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FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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– [Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures](#)

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1| General Guidelines

1.1 | Applicability

- 1.1.1 | This form is to be completed for projects (project activities/PoAs/VPAs) seeking deviation or is/are at a risk of deviating from any [applicable requirements](#), GS4GG-specific requirements listed in the applicable [Methodologies](#) or any other deviations occurring in any of the various aspects of the project.
- 1.1.2 | Refer to the latest version of [Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures](#) for detailed information on the procedures and requirements.
- 1.1.3 | This form can be used in the following instances i.e.,
 - a. Deviation from GS4GG requirements and/or applicable methodologies prior to submission for certification with GS4GG.
 - b. Temporary changes to a certified project - which include changes from the registered monitoring plan, the applied methodologies or other standard documents - that are expected **not** to occur beyond a given monitoring period.
- 1.1.4 | For any permanent changes to a design certified project, the requirements set in [Design Change Approval Requirements and Procedures](#) shall be followed.

2| Submission of deviation form

- 2.1.1 | This form shall be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc) format to Gold Standard at deviations@goldstandard.org
- 2.1.2 | Forms with incomplete/inaccurate information shall not be considered for review and shall be returned to the applicant.

3| Implementation of deviation decision

- 3.1.1 | The decision prescribed in this form shall be considered by the entity applying for deviation for further course of action.

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4| Decision summary

To be completed by Gold Standard

4.1 | General information

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVREQ_135
Date of decision	21/07/2025
Decision	Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] ☒ Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

Conditionally Approved

4.2.2 | Directions for the project developer/CME, if applicable

The CME shall note that cross VPA sampling is not allowed for large scale PoA, however for VPA 01 and VPA 04, the same shall be allowed for the monitoring period covered in this deviation (MP: 01/01/2025 - 31/12/2015). For the rest of the Monitoring periods, guidance as per p.4.4.3 of TPDDTEC 4.0 shall be followed.

The project developer shall note that this decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the developer. The PD shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision.

4.2.3 | Directions for the Validation and Verification Body (VVB), if applicable

N/A

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

N/A

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	☐ Yes ☒ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	☐ Yes ☒ No

¹ If this is marked yes, this means that any other project (PoA/VPA/PA) in similar situation may apply the decision of this deviation to their project as well. The project developer/VVB may quote this deviation decision in the relevant certification documents. This is relevant to only the projects which have already entered the certification cycle with GS4GG.

² If this is marked yes, it means the decision is valid to all the future projects which will enter the certification cycle with the similar situation. This is relevant to all the projects which are not yet design certified with GS4GG or have not submitted their documents for preliminary review yet.

Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)

NA

5| Deviation Request Details

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation - (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

5.1 | Submitted by

- ☒ Project developer
☒ CME
☐ VVB
☐ Other (specify...)

5.2 | Details of the entity and its representative submitting the form

Item	Information
Name ³ :	Esther Adams
Email ID ⁴ :	eadams@proyectomirador.org
Organisation: ⁵ :	Proyecto Mirador Foundation
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	☒ Yes ☐ No

5.3 | Background information

Type	☐ Project activity	☐ PoA GSXXXX	☒ VPA
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS 12798
Host country(ies)	Honduras		
Project Title	Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution of Improved Cookstoves in Latin America – Fourth VPA for Distribution of Dos por Tres Cookstoves in Honduras		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4930		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding	☐ Listed	☒ Certified design	☐ Certified project ☐ Other

³ Name of the individual representing the entity requesting the deviation

⁴ Email ID for further correspondence related to the deviation request

⁵ The name of the entity requesting the deviation

date of latest status				<i>If other, specify here</i>
	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	02/01/2025	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG ☐ Previous version of Gold Standard			
	Version no.			
	☐ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2	☐ 2.2
Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	
	From another standard to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	
	Name of another standard	☐ CDM ☐ Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here		
Applicable activity requirement	☐ Renewable Energy Activity Requirements ☒ Community Services Activity Requirements ☐ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements ☐ Other <i>Insert name here</i>			

5.4 | Project deviation history

Is there any deviation request(s) for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s) that was submitted to GS previously? If yes, below information.			☒ Yes ☐ No
Reference number	DEV_734 - Dev_734 requested a Cross-VPA sampling for the monitoring period from 01/05/2024 to 31/12/2024. This deviation was approved by Gold Standard on 22/07/2024. - For the next monitoring period from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 (for which this deviation seeks approval), the PD requested guidance to Gold Standard on how to proceed, and the indication was to submit another temporary deviation.		
Status of the deviation	☒ Approved	☐ Rejected	☐ Under review
Were there any findings (CL, CAR, FAR) raised during any certification step (preliminary review, design and/or performance review etc.) that are relevant to this deviation request?	☐ Yes ☒ No Summary of the findings N/A		

