

FORM

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-203
Date of decision	04/09/2025
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 deviation request is approved for the Project Developer to conduct the second monitoring survey during the period from Oct – Dec 2025, which is after the monsoon period. The Project Developer shall apply the conservative discount factor as proposed in the ER calculation.

The Project Developer shall establish and implement a process/procedure to ensure that Annual Reports are submitted annually, no later than the end of the year, from 2025 onward.

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

The project developer 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 project developer. The project developer shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision.

The project developer 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 the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide their 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 project developer 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	

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.

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 :	Huseyin Dincer
Email ID ⁴ :	Dincer.huseyin@climatepartner.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	ClimatePartner Impact 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	GS 12103, GS 12155, GS 12156, GS 12157, GS 12158, GS 12160,	GS 12103,	GS 12155, GS 12156, GS 12157, GS 12158, GS 12160,
Host country(ies)	India		
Project Title	GS 12103 Improving Lives Through Efficient Household Devices by ClimatePartner Impact-PoA GS 12155 Improving Lives Through Efficient Household Devices by ClimatePartner Impact VPA-1 GS 12156 Improving Lives Through Efficient Household Devices by ClimatePartner Impact VPA-2 GS 12157 Improving Lives Through Efficient Household Devices by ClimatePartner Impact VPA-3		

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

GS 12158 Improving Lives Through Efficient Household Devices by ClimatePartner
Impact VPA-4

GS 12160 Improving Lives Through Efficient Household Devices by ClimatePartner
Impact VPA-5

Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4099									
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 <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	☐ Certified design <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	☒ Certified project <i>24/10/2023</i>	☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i> <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>						
Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG ☐ Previous version of Gold Standard <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Version no.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 1.0</td> <td>☐ 1.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 1.2</td> <td>☐ 2.2</td> </tr> </table>				Version no.		☐ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2	☐ 2.2
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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	Insert Text here		
Status of the deviation	☐ Approved	☐ Rejected	☐ Under review
	☐ Yes ☐ No		

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?	Summary of the findings <i>Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number</i>
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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	<i>Principles and Requirements</i>
	Version	2.0
	Paragraph	para 4.1.44 (b)

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Temporary Adjustment to Monitoring Frequency											
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	15/04/2023 (VPA1), 7/05/2023 (VPA2), 28/05/2023 (VPA3), 21/07/2023 (VPA4), 23/08/2023										
	End date	31/07/2024 (VPA1), 31/07/2024 (VPA2), 31/10/2024 (VPA3), 31/10/2024 (VPA4), 31/10/2024 (VPA5)										
Summarise the changes	The monitoring period for this cycle exceeded one year, primarily due to delays in conducting the monitoring survey. Although the survey was initially planned to begin on 5 July 2024, the onset of the monsoon season and associated safety concerns for field staff and participants caused unavoidable delays in field implementation. As a result, the frequency requirements for certain parameters were not met or revised. Specifically: <table><tr><td>Usage</td><td>Rate</td><td>of</td><td>Cookstoves</td><td>(UR):</td></tr><tr><td>Required</td><td></td><td>frequency:</td><td></td><td>Annual</td></tr></table> Actual monitoring: Conducted beyond the 12-month period due to survey delays. We acknowledge that the monitoring for this parameter was not completed within the prescribed annual frequency. However, the data collected remains complete, representative, and accurate for the extended monitoring period. Additionally, since the Project Developer had planned to conduct annual credit issuances, the submission of an annual report was not originally scheduled. Due to the aforementioned delay in monitoring activities, the annual report was not submitted during this period either.		Usage	Rate	of	Cookstoves	(UR):	Required		frequency:		Annual
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	We respectfully request a temporary deviation approval from Gold Standard to allow the use of the collected data and values for this monitoring period, acknowledging the exceptional circumstances. We remain committed to maintaining the integrity and accuracy of our monitoring process and will ensure that future surveys and reporting are conducted within the required timelines.						
Reason for deviation	Delay on Usage Survey due to Rain Season and Safety issues						
Proposed resolution	To resolve the delay caused by the monsoon season and ensure data integrity, we propose to finalize the first monitoring survey using the data collected post-monsoon, with full documentation of the adjusted timeline and field conditions. We will transparently report the revised survey dates and any implications for usage rate calculations in the annual report. During the monitoring survey, we applied a discount factor methodology to account for varying usage patterns. Specifically, once users were categorized (e.g., rare user, regular user), we conservatively assumed all users as regular users, and a discount factor of 50% was applied to their usage rate to ensure a cautious and credible estimate. Additionally, we will revise our future monitoring schedule to avoid peak monsoon periods and incorporate contingency planning for weather-related disruptions. This will help ensure timely data collection and reporting in subsequent years while maintaining the robustness of our monitoring framework.						
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	There is no impact on data quality or completeness resulting from the delay, as the project conducts 100% monitoring of cookstove usage. All households have been surveyed, and the data remains representative and robust. The only adjustment required pertains to the monitoring period dates. Should the temporary deviation not be approved, we will revise the reporting period accordingly to align with Gold Standard requirements, without compromising the integrity of the monitoring results.						
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	Temporary deviation was sought and reviewed for change in the monitoring frequency for the parameter Usage rate, which is required to be monitored annually in accordance with the applied methodology—The Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves v3.0—for the current monitoring period of the VPAs (GS12155, GS12156, GS12157, GS12158, and GS12159). The project boundary lies within the state of Meghalaya, India, a region known for receiving some of the highest rainfall in the country. Due to the heavy monsoon conditions during the scheduled survey period, conducting field surveys was deemed unsafe, resulting in a delay in monitoring activities. The first monitoring survey was successfully conducted between May 2024 and July 2024. However, a second monitoring survey could not be conducted after July due to persistent and excessive rainfall in the region from July to September, as this period is considered the monsoon season in Meghalaya. The VVB reviewed the Monsoon 2024: A Report by the Indian Meteorological Department (monsoonreport2024.pdf), and confirmed the constraints outlined therein. VVB has reviewed the requested deviation under the following: - Request was reviewed in line with the Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures v.2.0
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	which states that the change is limited to the current MP. - VVB states that the change in the monitoring frequency applies only to the current monitoring period (MP1). From the next monitoring period, CME will be conducting the monitoring surveys in accordance with the methodology requirements.	
VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request	The VVB has reviewed the following supporting documents: a. Revised Monitoring Report b. Revised Emission Reduction Calculations c. Project survey sheet VVB has assessed the supporting documentation and confirms that the first annual survey for all VPAs was conducted approximately one year after their respective start dates. i.e., towards the end of the monitoring period. This delay is expected to capture any lagging patterns in cooking behavior, thereby contributing to a conservative estimate of emission reductions. It is also important to note that all the 3,000 households for all the VPAs were monitored in the current monitoring period. Additionally, the CME has applied a conservative approach by introducing 50% as discount factor for the parameter SMEC 17 for entire baseline population as based on the samples observed during the VVB audit. As a result, the delay in conducting the monitoring survey has not led to any overestimation of emission reductions and does not adversely affect the integrity of the project activity. This was acceptable to the VVB as per para 4 and para 1.1.1 of the Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures v.2.0 and Design change requirements v 1.1.	
VVB recommendation		
VVB details	VVB name:	Earthood Services Limited
	Auditor name(s):	Team Leader: Sushant Vashisht

		GS Approved Auditor & TA expert 3.1: Sushant Vashisht Verifier: Priyam Bandyopadhyay Trainee Verifier: Dilna Jose, Neharika Chandanani Local Expert: Sushant Vashisht
	Email (s):	operations@earthood.in

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.

Document 2.

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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