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FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [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	DEVRQ-185
Date of decision	29/07/2025
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

The request for deviation for delayed monitoring surveys is conditionally approved. The CME must consider the non-usage/non-available periods of boreholes as investigated in Q4/2023 in the ER calculation.

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

The CME must clarify the non-bias and independence of their monitoring approach in the monitoring report as the sampling is being conducted randomly.

The CME shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the CME. The CME shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision. The CME shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the project document

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

The VVB shall, through appropriate means at disposal, evaluate that the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide VVB opinion in the verification report.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The review team shall check the information reported by the CME and the VVB for appropriateness, accuracy and consistency.

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
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 :	Manfred Stockmayer
Email ID ⁴ :	ms@likano.eu
Organisation: ⁵	Likano Project Development GmbH
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	GS6189, GS7147, GS7148, GS7149, GS7150, GS7395,

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.

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

		GS7396, GS7397, GS7398, GS7399, GS7400, GS7401
Host country(ies)	Rwanda	
Project Title	GS5047 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme PoA GS5047 VPA21 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project I (GS 6189) GS5047 VPA22 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project II (GS 7147) GS5047 VPA 23 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project III (GS7148) GS5047 VPA24 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project IV (GS 7149) GS5047 VPA25 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project V (GS 7150) GS5047 VPA26 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project VI (GS7395) GS5047 VPA27 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project VII (GS7396) GS5047 VPA28 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project VIII (GS7397) GS5047 VPA29 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project IX (GS7398) GS5047 VPA30 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project X (GS7399) GS5047 VPA31 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project XI (GS7400) GS5047 VPA32 African Improved Cookstoves and Clean Water Programme: Nyagatare Safe Water Project XII (GS7401)	
Registry link	https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1183 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1615 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1616 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1617 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1618 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1607 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1608 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1609 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1610 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1611 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1612 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1613	

Scale	☒ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☐ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>			
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed	☐ Certified design	☒ Certified project	☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	GS6189: 01/01/2019 GS7147: 05/11/2019 GS7148: 05/11/2019 GS7149: 05/11/2019 GS7150: 05/11/2019 GS7395: 09/04/2020 GS7396: 09/04/2020 GS7397: 09/04/2020 GS7398: 09/04/2020 GS7399: 09/04/2020 GS7400: 09/04/2020 GS7401: 09/04/2020	<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		N/A	
	From another standard to GS4GG		N/A	
	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

Insert name here

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	Insert Text here		
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 The Performance Review for the 12 VPAs covered by this Deviation Request raised CAR #1 and CAR #2, requesting PD to apply for a deviation request due to delay in monitoring from the frequency required in the registered monitoring plan.		

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	Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption,
	Version	Version 3.1
	Paragraph	Section C. On-going Monitoring Studies, pages 30ff

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Temporary change to TPDDTEC v3.1 monitoring requirements for the VPAs covered in this deviation request	
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)
	Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/01/2023
	End date	30/06/2024
Summarise the changes	This project's fifth monitoring period (MP5) was between 01/01/2023 and 30/06/2024. In the registered VPA-DD, the monitoring frequency for various parameters is "annually". As this has not been met, PD is deviating from the registered monitoring plan.	

	The following parameters are determined through annual monitoring surveys: • Percentage of people in project surveys in year y confirming waterborne illnesses in the last year ($H_{p,y}$) for SDG 3 • Usage rate ($U_{p,y}$) for SDG 13 • Quantity of safe water supplied in the project scenario ($Q_{p,y}$) for SDG 13 (bi-annual monitoring but was due in this monitoring period) • Quantity of safe water boiled in the project scenario ($Q_{p, \text{cleanboil}, y}$) for SDG 13 • Unsafe water that is still boiled after installation of the safe water technologies ($Q_{p, \text{rawboil}, y}$) for SDG 13 • Leakage ($LE_{p,y}$) All monitoring surveys were carried out in March/April 2024 rather than as planned in December 2023, which is a delay of 4 months (reasons described below in section "reasons for deviation"). In general, surveys being carried out at a later date mean that more time has passed since project start and the technology used in the project is older. As increased project age usually leads to lower benefits for all SDGs, a slight delay in monitoring surveys would lead to more conservative results. A key parameter determined in this MP is $Q_{p,y}$. The Water Consumption Field Test led to a result of 13.78 liters per person and day, however, this value is capped by the methodology at 7.0 liters. The values monitored in previous MPs were in a similar range (11.90 in MP3 and 12.58 in MP1). The usage rate ($U_{p,y}$) determined in MP5 was 90.76% (capped at 90.00%), with similar values determined in MP3 (99.35%, capped at 90.00%) and MP4 (85.50%). For $H_{p,y}$ the value determined in MP5 (1%) matches the value determined in MP3 (1%). Results from MP4 (22%), MP2 (60%) and MP1 (54%) show that this factor can have a high variability. All other parameters monitored ($Q_{p, \text{cleanboil}, y}$, $Q_{p, \text{rawboil}, y}$ and $LE_{p,y}$) had a value of 0 in all MPs. From the analysis above it can be concluded that the monitoring results are conservative and do not lead to increased SDG benefits.
Reason for deviation	PD had planned to carry out the monitoring surveys towards end of 2023. Visits with boreholes in preparation of the monitoring surveys in Q4/23 confirmed that a number of boreholes were broken and immediate repair was necessary. Repair work started in November 2023 and was only finalised in February 2024. Therefore, monitoring was only possible to be carried out in March/April 2024.

	In order to conduct the random sampling, the representation needs to be from the maximum boreholes and hence boreholes need to be in operation. In case any boreholes are not considered in the sampling, in that case, the chosen samples may not be random. Hence due to this reason, PD had to wait until all the boreholes were functioning and subsequently the random sampling and surveys was conducted.						
Proposed resolution	The requested deviation would approve that monitoring surveys for the current Monitoring Period were carried out 4 months later than planned. Still, all other requirements for monitoring, such as sampling requirements, minimum sample size, etc. were considered, confirming accuracy and completeness of the monitoring approach. As analyzed above, the results are likely to be conservative, as key parameters (quantity of safe water, usage rate) were capped and for other parameters same or similar values as in previous monitoring periods were determined. No project technology days were accounted for the time period boreholes were under repair.						
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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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.						
Insert text here							

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.*)

Not applicable

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