflected in updated requirements and guidance.

New management disclosure (EP-1) on an organization's approach to generating and distributing monetary flows. Under this disclosure, organizations are expected to report the policies that guide how they generate and distribute monetary flows, as well as the role stakeholders play in shaping these policies and decisions.

Updated disclosure (EP-2) to report on monetary flows generated and distributed. This disclosure builds on requirements in the existing GRI 201-1. The structure of the disclosure is based on monetary flows generated equating to those distributed. This approach enables a reconcilable reclassification of items from the profit and loss account. The requirements in this disclosure place an additional focus on ensuring the alignment of technical content with commonly understood financial reporting concepts. Proposed revisions include:

- Reporting requirements now differentiate between different providers of capital, specifically shareholders and external providers, to enhance transparency in capital allocation.
- The revised requirements make explicit reporting on the organization's expenditures on environmental protection, thereby recognizing environmental protection as a form of monetary flows distributed relevant to the organization's impact.
- The revised guidance specifies that reported information should be derived from underlying accounting records rather than from formal financial statements, aligning expectations with actual data sources.
- The revised requirements do not include the phrase 'if applicable' from the existing compilation requirements in GRI 201-1 (2.1) to remove ambiguity.
- The revised guidance distinguishes between capital investments (assets) and operational expenditures (profit and loss items), addressing previous conceptual inconsistencies.
- The disclosure guidance has been revised to reflect the principles of the Value-Added Statement (VAS) model, thereby enhancing consistency in the categorization and interpretation of financial reporting data to understand the organization's impact.
- Disclosure terminology has been aligned with VAS methodology by reclassifying 'Operating Costs' as 'Operating inputs' for greater conceptual accuracy.
- Guidance related to facilitation payments has been updated to align with authoritative intergovernmental sources, such as the OECD's *Recommendation of the Council for Further Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions*.

New topic disclosure (EP-3) to report on social financial indicators. Under this disclosure, organizations are expected to report a detailed breakdown of monetary flows, moving beyond aggregated totals. It introduces a set of social financial indicators that show how these flows are distributed across different stakeholder groups, regions, and demographic characteristics. For example, it includes data on payments to suppliers by size, employee compensation disaggregated by gender and age, and ratios of variable to fixed pay. This more granular approach offers deeper insight into the social impacts of an organization's economic activities.

More extensive guidance throughout the draft. This includes example templates for presenting the information for Disclosures EP-2 to EP-4 (see [Table 1](#), [Table 2](#), and [Table 3](#)).

Transfer of climate-related disclosure to the GRI Climate Change Standard. Disclosure 201-2 on financial implications and other risks and opportunities due to climate change has been removed and is now covered in *GRI 102: Climate Change 2025* standard. This change was proposed as its focus on climate-related risks and opportunities is more relevant within *GRI 102*, where it can be contextualized alongside other climate-related disclosures.

New requirements in Disclosure EP-4 to report on retirement plans and benefits. These requirements build upon the information in the existing Disclosure 201-3 and place additional focus on the impacts on the organization's employees. Proposed revisions include:

- Reporting if the organization provides retirement plans and benefits, what types are offered, the percentage of employees covered, and the contribution levels of both the organization and employees. This highlights the organization's commitment to employee well-being and fairness in social benefits.

- Reporting on the organization's financial preparedness to meet its long-term commitments to employees, such as retirement plans and benefits, by disclosing information related the types of investment funds used, and the criteria for selecting them.

Updated requirements to Disclosure EP-5 to report on financial and in-kind assistance received by the organization. Under this disclosure, which builds on the existing GRI 201-4, organizations are expected to report detailed information about the providers of government or government-linked financial and in-kind assistance, the monetary value of this assistance by country and type, the terms and conditions attached, and how the organization has used the assistance.

GSSB involvement and views on the development of this draft

The GSSB appointed one of its members as a sponsor for the review of GRI 201: *Economic Performance 2016*. The GSSB sponsor observed the WG process and attended most of their meetings. The GSSB received updates on the project's progress from the project lead, a member of the GRI Standards Division, during a formal session of the GSSB in October 2024. The exposure draft was discussed during the July 2025 GSSB meeting, and final amendments were made based on the GSSB's feedback.

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Note on reading this document

This document includes generic text used in all GRI Standards. This text is highlighted in grey and cannot be changed – please do not comment on this text.

Underlined terms in the draft Standard indicate terms for which definitions have been provided. Most of these terms are already defined in the GRI Standards Glossary 2021 – these definitions are highlighted in grey in the Glossary and cannot be changed. The proposed new definition is not highlighted in grey and is open for review.

GRI EP: Economic Performance 202X

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Introduction

GRI EP: Economic Performance 202X contains disclosures for organizations to report information about their economic performance-related impacts, and how they manage these impacts.

The Standard is structured as follows:

- [Section 1](#) contains one disclosure, which provides information about how the organization manages its economic performance-related impacts.
- [Section 2](#) contains four disclosures, which provide information about the organization's economic performance-related impacts.
- The [Glossary](#) contains defined terms with a specific meaning when used in the GRI Standards. The terms are underlined 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.
- The [Appendix](#) includes examples of templates for presenting information for Disclosures EP-2, EP-3 and EP-4
- 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.

Background on the topic

This Standard addresses the topic of economic performance.

Economic performance refers to an organization's ability to fulfill its financial obligations and expectations while meeting the social, economic and environmental needs of its stakeholders through the management, generation and distribution of monetary flows.

Monetary flows refers to the movement of money and credit within an organization or across the economy, including non-cash items, such as depreciation, amortization, provisions, and other accruals. Monetary flows generated by an organization refers to the monetary amounts generated as a surplus through its activities. Monetary flows distributed refers to the allocation of the monetary flows generated to the organization's stakeholders, towards protection of the environment, and retained by the organization.

The management, generation and distribution of monetary flows contributes to the organization's impact on the economy, environment, and society. For example, wages paid to employees support livelihoods and economic inclusion, taxes to governments contribute to public services and infrastructure, and expenditure on environmental protection initiatives can reduce ecological harm.

While monetary flows are reflected in an organization's financial statements, such as the income statement, an organization's economic performance extends beyond traditional financial reporting metrics such net profit and earnings per share, to reflect how it values and prioritizes the interests of all its stakeholders and the environment.

See references [2], [4], and [20] in the Bibliography.

System of GRI Standards

This Standard is part of the GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards (GRI Standards). The GRI 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 series: GRI Universal Standards, GRI Sector Standards, and GRI Topic Standards (see Figure 1 in this Standard).

Universal Standards: GRI 1, GRI 2 and GRI 3

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 **GRI 1**.

GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021 contains disclosures that the organization uses to provide information about its reporting practices and other organizational details, such as its activities, governance, and policies.

GRI 3: Material Topics 2021 provides guidance on how to determine material topics. It also contains 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.

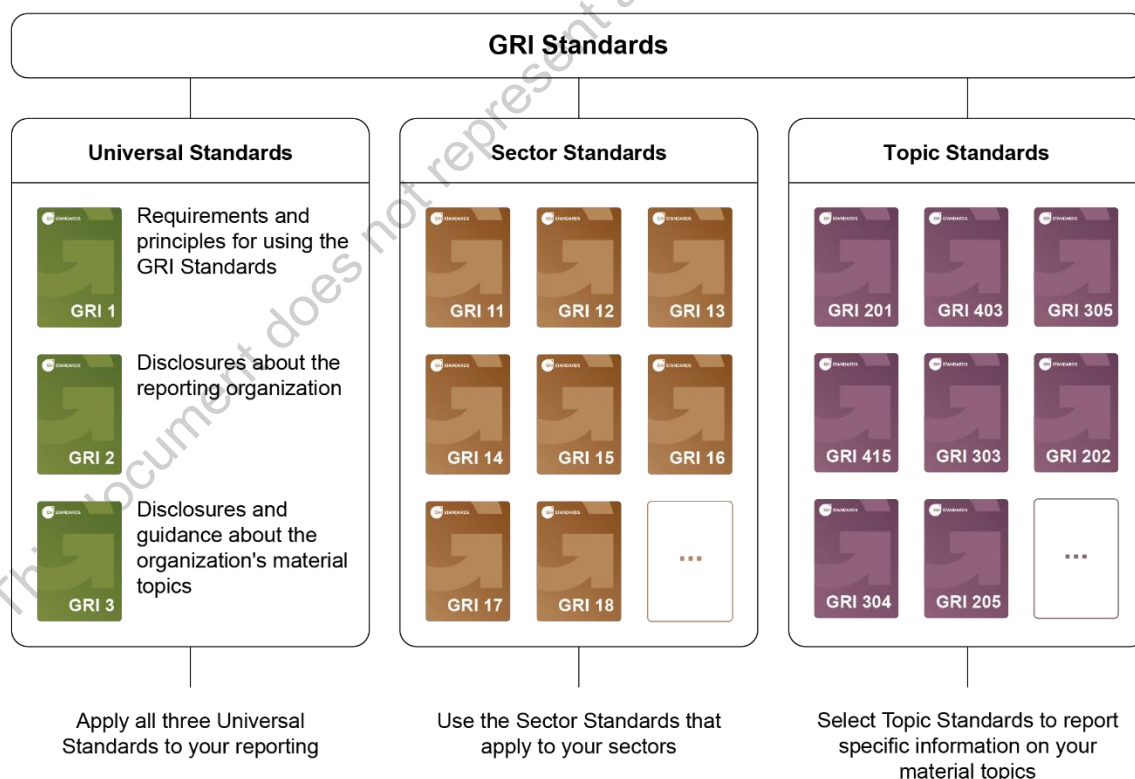
Sector Standards

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 economic performance-related impacts.

An organization reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards is required to report the following disclosures if it has determined economic performance to be a material topic:

- [Disclosure 3-3 in GRI 3: Material Topics 2021](#).
- Any disclosures from this Topic Standard that are relevant to the organization's economic performance-related impacts (Disclosure EP-1 through Disclosure EP-5).

See [Requirements 4 and 5 in GRI 1: Foundation 2021](#).

Reasons for omission are permitted for these disclosures.

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.

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.

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).

Requirements, guidance and defined terms

The following apply throughout this Standard:

Requirements are presented in **bold font** and indicated by the word 'shall'. An organization must comply with requirements to report in accordance with the GRI Standards.

Requirements may be accompanied by guidance.

Guidance includes background information, explanations, and examples to help the organization better understand the requirements. The organization is not required to comply with guidance.

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.

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.

An organization that has determined economic performance 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 organization is also required to report any disclosure from this section (Disclosure EP-1) that is relevant to its economic performance-related impacts.

This section is therefore designed to supplement – and not replace – Disclosure 3-3 in *GRI 3*.

Disclosure EP-1 Approach to generation and distribution of monetary flows

REQUIREMENTS

The organization shall:

- a. describe its policies and commitments on generating monetary flows, including those for revenue generation and operating inputs;
- b. describe its policies and commitments on distributing monetary flows to each of the following:
 - i. employees and workers who are not employees;
 - ii. environmental protection;
 - iii. external providers of financial capital;
 - iv. governments;
 - v. local communities;
 - vi. shareholders;
 - vii. retained by the organization;
- c. describe how it ensures that decisions related to monetary flows do not result in negative impacts on the economy, environment, or people;
- d. describe how the views of stakeholders on the policies and commitments for generating and distributing monetary flows are collected and taken into consideration.

GUIDANCE

This disclosure covers the organization's approach to generating and distributing monetary flows, including its policies and commitments on investments (revenue generation) and on payments to suppliers (operating inputs).

Monetary flows generated by an organization refers to the monetary amounts generated as a surplus through its activities. Monetary flows distributed refers to the allocation of the monetary flows generated to the organization's stakeholders, towards environmental protection and retained by the organization.

An organization's approach to generating and distributing monetary flows refers to how it manages financial resources in line with its strategic priorities, sustainability commitments, and stakeholder expectations. This includes the way its policies and commitments on issues like pricing, procurement, wages, and dividends shape the generation and distribution of monetary flows, how the organization considers potential impacts, such as underpayment, environmental harm, or tax avoidance in this process, and how it engages stakeholders in shaping financial decisions. An organization's approach to generating and distributing monetary flows may form part of its financial or sustainability strategies, internal policies, or codes of conduct.

Reporting this information provides an understanding of the consistency between the organization's financial decision-making, governance practices, and actual monetary flows.

285 **Guidance to EP 1-a**

286 The organization can report summary statements of the information from its policies and commitments
287 that is relevant for understanding its approach to generation of monetary flows. For example, the
288 organization can report that it has committed 10% of its annual procurement budget for local suppliers
289 and local supplier development programs to streamline procurement processes and encourage their
290 participation.

291 The monetary flows generated by an organization consist of revenues minus operating inputs (see
292 Guidance to EP-2-a). Revenue is calculated as net sales plus revenues from financial investments
293 and revenues from sales of assets (see Guidance to EP-2-a-i), while operating inputs include cash
294 payments and accruals for materials, product components, facilities, and services purchased, such as
295 payments to suppliers (see Guidance to EP-2-a-ii).

