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SCOA COMMUNICATION: CAPTURING OF PROJECT SEGMENT CODE STRUCTURE USING CORRECT PROJECT CATEGORY TYPES

Purpose

1. The purpose of this communication is to inform departments of the correct project category types to be used when creating posting level items in the Project segment.

Background

2. System Controllers are responsible for maintaining the SCOA Structure of a Department, which includes the creation and activation of posting level items. This is a critical function, as the code structure drives the allocation of budgets and transactions in the system, and if incorrect codes are created and activated, it results in misclassification.
3. The SCOA Committee has identified a number of instances where departments have activated the incorrect project category type, resulting in inappropriate posting level items being provided in the Item segment for purposes of recording transactions. This note provides guidance on the appropriate project category types to be used when creating projects in the Project segment.

Overview of the Project Category Type

4. The purpose of the project category type is to provide the link between the posting level items in the Project segment and those in the Item segment of the chart. In other words, the project category type effectively provides the rules that guide the links between the Project and Item segments.
5. The Project segment in BAS is structured such that it is directly linked to the Economic Reporting Format (i.e. economic classification in the budget) and it drives the economic classification within the financial system. When a specific project is selected, it is critically important that the appropriate posting level items in the Item segment is used when a department transacts, in order to ensure correct classification.
6. The project category type in the financial system ensures that the correct items in the Item segment is linked to the correct posting level projects in the Project segment, so

ensuring correct classification and the elimination of inconsistencies. This link is pre-set in the systems environment, and when a project category type is identified with a project, a set of posting level items are provided in the Item segment that is linked to such category.

7. Should a department select an inappropriate project category type (*fig. 1*), it results in incorrect posting level items in the Item segment being linked to the project. In many instances if an inappropriate project category type is selected, it will result in either no posting level items or completely inappropriate posting level items in the Item segment being available for posting transactions. Should this happen, a department will have to re-create the project on the system, as there is no central data fix that can correct such errors.

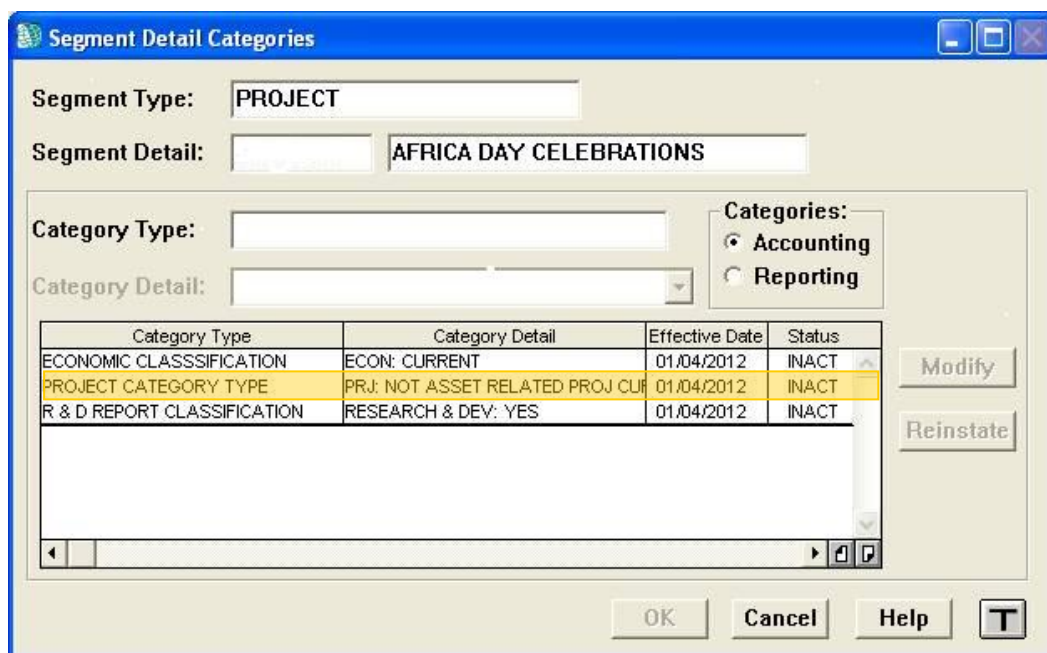


Fig 1

The Project Category Type Structure on BAS

8. To assist departments in selecting the appropriate project category type, the SCOA Committee has compiled the attached table that links the non-posting levels in the Project segment with the appropriate project category type. When posting level projects are created in the Project segment, the department must ensure that the correct category type related to the non-posting level associated with that project is selected, in order to ensure that the appropriate posting level items will be available within the Item segment.
9. In addition to the information provided in this note, System Controllers are referred to the BAS System Controllers training manual for further practical clarity on the functioning of the project category type.