6| Deviation detail

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

6.1 | Standard document reference

Standard document reference	Title	REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM COOKING AND HEATING: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC)
	Version	4.0
	Paragraph	4.4.3

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Cross-VPA sampling	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	☒ Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	☐ Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)
	This deviation is requested for the VPA GS12798 and its monitoring period from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025. Please note that the PD will need to request another deviation for the monitoring periods occurring from 2026 to 2030. This will be requested in a different deviation as per the guidance provided by Vikash Talyan, Senior Director, Standard Development & Innovation at Gold Standard.	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/01/2025
	End date	31/12/2025
Summarise the changes	Proyecto Mirador began building stoves in 2004 under a stand-alone PDD limited to Honduras. In 2014 the project in Honduras was upgraded to a PoA, GS 1988, with the original Honduras project included as the first VPA, GS 2758. During subsequent years the first VPA has continued the same project activity under a Gold Standard PoA utilizing the Reduced Emissions from Cooking and Heating: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC) methodology. Proyecto Mirador's PoA, GS 1988 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution Of Improved Cookstoves In Latin America, is large-scale and composed of the following VPAs: • VPA01, GS2758 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution of Improved Cookstoves in Latin America: First VPA for Distribution of Dos por Tres Cookstoves in Honduras.	

- VPA02, GS 10457 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution of Improved Cookstoves in Latin America – Second VPA for Distribution of Dos por Tres Cookstoves in Guatemala.
- VPA03, GS 10458 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution Of Improved Cookstoves In Latin America – Third Vpa For Distribution Of Dos Por Tres Cookstoves In Nicaragua. (No longer pursued).
- **VPA04, GS12798 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution of Improved Cookstoves in Latin America – Fourth VPA for Distribution of Dos por Tres Cookstoves in Honduras.**

This deviation is requested for VPA04 GS 12798, and addresses the following Gold Standard Methodology requirement:

Methodology REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM COOKING AND HEATING: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC), Version 4.0, which states in its paragraph 4.4.3:

Cross-VPA sampling is not allowed across groups larger than 10 VPAs, and cross-VPA sampling is not allowed for large scale PoAs. The requirements described here apply both when sampling is applied to a single VPA and to permissible cross-VPA sampling.

As Proyecto Mirador is a large scale PoA, the deviation request is to allow cross-VPA sampling of VPA04 GS 12798 with VPA01 GS 2758 for two age groups (0-1 and 1-2) for the monitoring period of 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 to prevent doubling the effort to carry out the monitoring program and on-site verification when the values from a specific age group are representative for both VPAs. This cross-VPA sampling deviation is requested for:

- Project Surveys
- Kitchen Performance Tests (KPTs)
- Verification Surveys

Stoves installed up to 30 April 2024 will be credited under VPA01, with residual ERs on those stoves collected under VPA01 until expiration of the 3rd Crediting Period on 30 April 2030. All stoves installed from 1 May 2024 forward will be credited under VPA04. As the stoves age, these VPAs will share two age groups for each monitoring period from 2024 to 2030. Without this deviation requested for the monitoring period of 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025, there will be a need to perform duplicated project surveys, KPTs, and verification surveys for the same age groups from different VPAs that

share the same characteristics. Please refer to the image below.

VPA01 HONDURAS 3rd Crediting Period (01/05/2023 to 30/04/2030) 7 years								
VPA04 HONDURAS 1st Crediting Period (01/05/2024 to 30/04/2029) 5 years								
VPA04 HONDURAS 2nd Crediting Period (01/05/2030 to 30/04/2035) 5 years								
Monitoring Period	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Shared age groups	Age 0-1	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6	

Reason for deviation

VPA04 GS 12798 interacts with VPA01 GS 2758 as these will run in parallel from 01/05/2024 to 30/04/2030.

VPA01 HONDURAS 3rd Crediting Period (01/05/2023 to 30/04/2030) 7 years								
VPA04 HONDURAS 1st Crediting Period (01/05/2024 to 30/04/2029) 5 years								
VPA04 HONDURAS 2nd Crediting Period (01/05/2030 to 30/04/2035) 5 years								
2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031

VPA01 GS 2758 and VPA04 GS 12798 share the following attributes:

<i>Boundary</i>	Honduras
<i>Methodology and version</i>	REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM COOKING AND HEATING: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC). Version 4.0
<i>ICS Technology</i>	Dos por Tres (2x3) plancha-style improved cookstove. (Proyecto Mirador 2x3 stoves have been found in use and in good working condition after 10 years. However, as a conservative measure, all stoves are eliminated from the emission reduction calculations after Year 6.)
<i>Implementation</i>	Implemented by Proyecto Mirador (same team, same management, same office, same expertise, same processes, and same dMRV database).
<i>Claimed SDGs</i>	13 Climate Action 1 No Poverty 3 Good Health and Well-Being 4 Quality Education 5 Gender Equality 7 Affordable and Clean Energy 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth 15 Life on Land

Without this deviation requested for the monitoring period of 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025, there will be a need to perform duplicated project surveys, KPTs, and verification surveys for the same age groups from different VPAs that share the same characteristics.