296 **Guidance to EP 1-b**

297 The organization can report summary statements of the information from its policies and commitments
298 that is relevant for understanding its approach to distribution of monetary flows. For example, the
299 organization can report that it has committed, under an environmental protection policy, to distributing
300 the equivalent of 1% of its annual total revenue towards environmental protection activities. These
301 activities may include soil erosion control, habitat preservation, and waste reduction.

302 **Guidance to EP 1-b-i**

303 Examples of policies on the distribution of monetary flows to employees and workers who are not
304 employees include those related to fair compensation and pay equity, employee share ownership,
305 profit-sharing and social security benefits.

306 Disclosure EP 1-b-i is related to Disclosure REWO-1 in GRI REWO: Remuneration and Working
307 Time. If the information reported by the organization in Disclosure REWO-1 covers the policies for
308 distribution of monetary flows to employees and workers who are not employees, the organization can
309 provide a reference to this information.

310 **Guidance to EP 1-b-ii**

311 The environment refers to living organisms and non-living elements, including air, land, water, and
312 ecosystems. Environmental protection refers to actions taken by the organization to avoid and
313 minimize negative impacts on the environment, as well as measures to restore or rehabilitate
314 environmental resources and ecosystems. Such actions may involve preventing pollution, reducing
315 resource use, and supporting ecosystem recovery.

316 Examples of policies on the distribution of monetary flows towards the environmental protection
317 include plastic-free and sustainable agriculture policies.

318 **Guidance to EP 1-b-iii**

319 External providers of financial capital refer to debt providers such as banks and bondholders. These
320 stakeholders typically provide funding to organizations through loans, investments, and credit
321 arrangements. In return, contractual agreements between the organization and external providers of
322 financial capital typically impose financial obligations or charges in the form of repayment(s).

323 Examples of policies on the distribution of monetary flows to external providers of financial capital
324 include policies for capital allocation and debt management.

325 **Guidance to EP 1-b-iv**

326 Governments refers to any public authority or state entity to which the organization distributes
327 monetary flows.

328 Examples of policies on the distribution of monetary flows to government include the organization's
329 tax strategy and code of business conduct.

Disclosure EP 1-b-iv is related to Disclosure 207-1- in *GRI 207:Tax 2019*. If the information reported by the organization in Disclosure 207-1 covers the policies for distribution of monetary flows to governments, the organization can provide a reference to this information.

Guidance to EP 1-b-v

Examples of policies on the distribution of monetary flows to local communities include policies on protecting land rights of local communities and local recruitment.

Guidance to EP 1-b-vi

Monetary flows to shareholders include distributions such as dividends, share buybacks, and equity-based incentives. Reporting on the organization's policies and commitments on these flows is relevant for understanding how an organization allocates profits and engages with its owners.

Examples of policies on the distribution of monetary flows to shareholders include those addressing shareholder rights and shareholder engagement.

Guidance to EP 1-b-vii

Retained monetary flows are those that remain in the organization after fulfilling all external financial obligations and support an organization's operational needs and strategic initiatives. These flows indicate the extent to which the organization allocates financial resources for internal purposes, such as maintaining or enhancing operational capacity, as opposed to distributing them to external stakeholders. Reporting on retained monetary flows enables stakeholders to assess how the organization balances reinvestment in its operations with the distribution of resources elsewhere.

Policies and commitments related to retained monetary flows can indicate the organization's long-term capacity for growth, which can affect its employees, shareholders, suppliers, and other stakeholders.

Examples of policies on retaining monetary flows in the organization include those addressing capital retention and reinvestment, financial risk management and research and development governance.

Guidance to EP 1-c

In describing how the organization ensures that decisions related to monetary flows, for example profit generation and cost reduction, do not result in negative impacts on the economy, environment, or people, the organization should report how it identifies and addresses externalized costs.

Externalized costs arise during an organization's operations and may not be accurately reflected in its financial reports due to failures in market pricing mechanisms. Instead, these costs may be borne by the environment and people, therefore resulting in negative impacts, while enabling organizations to generate greater profits. For example, organizations may outsource production to countries where labor laws are weaker, allowing them to pay workers below a decent wage or a living wage. This practice enables organizations to reduce costs, which may increase profits, but at the same time leads to social and economic costs for workers and local communities.

See references [2], [4], and [5] in the Bibliography.

2. Topic disclosures

An organization reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards is required to report any disclosures from this section (Disclosure EP-2 through Disclosure EP-5) that are relevant to its economic performance-related impacts.

Disclosure EP-2 Monetary flows generated and distributed

REQUIREMENTS

The organization shall:

- a. report the monetary value of the total monetary flows generated on an accrual basis, and a breakdown of this by:
 - i. revenue;
 - ii. operating inputs;
- b. report the monetary value of the total monetary flows distributed on an accrual basis, and a breakdown of this total by:
 - i. employees and workers who are not employees;
 - ii. environmental protection;
 - iii. external providers of financial capital;
 - iv. governments;
 - v. local communities;
 - vi. shareholders;
 - vii. the monetary flows retained by the organization;
- c. report contextual information necessary to understand how the data has been compiled, including standards, methodologies, and assumptions used, including:
 - i. the time period covered by EP 2-b-iv and whether it is different from the reporting period;
 - ii. where the data reported does not reconcile with the audited consolidated financial statements, or the financial information filed on public record, an explanation for this difference.

GUIDANCE

An organization's monetary flows refer to the flow of money and credit as part of its operations and activities and includes both cash and non-cash components, such as revenue, expenses, depreciation, amortization, provisions, and other accruals. Monetary flows occur within the organization, for example across business functions, and between the organization and its stakeholders, including employees, suppliers, shareholders, governments, and local communities.

Monetary flows are generated through the sale of the organization's products and services less its operating inputs. The organization distributes monetary flows to its stakeholders and for environmental protection, or retains them within the organization.

The composition of these monetary flows can provide an economic profile of an organization, and information on the extent to which an organization's practices contribute to broader social and economic impacts.

The organization can provide a breakdown of the information on monetary flows generated and distributed by country. This can provide a useful picture of the monetary flows added to local economies.