SCOA Technical Committee

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ANNEXURE A - PROJECT CATEGORY TYPES

PROJECT CATEGORY TYPES	PROJECT SEGMENT - SCOA CHART	BAS SEGMENT NUMBER - CHART	ITEM	FUND
PRJ: STAND ALONE CAP	NO PROJ S/ALONE CAPITAL	102	ITEM: CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: STAND ALONE CUR	NO PROJ S/ALONE CURRENT	103	ITEM: CUR EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OWN ACCOUNT CAP	UPGRADE & ADDITIONS CAPITAL	98	ITEM: OWN ACCOUNT CUR/CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OWN ACCOUNT CAP	REFURB & REHAB CAPITAL	100	ITEM: OWN ACCOUNT CUR/CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OWN ACCOUNT CAP	PRJ:NEW INFRASTRUC ASSETS(CAP)	80	ITEM: OWN ACCOUNT CUR/CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OWN ACCOUNT CAP	N/INFR/ASS REL:UPGRADE&ADD CAP	70	ITEM: OWN ACCOUNT CUR/CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OWN ACCOUNT CAP	N/INFR/ASS REL:REFURB&REHAB CAP	71	ITEM: OWN ACCOUNT CUR/CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OWN ACCOUNT CUR	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR CURRENT	96	ITEM: OWN ACCOUNT CUR/CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OWN ACCOUNT CUR	N/INFR/ASS REL:PRJ CUR	73	ITEM: OWN ACCOUNT CUR/CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OWN ACCOUNT CUR	N/INFR/ASS REL:MAINT&REP PRJ CUR	74	ITEM: OWN ACCOUNT CUR/CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OUTSORCED CUR	OUTS MAINTENANCE&REPAIR CURRENT	97	ITEM: OUTSORCED CUR EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OUTSORCED CUR	OUTS N/INF/A REL:MNT&REP PRJ CUR	90	ITEM: OUTSORCED CUR EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OUTSORCED CAP	OUTS UPGRADE & ADDITIONS CAPITAL	99	ITEM: OUTSORCED CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OUTSORCED CAP	OUTS REFURB & REHAB CAPITAL	101	ITEM: OUTSORCED CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OUTSORCED CAP	OUTS PRJ:NEW INFRASTR ASSTS(CAP)	89	ITEM: OUTSORCED CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OUTSORCED CAP	OUTS N/INFR/A REL:UPGRAD&ADD CAP	91	ITEM: OUTSORCED CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: OUTSORCED CAP	OUTS N/INFR/ASS REL:REF&REH CAP	92	ITEM: OUTSORCED CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: NEW ASSET PROJECT CAP	NEW INFSTRUC:NO PROJECT LISTED	115	ITEM: CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: STAND ALONE TRANSFER CAP	NO PROJ S/ALONE TRNSF EXP CAP	104	ITEM: TRANSFER EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: STAND ALONE TRANSFER CUR	NO PROJ S/ALONE TRNSF EXP CUR	105	ITEM: TRANSFER EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ:N/ASS REL:TRANSFER PRJ CAP	N/INFR/ASS REL:TRANSFER PRJ CAP	72	ITEM: TRANSFER EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ:N/ASS REL:TRANSFER PRJ CUR	N/INFR/ASS REL:TRANSFER PRJ CUR	75	ITEM: TRANSFER EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSFERS CAP	INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSFERS CAPITAL	77	ITEM: TRANSFER EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSFERS CUR	INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSFERS CURRENT	78	ITEM: TRANSFER EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: S/ALONE INT CHARGES CAP	NO PROJ S/ALONE INTERN CHRGS CAP	112	ITEM: STAND ALONE CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: S/ALONE INT CHARGES CUR	NO PROJ S/ALONE INTERN CHRGS CUR	111	ITEM: STAND ALONE CUR EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: NON INFRA PROJECT CURRENT	NON INFRA PROJECT CURRENT	108	ITEM: STAND ALONE CUR EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: NON INFRA PROJECT CAPITAL	NON INFRA PROJECT CAPITAL	109	ITEM: STAND ALONE CAP EXP	FUND: EXPENDITURE
PRJ: STAND ALONE DIR EXCHEQ EXP	NO PROJ S/A DIR CHRQ REV FND EXP	113	ITEM: DIRECT EXCHEQ CUR/CAP EXP	FUND:DIRECT EXCHEQ EXPENDITURE
NO PRJ S/A DIR CHRQ R/F TRNF EXP	NO PRJ S/A DIR CRG R/F TRNSF EXP	114	ITEM: TRANSFER EXP	FUND: STATUTORY EXPENDITURE