This would also further increase the costs and time invested in the monitoring program (planning, supervisory visits, surveys, and kitchen performance tests). To exemplify, the tables below summarize the effort to collect the project surveys and carry out the on-site verification of the 2023 monitoring period for the six age groups of VPA01 GS 2758. As shown below, the average mileage traveled by the supervisors per project survey was 40.31, with a total of 19,751 miles traveled. For the on-site verification, the average mileage traveled per survey was 44.09, with a total of 4,100 miles traveled.⁶ It is important to note that this summary does not account for the supervisory visits and Kitchen Performance Tests (KPTs) that were also performed during the 2023 monitoring period (and are performed annually) which also require high levels of effort, costs, and time investment. Separate sampling for each VPA means doubling the burden for monitoring and verification, whereas the target population, project management, operational regime and construction methodology are identical for both VPAs.

Preparation and Coordination of routes to carry out project surveys			
	Quantity	Days of work in the office	Total hours worked
☺	4	4	128

Office team travel to leave supervisors in the field					
	Quantity	Displacement 1 (Mileage)	Displacement 2 (Mileage)	Displacement 3 (Mileage)	Total Mileage
Vehicles	3	318	403	314	1,035

Team of Field Supervisors				
Age groups	Number of Supervisors	Total Project Surveys	Total Mileage	Mileage per survey
4-5 and 5-6	11	164	5,161	31.47
2-3 and 3-4	10	158	6,600	41.77
0-1 and 1-2	10	168	7,990	47.56
Totals	31	490	19,751	40.31

Office team travel for Verification				
	People per team	Total surveys	Distance (Mileage)	Total Mileage
Team 1	4	93	2,000	4,100
Team 2	4		2,100	
				44.09

⁶ Details can be found in the shared Excel file titled " VPA01 GS 2758 Honduras - Project Surveys 2023 rev.1 (English)". Additionally, the maps of the routes completed by in field supervisors performing the Project Surveys are provided as evidence.

	It is important to note that as both VPA01 (GS 2758) and VPA04 (GS 12798) are both implemented by Proyecto Mirador (same team, same management, same office, same expertise, same processes, same project area and same dMRV system), and Proyecto Mirador shall report the same data for employee questionnaires, training data, stakeholder comments, double counting, and traveled distances, among others.						
Proposed resolution	Project Surveys, Kitchen Performance Tests (KPTs), and Verification Surveys will maintain accuracy, completeness, and conservativeness. As in previous monitoring periods, these will not lead to overestimation of emission reductions and thus are conservative. The objective of this deviation is to prevent doubling the effort to carry out the monitoring program and the on-site verification for two stove age groups (0-1 and 1-2) during 2025 when the values from the project surveys, KPTs, and verification surveys for the same age groups from different VPAs share the same characteristics and are representative for both VPAs. No impact envisaged on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project.						
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	Select the relevant area: ☐ Project design ☐ Local stakeholder consultation ☐ Safeguarding principles ☐ SDG assessment ☐ Regulatory compliance ☐ Additionality ☐ Applicability of methodology ☐ Annual emission reduction volume (<i>if yes, fill the table below</i>) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th>Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td><td>XYZ tCO₂e</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> ☐ any other matrix, please specify...	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e		
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XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e						
Summary of the impact	Describe the impact of the deviation on each relevant aspect of the project as selected above. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.						

There is no potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project.

6.3 | VVB information

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required? <i>VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.</i>	Yes ☐ No ☒ <i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i>
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6.4 | VVB's assessment

The below information is to be completed by VVB, if applicable.

VVB's assessment of deviation request	Please confirm the nature of deviation.	
VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request		
VVB recommendation		
VVB details	VVB name:	
	Auditor name(s):	
	Email (s):	

6.5 | Documents:

6.5.1 | List of documents provided (*note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form will be made public on the Gold Standard website. Kindly refrain from including any confidential information in the form.*)

Document 1. VPA01 GS 2758 Honduras - Project Surveys 2023 rev.1 (English).

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT.

Document 2. Maps of the routes completed by in-field supervisors performing the Project Surveys **(CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT):**

- Age groups 0-1 and 1-2
- Age groups 2-3 and 3-4
- Age groups 4-5 and 5-6

DOCUMENT HISTORY

VERSION NUMBER	RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION
6.0	12.11.2024	Editorial and structural changes to the template
5.0	11.04.2022	Additional information added: - date of listing, design certification, transition - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved - Guidance on VVB opinion
4.0	14.01.2021	Editorial changes
3.0	16.07.2020	Editorial changes
2.0	03.05.2018	Editorial changes
1.0	01.07.2017	Initial adoption