Guidance to EP 2-a

411 Monetary flows generated by an organization consist of revenues minus operating inputs. Monetary
412 flows generated by an organization are calculated using the following formula:

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Total monetary flows generated	=	Revenue – Operating inputs
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415 **Guidance to EP 2-a-i**

416 Revenue is calculated as net sales plus revenues from financial investments and revenues from sales
417 of assets. Revenue is calculated using the following formula:

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Revenue	=	Net sales + revenue from financial investments + revenue from sale of assets
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419 Revenues from financial investments include:

- 420 • interest on financial loans;
421 • dividends from shareholdings;
422 • income from royalties;
423 • direct income generated from assets, such as property rental.

424 Revenues from the sale of assets include:

- 425 • physical assets, such as property, infrastructure, and equipment;
426 • intangibles, such as intellectual property rights, designs, and brand names.

427 Net sales is calculated as the gross monetary flows received from customers through the sales from
428 of products and services minus returns, discounts, and allowances. Net sales is calculated using the
429 following formula:

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Net sales	=	gross monetary flows from sales of products and services – (returns + discounts + allowances)
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432 **Guidance to EP-2-a-ii**

433 Operating inputs include cash payments and accruals for materials, product components, facilities,
434 and services purchased, such as payments to suppliers. Operating inputs can also include payments
435 for property rental, license fees, and royalties.

436 Operating inputs do not include facilitation payments. Facilitation payments which can be made to
437 secure or expedite the performance of a routine or necessary action to which the payer has legal or
438 other entitlement, are discouraged by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)[12] and the
439 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)[15]. Facilitation payments are
440 addressed in [GRI 205: Anti-corruption 2016](#).

441 See references [12] and [15] in the Bibliography.

442 **Guidance to EP-2-b**

443 Reporting how monetary flows are distributed can indicate how the organization prioritizes and values
444 its stakeholders, the environment and itself. For example, an organization may increase monetary

flows distributed to employees at a higher rate than those distributed to its shareholders, suggesting a strategic focus on employee retention over maximizing shareholder dividends.

Guidance to EP-2-b-i

Monetary flows distributed to employees refers to basic pay plus additional amounts paid in cash or in-kind. This includes employee salaries and contributions made to government institutions on behalf of employees and where the employee is the ultimate beneficiary, as well as total benefits and other benefits. Additional amounts paid include benefits such as training, protective equipment, and other costs related to the employee's job function.

Amounts paid to government institutions on behalf of employees include employee taxes, levies, and unemployment funds. Total benefits include regular contributions to current and retired employees, covering pensions, insurance, company vehicles, and private health care. Other employee benefits include housing, interest-free loans, public transport assistance, and educational grants.

Monetary flows distributed to workers who are not employees and whose work is controlled by the organization cover basic pay, overtime pay, additional payments in cash and in-kind, and deductions.

Guidance to EP-2-b-ii

Monetary flows distributed for environmental protection are actual expenses incurred to avoid and minimize negative impacts on the environment, as well as to restore or rehabilitate environmental resources and ecosystems [19].

Examples of monetary flows distributed to for protection of the environmental protection include:

- monetary flows for ecosystem restoration, reforestation, and biodiversity conservation projects;
- monetary flows for climate change adaptation initiatives, renewable energy projects, and pollution reduction programs;
- monetary flows for protecting natural resources, such as watershed management and land rehabilitation;
- monetary flows for environmental education and awareness programs;
- monetary flows for environmental impact assessments.

See reference [19] in the [Bibliography](#).

Guidance to EP-2-b-iii

External providers of financial capital refers to debt providers such as banks and bondholders. These stakeholders typically fund organizations through loans, investments, and credit arrangements. In return, contractual agreements between the organization and external providers of financial capital typically impose financial obligations or charges in the form of repayments.

Monetary flows distributed to external providers of financial capital are calculated as interest payments and accruals made to them, such as interest on all forms of debt and borrowings (i.e., both short- and long-term debt).

Guidance to EP-2-b-iv

Monetary flows distributed to governments comprise license fees, duties, taxes, and related penalties paid at the international, national, and local levels. Organization taxes can include corporate income tax, property tax, and tariffs.

Information on taxes reported with [GRI 207: Tax 2019](#) can be used as an input for calculating the total monetary flows distributed to governments.

Guidance to EP-2-b-v

Monetary flows distributed to local communities are incurred during the reporting period.

Examples of monetary flows distributed to the local community include:

- monetary flows to charities, NGOs, and research institutes (unrelated to the organization's commercial research and development);
- monetary flows to support local community infrastructure, such as recreational facilities;
- monetary flows to social programs, including training for local community members, and educational events.

Guidance to EP-2-b-vi

Shareholders are individuals or entities that own organizational equity (shares or stock). Shareholders may be entitled to a share of the organization's profits (in the form of dividends) and can influence certain decisions through voting rights.

Monetary flows distributed to shareholders are calculated as dividend payments plus any interest payments on arrears of dividends due to preferred shareholders. Monetary flows distributed to shareholders is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Monetary flows to shareholders} = \text{Dividend payments} + \text{interest on arrears}$$

Guidance to EP-2-b-vii

Retained monetary flows include research and development expenditures, depreciation and deferred taxes as recorded in the organization's financial reporting. Deferred taxes are not considered as monetary flows distributed to government because they represent financial obligations that have not yet resulted in monetary flows being distributed.

These retained monetary flows can also be referred to as 'reinvestment', since the organization uses items such as research and development and retained earnings in the present or plans to use them in the future.

Guidance to EP-2-c

This requirement covers the basis of preparation and refers to specific conventions, assumptions, and accounting methods chosen to determine the presentation of monetary flows generated and distributed within financial statements, including policies for measurement and classification.

The organization should specify the scope of the information reported under EP-2-a and EP-2-b, including whether it covers the parent entity, subsidiaries, joint ventures, and affiliates.

The organization should also report the accounting standards and policies applied, such as IFRS or Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as well as the methods used to calculate monetary flows generated and distributed.

The organization should report any changes made to the standards, methodologies, and assumptions used to compile monetary flows compared to previous reporting period.

The organization should state whether information reported in EP-2-a and EP-2-b is prepared on an accruals basis upon sales realizations (revenue recognized when products are sold) or upon production (monetary value assigned when products are produced). If it is prepared upon production, the organization should report difference between this approach and the accruals based upon sales realizations. When reporting the difference the organization should provide an explanation for this and can also include metrics such as volume of sales compared to production, the average sales price versus estimated production value, and any adjustments for inventory changes or deferred revenue.

If the organization has already reported its basis of preparation in its audited consolidated financial statements or financial information filed on public record, it can provide a reference to this information.

See references [6], [7], [8], [9] and [10] in the Bibliography.

