



SECTOR LABELS Job Aid

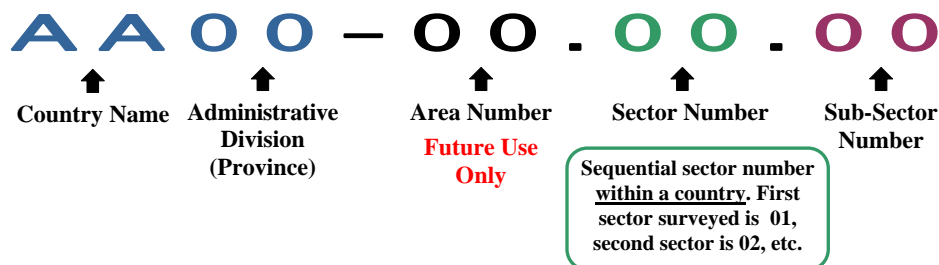
The Operation *ACCESS!* system of sector labeling utilizes U.S. government FIPS codes and builds upon them. This allows us to quickly link a sector with a country, administrative division (province), and any future sub-sectors, should the need arise to further subdivide a sector in later research.

A sector may be a geographic area of any size or shape and sector boundaries can overlap. A sector may include a city if it is a departure point for ministering in outlying areas. However, since we are assessing sectors with access barriers, cities typically would not qualify for a survey.

Once you and your survey respondent have defined a sector, its boundaries and label will not be altered so that change may be monitored over time, regardless of what may happen to formal geographic boundaries or to the agencies working in that sector.

What Is A Sector Label?

A sector label is an alphanumeric identifier that is exclusive and permanent to a sector. It consists of a two-letter country identifier (FIPS code) followed by a two-digit identifier for one of its principal administrative divisions (provinces). The next sets of double-digit numbers link a specific sector to a province and, as needed, to future sub-sectors.



- The first two letters identify the COUNTRY and the two subsequent numbers identify the principal ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION or PROVINCE where the sector is located.
- The two numbers following the country/province code identify the general AREA where several sectors are located. **This number will remain 00** until Operation *ACCESS!* administration assigns an area number.
- The next two numbers in the sequence identify a SECTOR within that country.
- The final set of numbers can identify a SUB-SECTOR within a sector, if needed. Operation *ACCESS!* administration assigns sub-sector numbers as appropriate.

Example:

