How are Projects Linked to Data Tables?

When a data table is 'linked' to a project, it appears in the data table dropdown menu for a project's reporting period. This allows the project — and especially the project's partners — to report information in the data table.

Data structure

- Data tables are *explicitly* linked to indicators;
- Indicators are *explicitly* linked to projects;
- Thus, data tables are *implicitly* linked to projects.

How to link projects to data tables

There are three ways to link projects to data tables:

1. The project is referenced in a 'project' type column of the table, or
2. The data table is linked to an indicator that is linked to the project, or
3. The data table has a project column, but is not linked to any indicators.

> **Note**: While any of the three conditions above will link a data table to a project, in order for a data table indicator to populate data for a given project, the project must be explicitly linked to the indicator as well.

It is also worth noting that if any data table present has no project column, it will appear in all project reporting periods; it is considered project-agnostic, and therefore will be available to all projects and partners (unless its partner access has been restricted).

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