Guidance to EP-2-c-i

533 The organization is required to report information on a regular schedule and make it available in time
534 for information users to make decisions (see the [Timeliness principle](#) in *GRI 1: Foundation 2021* for
535 more information). The organization is also recommended to report the information for the same
536 reporting period and publish the information at the same time as its financial reporting, where this is
537 possible (see [section 5.1](#) in *GRI 1* for more information). However, the information required in
538 requirement EP 2-b-iv might not be available for reporting until a later point in time.

539 If the information required in requirement EP 2-b-iv is not available for the time period covered by the
540 most recent audited consolidated financial statements or financial information filed on public record,
541 the organization may report information for the time period covered by the audited consolidated
542 financial statements, or the financial information filed on public record, immediately preceding the
543 most recent ones.

544 Where this time period differs from the reporting period, the organization can specify the reason why.

Disclosure EP-3 Social financial indicators

REQUIREMENTS

The organization shall:

- a. report the total monetary flows received as revenue, and a breakdown by:
 - i. type of customers;
 - ii. region of customers;
 - iii. type of product or service sold;
- b. report the total monetary flows to suppliers, and a breakdown by:
 - i. region of suppliers;
 - ii. size of suppliers;
- c. report the total monetary flows distributed to employees, and a breakdown by:
 - i. employee type;
 - ii. employee category;
 - iii. gender;
 - iv. age group;
 - v. region;
- d. report the total monetary flows distributed to workers who are not employees, and a breakdown by:
 - i. type of worker;
 - ii. gender;
 - iii. age group;
 - iv. region;
- e. report the total monetary flows distributed as contributions made by the organization to retirement plans and benefits for employees and for workers who are not employees;
- f. for each employee type reported in EP-3-c-i, report the ratio of total annual variable compensation relative to the total annual fixed compensation;
- g. for each worker type reported in EP-3-d-i, report the ratio of total annual variable compensation relative to the total annual fixed compensation;
- h. report the following information about monetary flows distributed to governments:
 - i. the total monetary value of indirect taxes;
 - ii. the timing strategy for the settlement of its tax obligations;
- i. report the total number of shareholders by region;
- j. report a breakdown of monetary flows distributed to external providers of financial capital by:
 - i. region;
 - ii. type of financial instrument;
- k. report the total monetary flows retained in the organization for research and development;
- l. report contextual information necessary to understand how the data has been compiled, including standards, methodologies, and assumptions used.

GUIDANCE

Social Financial Indicators (SFIs) provide a structured breakdown of key financial information drawn from an organization's financial statements and other sources. SFIs go beyond profitability measures by leveraging financial and contextual information to help understand monetary flows through a social lens. This information show how the monetary flows generated and distributed by the organization affect the economy, environment and people. For example, SFIs can illustrate how monetary flows are distributed among employees, workers who are not employees, governments, and local communities across various regions.

587 A region can refer to a country or other geographic locations, such as a city or a world region.

588 **Guidance to EP-3-a**

589 Information on monetary flows received as revenue by customer type, region, and product or service
590 helps in understanding who the organization serves, where its economic activities are concentrated,
591 and which offerings drive its generation of revenue.

592 **Guidance to EP-3-a-i**

593 Examples of types of customers are end-customers (consumers), business-to-business customers,
594 government agencies, and non-profit organizations.

595 **Guidance to EP-3-b**

596 Monetary flows to suppliers form part of an organization's operating inputs. For example, an
597 organization may make payments to suppliers for raw materials used in production or contracted
598 services.

599 Reporting total monetary flows to suppliers, disaggregated by region, indicates where suppliers are
600 located and which regions receive these monetary flows. Reporting total monetary flows by supplier
601 size provides insight into the level of financial support given to smaller versus larger suppliers.

602 **Guidance to EP-3-b-ii**

603 The size of suppliers refers to the following classification based on the number of employees:

- 604 • Micro enterprises: 1 to 9 employees
- 605 • Small enterprises: 10 to 49 employees
- 606 • Medium-sized enterprises: 50 to 249 employees
- 607 • Large enterprises: 250 or more employees

608 See references [13] in the Bibliography.

609 **Guidance to EP-3-c**

610 Disaggregating monetary flows to employees by type, category, gender, age, and region helps
611 understand how the organization allocates financial resources within its workforce.

612 **Guidance to EP-3-c-i**

613 Employee type refers to the different types of employees reported under [requirement 2-7-b in GRI 2:](#)
614 [General Disclosures 2021](#): permanent employees, temporary employees, non-guaranteed hours
615 employees, full-time employees, and part-time employees.

616 **Guidance to EP-3-c-ii**

617 The organization should report the employee category breakdown by level (such as senior
618 management and middle management) and function (such as technical, administrative, and
619 production). This information is derived from the organization's own human resources system.

620 **Guidance to EP-3-c-iii and EP-3-d-ii**

621 The organization is free to choose how to report the breakdown by gender. It is suggested, but not
622 required, to include the following categories: men, women, other (gender as specified by the workers),
623 not disclosed (gender is not disclosed by the workers).

624 **Guidance to EP-3-c-iv and EP-3-d-iii**

625 The organization should use the following age groups:

- 626 • Under 20 years old;
- 627 • 20-30 years old;
- 628 • 31-50 years old;
- 629 • Over 50 years old.

630 **Guidance to EP-3-d**

631 Disaggregating monetary flows to workers who are not employees and whose work is controlled by
 632 the organization, by type of worker, gender, age, and region helps understand how the organization
 633 allocates financial resources beyond its own employees.

634 **Guidance to EP-3-d-i**

635 The types of workers who are not employees and whose work is controlled by the organization
 636 include agency workers, apprentices, contractors, home workers, interns, self-employed persons,
 637 sub-contractors, and volunteers. See [Guidance to 2-8-a in GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021](#) for more
 638 information on workers who are not employees.

639 **Guidance to EP-3-e**

640 Information on contributions to retirement plans and other benefits for employees and non-employee
 641 workers helps to understand how monetary flows for non-wage social benefits are distributed across
 642 the organization's workforce.

643 **Guidance to EP-3-f and EP-3-g**

644 The ratio of total annual variable compensation to total annual fixed compensation measures how
 645 much of an employee or worker's annual total compensation is performance-based (variable) versus
 646 guaranteed (fixed). Fixed compensation covers basic pay and other guaranteed payments while
 647 variable compensation includes bonuses, commissions, stock options, and performance-based
 648 incentives.

649 This information helps to understand how the organization balances performance incentives with the
 650 financial security when structuring the compensation packages of its employees and workers who are
 651 not.

652 **Guidance to EP-3-h-i**

653 Indirect taxes refer to taxes and duties charged on and collected from customers on the sales of
 654 certain products and services. These are paid by the organization to the tax authorities. Monetary
 655 flows distributed as indirect tax forms part of the total monetary flows distributed by the organization to
 656 government, as reported in EP-2-b-iv.

657 **Guidance to EP-3-h-ii**

658 The organization can describe how and when it makes tax payments to the government in the
 659 jurisdiction in which it is operating, as well as whether payments are made quarterly, annually, or in
 660 instalments. The organization can also report any specific tax filing deadlines it adheres to or the
 661 frequency of its tax reporting periods.

662 Requirement EP-3-h-ii is related to [Disclosure 207-1 in GRI 207: Tax 2019](#). If the information reported
 663 by the organization in Disclosure 207-1 describes the timing strategy for settling its tax obligations, the
 664 organization can provide a reference to this information.

665 **Guidance to EP-3-i**

666 Information on the number of shareholders by region shows where ownership is concentrated and
 667 can indicate which regions may benefit from share returns or dividends. For example, a concentration
 668 of shareholders in regions away from the organization's operations may indicate that local
 669 communities are affected without corresponding ownership rights, while higher local or regional
 670 ownership indicates local communities hold a direct stake in the organization's operations.

671 **Guidance to EP-3-j-ii**

672 Financial instruments are used by an organization to obtain capital based on distinct terms, costs, and
 673 implications for ownership, repayment, and risk. They include loans, bonds, and revolving credit.

674 **Guidance to EP-3-k**

675 The organization should report the types of research and development it undertakes, such as basic
 676 research, applied research, or experimental development, and specify the focus areas, including
 677 fields like environmental science, social science, or technology.

678 Reporting the total monetary flows retained for research and development helps understand the
679 amount the organization invests internally in developing new products, processes, or services.
680 Comparing these flows with the organization's other monetary flows, such as monetary flows
681 distributed to suppliers or shareholders, helps to understand how it balances investment in its future
682 capabilities against fulfilling its current financial obligations.
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Disclosure EP-4 Retirement plans and benefits

REQUIREMENTS

The organization shall:

- a. for each employee type reported in GRI 2-7-b, report the following information:
 - i. the types of retirement plans or benefits available;
 - ii. the percentage of employees that are beneficiaries of retirement plans or benefits reported in EP-4-a-i;
 - iii. the percentage of employee salary contributed by the organization to the retirement plans or benefits reported in EP-4-a-i;
 - iv. the percentage of employee salary contributed by employees to the retirement plans or benefits reported in EP-4-a-i ;
- b. for each type of retirement plan and benefit reported in EP-4-a-i, report:
 - i. the estimated total monetary value of the retirement plan or benefit's liabilities,
 - ii. whether those liabilities are met by the organization's general assets and cash flows, a separate investment fund, or a combination of both;
- c. for each type of retirement plan and benefit reported in EP-4-a-i, where a separate investment fund exists, report:
 - i. the investment fund type;
 - ii. the percentage of the total monetary value of the retirement plan or benefits' liabilities covered by the fund;
 - iii. the criteria used to select separate investment funds;
- d. when the organization's general assets and cash flows and the separate investment funds set up to pay a retirement plan or benefit's liabilities do not fully cover the liabilities, report:
 - i. the strategy adopted by the organization to work towards full coverage;
 - ii. the timeframe by which it aims to achieve full coverage;
- e. describe the training and education on retirement plans provided to employees;
- f. report contextual information necessary to understand how the data has been compiled, including standards, methodologies, and assumptions used, including:
 - i. where the data reported does not reconcile with the audited consolidated financial statements, or the financial information filed on public record, an explanation for this difference.

GUIDANCE

Retirement plans and benefits are important in ensuring employees' long-term financial security and well-being. For organizations, maintaining a well-funded retirement plan supports employees' future needs, enhances employee retention, and helps the organization achieve its long-term financial and strategic goals.

Guidance to EP-4-a

Organizations may offer different retirement plans and benefits based on the type of employee. Employee type refers to the different types of employees reported under [requirement 2-7-b in GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021](#): permanent employees, temporary employees, non-guaranteed hours employees, full-time employees, and part-time employees.

Guidance to EP-4-a-i

Examples of types of retirement plans includes a defined contribution (DC) occupational pension plan and a defined benefit (DB) occupational pension plan. A DC plan refers to a pension plan under which the organization pays fixed contributions into a separate entity (a fund) and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. A defined benefit

occupational pension plan refers to occupational pension plans other than defined contributions plans and where organization would guarantee eligible employees a fixed annual pension after retirement using a formula based on salary and years of service, and which does not depend on the performance of the plan's investments. DB plans can be classified into one of three main types, traditional, mixed and hybrid plans. For further information on the differences among DB plans, see OECD's *Private pensions: OECD classification and glossary* [3].

Retirement benefits include any financial support provided to employees in anticipation of, or after retirement, regardless of whether they are part of a formal plan. For example, an organization may make a one-time or regular payments which represent retirement-related contributions without establishing a structured or regulated retirement plan.

When reporting the types of plans, the organization can also describe any differences in the types of plans made available to employees across jurisdictions.

If no retirement plans are made available to employees, the organization should explain why.

See references [1], [3], [14], [15], [17] and [21] in the Bibliography.

Guidance to EP-4-a-ii

The percentage of employees that are beneficiaries of a retirement plan or retirement benefits is calculated as the proportion of employees within each employee type who receive contributions to a retirement plan or retirement-related benefits from the organization. For example, if the organization has 50 employees in total, including 25 permanent employees, and 20 of those permanent employees receive such contributions or benefits, the enrolment rate for permanent employees is 80% (20 out of 25).

The organization should provide an explanation if there are disparities in enrollment particularly in cases where retirement plans are voluntary. For example, a disparity is observed if 90% of permanent employees are enrolled in a retirement plan while only 10% of temporary are enrolled. In addition, the organization should report any actions it has implemented or plans it has developed to address the disparities.

Guidance to EP-4-a-iii

An organization's contribution refers to the amount it pays into an employee's retirement plan or towards retirement benefits. For example, an organization may agree to contribute the equivalent of 5% of the salary of permanent employees towards a specific retirement plan or benefit.

If the organization applies uniform retirement plan and benefit contribution rates for different employee types, a brief statement of this fact, along with the contribution rate is sufficient to comply with the requirement.

Guidance to EP-4-a-iv

Employee contribution is the portion of an employee's salary that is deducted and deposited into the retirement plan or retirement benefit. For example, permanent employees may also agree to contribute 5% of their salary towards a specific type of retirement plan or benefit.

If the organization applies uniform retirement plan and benefit contribution rates for different employee types, a brief statement of this fact, along with the contribution rate is sufficient to comply with the requirement.

Guidance to EP-4-b-i

The organization can use the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) IAS 19 [9] to estimate the total monetary value of each retirement plan or benefit's liabilities.

See references [9] in the Bibliography.

Guidance to EP-4-c-i

Investment fund type refers to both the structure and investment strategy of the fund. Common structures include mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), and endowment funds. Within these

779 structures, funds may follow various investment strategies or objectives—such as active or passive
780 management, target-date allocation, sustainability-focused mandates, income generation, capital
781 growth, or capital preservation.

782 **Guidance to EP-4-c-ii**

783 The following example illustrates how to calculate and present the funding level of a retirement plan or
784 benefit with a separate investment fund: if the retirement liabilities for the organization's retirement
785 'Plan A' total USD 10 million, and the fund has \$8 million in assets, the organization should disclose
786 that the liabilities are 80% funded.

787 **Guidance to EP-4-c-iii**

788 Examples of criteria used to select retirement investment funds include financial performance, risk
789 tolerance, employee input, and alignment with the organization's sustainability goals.

790 **Guidance to EP-4-d-i**

791 The strategy can include additional employee or organizational contributions, changes to its
792 investment strategy, revising actuarial assumptions, and cost reductions.

793 **Guidance to EP-4-d-ii**

794 Full coverage of retirement plan and benefits liabilities is achieved when the organization's general
795 and cash flows or the investment fund assets meet or exceed retirement plan and benefits liabilities.

796 **Guidance to EP-4-e**

797 The organization should report whether training and education are available for all types of retirement
798 plans and benefits, and if not, explain why. The organization should also report whether employee
799 training and education are mandatory or voluntary. Additionally, the organization should report the
800 source of information used in the training and education offered to employees, such as the name or
801 provider of standards, guidance, or resources referenced.

802 **Guidance to EP-4-f**

803 If the organization's publicly available audited consolidated financial statements and their
804 accompanying notes, or the financial information filed on public record, include information required
805 by Disclosure EP 4, the organization can provide a reference to this information.

Disclosure EP-5 Government or government-linked financial or in-kind assistance

REQUIREMENTS

The organization shall:

- a. list the government or government-linked third parties that have provided financial or in-kind assistance;
- b. for each entity reported in Ep 5-a, report the monetary value of financial and in-kind assistance received, and a breakdown by:
 - i. country;
 - ii. type of financial or in-kind assistance;
- c. for each type of financial or in-kind assistance received in Ep 5-b-ii, report the terms and conditions and whether they have been met;
- d. for each entity reported in Ep 5-a, report the percentage of total shares owned in the organization;
- e. report how it used the financial or in-kind assistance received;
- f. report contextual information necessary to understand how the data has been compiled, including standards, methodologies, and assumptions used, including:
 - i. how the monetary value of the in-kind assistance was estimated;
 - ii. where the data reported does not reconcile with the audited consolidated financial statements, or the financial information filed on public record, an explanation for this difference.

GUIDANCE

This disclosure provides a measure of the contributions made by governments or government-linked third parties to an organization. If compared with taxes paid, this information can be useful for developing a balanced picture of the transactions between the organization and government or government-linked third parties.

Financial assistance from the government or government-linked third parties refers to direct or indirect financial benefits that do not involve the exchange of products and services, but rather serve as an incentive or compensation for specific actions taken, the cost of an asset, or expenses incurred. The provider of financial assistance does not expect a direct financial return from the assistance offered. In-kind assistance from government or government-linked third parties refers to non-monetary support provided to the organization, including products or services offered directly to beneficiaries without a cash transaction.

Guidance to EP-5-a

The organization can list the department or ministry of the government and the legal name of the government-linked third party which has provided financial or in-kind assistance.

Examples of government-linked third parties are:

- state-owned enterprises (SOEs);
- sovereign wealth funds (SWFs);
- development banks;
- export credit agencies (ECAs).

See reference [11] in the [Bibliography](#).

Guidance to EP-5-b-ii

Examples of types of financial assistance received include:

- tax relief;
- subsidies;
- grants (e.g., investment, research and development, donor funding).

Examples of types of in-kind assistance received include:

- pro-bono work such as advisory services or recommending the organization's work to others;
- free or subsidized utilities (e.g., electricity, water);
- donated equipment or materials;
- access to publicly funded research or data;
- training programs or consultancy services.

Guidance to EP-5-c

Governments or government-linked third parties may attach terms and conditions to the financial or in-kind assistance provided to the organization to ensure that the funds are used effectively, responsibly, and in alignment with public policy objectives. The organization can report the duration of the assistance, performance targets, and any other obligations linked to the financial or in-kind assistance.

If the financial or in-kind assistance received from a government or government-linked third party has no attached terms or conditions, a brief statement of this fact is sufficient to comply with the requirement.

Guidance to EP-5-d

The organization can also describe the nature of government or government-linked third parties' involvement, including whether they have a strategic or financial interest in the organization.

Guidance to EP-5-e

If the organization has not used the financial or in-kind assistance received during the reporting period, it should explain the reason for this.

In cases where the organization distributes the financial assistance to its stakeholders (see EP-2-a), it should report the stakeholder categories that received the assistance and the proportion each category received from the total amount. For example, an organization can report that it received in the reporting period USD 1 million in financial assistance to boost local employment. Of this, 50% has been spent on compensation for existing employees, and 50% has been invested in local training and development institutions to enhance skills that make individuals more employable.

Guidance to EP-5-f-i

Estimation methods include market value comparisons, standard cost assumptions, and expert valuations.

Glossary

This glossary provides definitions for terms used in this Standard. The organization is required to apply these definitions when using the GRI Standards.

The definitions included in this glossary may contain terms that are further defined in the complete [GRI Standards Glossary](#). All defined terms are underlined. If a term is not defined in this glossary or in the complete [GRI Standards Glossary](#), definitions that are commonly used and understood apply.

business partner

entity with which the organization has some form of direct and formal engagement for the purpose of meeting its business objectives

Source: Shift and Mazars LLP, *UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework*, 2015; modified

Examples: affiliates, business-to-business customers, clients, first-tier suppliers, franchisees, joint venture partners, investee companies in which the organization has a shareholding position

Note: Business partners do not include subsidiaries and affiliates that the organization controls.

business relationships

relationships that the organization has with business partners, with entities in its value chain including those beyond the first tier, and with any other entities directly linked to its operations, products, or services

Source: United Nations (UN), *Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework*, 2011; modified

Note: Examples of other entities directly linked to the organization's operations, products, or services are a non-governmental organization with which the organization delivers support to a local community or state security forces that protect the organization's facilities.

employee

individual who is in an employment relationship with the organization according to national law or practice

human rights

rights inherent to all human beings, which include, at a minimum, the rights set out in the *United Nations (UN) International Bill of Human Rights* and the principles concerning fundamental rights set out in the *International Labour Organization (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work*

Source: United Nations (UN), *Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework*, 2011; modified

Note: See [Guidance to 2-23-b-i in GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021](#) for more information on 'human rights'.

impact

effect the organization has or could have on the economy, environment, and people, including on their human rights, which in turn can indicate its contribution (negative or positive) to sustainable development

Note 1: Impacts can be actual or potential, negative or positive, short-term or long-term, intended or unintended, and reversible or irreversible.

Note 2: See [section 2.1 in GRI 1: Foundation 2021](#) for more information on 'impact'.

920 **material topics**

921 topics that represent the organization's most significant impacts on the economy, environment, and
922 people, including impacts on their human rights

Note: See [section 2.2 in GRI 1: Foundation 2021](#) and [section 1 in GRI 3: Material Topics 2021](#) for more information on 'material topics'.

923 **supplier**

924 entity upstream from the organization (i.e., in the organization's supply chain), which provides a
925 product or service that is used in the development of the organization's own products or services

Examples:

brokers, consultants, contractors, distributors, franchisees, home workers, independent contractors, licensees, manufacturers, primary producers, sub-contractors, wholesalers

Note: A supplier can have a direct business relationship with the organization (often referred to as a first-tier supplier) or an indirect business relationship.

927 **supply chain**

928 range of activities carried out by entities upstream from the organization, which provide products or
929 services that are used in the development of the organization's own products or services

930 **sustainable development / sustainability**

931 development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future
932 generations to meet their own needs

Source: World Commission on Environment and Development, *Our Common Future*, 1987

Note: The terms 'sustainability' and 'sustainable development' are used interchangeably in the GRI Standards.

934 **value chain**

935 range of activities carried out by the organization, and by entities upstream and downstream from the
936 organization, to bring the organization's products or services from their conception to their end use

Note 1: Entities upstream from the organization (e.g., suppliers) provide products or services that are used in the development of the organization's own products or services. Entities downstream from the organization (e.g., distributors, customers) receive products or services from the organization.

Note 2: The value chain includes the supply chain.

938 **worker**

939 person that performs work for the organization

Examples: employees, agency workers, apprentices, contractors, home workers, interns, self-employed persons, sub-contractors, volunteers, and persons working for organizations other than the reporting organization, such as for suppliers

Note: In the GRI Standards, in some cases, it is specified whether a particular subset of workers is required to be used.

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Appendix

Table 1. Example template for presenting information related to an organization's monetary flows for Disclosure EP-2

Table 1 offers an example of how to present information related to an organization's monetary flows generated and distributed for Disclosure EP-2.

		Total
Total monetary flows generated on an accrual basis (EP-2-a)	Revenue (Ep-2-a-i)	
	Less: Operating inputs (Ep-2-a-ii)	
	Total monetary flows generated (Ep-2-a)	
Total monetary flows distributed on an accrual basis (EP-2-b)	Employees and workers who are not employees (EP-2-b-i)	
	Environmental protection (EP-2-b-ii)	
	External providers of financial capital (EP-2-b-iii)	
	Governments (EP-2-b-iv)	
	Local communities (EP-2-b-v)	
	Shareholders (EP-2-b-vi)	
	Monetary flows retained by the organization (EP-2-b-vii)	
	Total monetary flows distributed on an accrual basis (EP-2-b)	

988 **Table 2. Example template for presenting information related to an**
989 **organization's monetary flows to its employees and workers who**
990 **are not employees for Disclosure EP-3-c and EP-3-d**

		Monetary flows distributed to employees (EP-3-c)	Ratio of total annual variable compensation relative to the total annual fixed compensation (EP-3-f)	Monetary flows distributed as contributions to retirement plans and benefits (EP-3-e)
Total				
Employee type (EP-3-c-i)	Employee type 1 [insert type]			N.A.
	Employee type 2 [insert type]			
Employee category (EP-3-c-ii)	Employee category 1 [insert type]		N.A.	
	Employee category 2 [insert type]			
Gender (EP-3-c-iii)	Gender 1 [insert type]			
	Gender 2 [insert type]			
Age group (EP-3-c-iv)	Age group 1 [insert type]			
	Age group 2 [insert type]			
Region (EP-3-c-v)	Region 1 [insert type]			
	Region 2 [insert type]			
		Monetary flows distributed to workers who are not	Ratio of total annual variable compensation relative to the total annual fixed	Monetary flows distributed as contributions to retirement plans and benefits (EP-3-e)

		employees (EP-3-d)	compensation (EP-3-g)	
Total				
Type of worker (EP-3-d-i)	Worker type 1 [insert type]			N.A.
	Worker type 2 [insert type]			
Gender (EP-3-d-ii)	Gender 1 [insert type]		N.A.	
	Gender 2 [insert type]			
Age group (EP-3-d-iii)	Age group 1 [insert type]			
	Age group 2 [insert type]			
Region (EP-3-d-iv)	Region 1 [insert type]			
	Region 2 [insert type]			

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Table 3. Example template for presenting information related to an organization's retirement plans and benefit for Disclosure EP-4-a

Employee type 1 (EP-4-a)		Percentage of employees who are beneficiaries of retirement plans or benefits (EP-4-a-ii)	Percentage of employee salary contributed by organization to retirement plans or benefits (EP-4-a-iii)	Percentage of employee salary contributed by employees to retirement plans or benefits (EP-4-a-iv)
Type of retirement plan or benefit (EP-4-a-i)	Retirement plan or benefit type 1 [insert type]			
	Retirement plan or benefit type 2 [insert type]			

Employee type 2 (EP-4-a)		Percentage of employees who are beneficiaries of retirement plans or benefits (EP-4-a-ii)	Percentage of employee salary contributed by organization to retirement plans or benefits (EP-4-a-iii)	Percentage of employee salary contributed by employees to retirement plans or benefits (EP-4-a-iv)
Type of retirement plan or benefit (EP-4-a-i)	Retirement plan or benefit type 1 [insert type]			
	Retirement plan or benefit type 2 [insert type]			