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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-362
Date of decision	10/03/2026
Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | **Decision**

4.2.1 | **Decision Summary**

The deviation request for delay of monitoring survey is approved. However, the project developer must ensure that the conservative monitoring survey result will be applied for the period that is missing the annual monitoring survey and the VVB must verify the project developer’s approach and confirm in the verification report.

The project developer could only claim and the VVB could only verify the period of 2 years prior to the VVB site visit date.

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 verifying 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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	

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 :	Alexander Eaton
Email ID ⁴ :	alex@sistema.bio
Organisation: ⁵ :	Sistema.bio, Inc
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5.3 | Background information

Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project activity	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA
GS ID	GS11682 GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	Uganda		
Project Title	Uganda Dairy Biogas Program		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3726		
Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale <input type="checkbox"/> Other, if applicable please specify below Insert text here		
Certification Status and corresponding	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project <input type="checkbox"/> 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>	06/06/2023	26/11/2025	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
Applied version of Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GS4GG <input type="checkbox"/> Previous version of Gold Standard			
	Version no.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1.2	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> CDM <input type="checkbox"/> Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here		
Applicable activity requirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activity Requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	DEVQR-119
Status of the deviation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Summary of the findings <i>Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number</i>

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	Title	PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS and Registered PDD Version 3.2
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document reference	Version	V2.1,V3.1 and PDD V3.2
	Paragraph	para 2.2.1(a) and Section B.7, Usage rate parameter

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	<p>Deviation from GS4GG, Principles and Requirements Version 2.1 (Section 2.2.1(a) - Gold Standard Certified Project status is achieved by successfully undergoing Verification and performance review (Performance Certification), which means:</p> <p>(a) The project has followed a Monitoring Plan approved at the time of Design Certification and has submitted Monitoring Report for Verification.</p> <p>Uganda Dairy Biogas Program PDD Version 3.2 (GS ID - 11682), Section B.7, The usage survey is carried out annually.</p>	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	01/02/2025
	End date	31/12/2025
Summarise the changes	<p>Monitoring Period 1 (MP1) was successfully implemented in full compliance with the approved Monitoring Plan. Monitoring surveys were conducted between 09/11/2024 and 19/01/2025, and the Monitoring Report was prepared and issued accordingly.</p> <p>As per the approved Monitoring Plan, monitoring surveys/Usage surveys are required to be conducted on an annual basis.</p> <p>For Monitoring Period 2 (MP2), the Project Participant (PP) was unable to carry out the monitoring surveys within the originally planned annual timeframe of 09/11/2025 to 19/01/2026. This delay was due to temporary financial constraints within the organization, which limited the availability of resources necessary to implement the surveys according to the prescribed monitoring schedule. It is important to note that this postponement is solely related to funding limitations during the reporting period and does not reflect any deviation from the approved methodology. The Project Participant remains fully committed to adhering to all methodological requirements, and the MP2 surveys will be conducted at the earliest opportunity once sufficient funds are available. This will ensure that the monitoring frequency is restored and maintained in full compliance with the approved monitoring plan.</p>	

	As a result, the project has been temporarily unable to implement the Monitoring Survey for MP2 strictly within the required annual timeline, which constitutes a deviation from GS4GG Principles & Requirements Version 2.1, Paragraph 2.2.1(a).
Reason for deviation	<p>The delay in conducting MP2 monitoring surveys is primarily due to temporary organization financial constraints affecting project operations in Uganda.</p> <p>Monitoring implementation requires substantial logistical and operational resources, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Enumerator deployment across geographically dispersed districts <input type="checkbox"/> Field travel and supervision <input type="checkbox"/> Data collection <p>Due to current financial constraints, the PP has not been able to conduct the MP2 surveys within the scheduled annual monitoring period but we will conduct the surveys as soon as the financial issue is resolved.</p>
Proposed resolution	<p>The Project Participant remains fully committed to completing the MP2 Monitoring Surveys at the earliest possible date once adequate financial resources are available. Upon resolution of the funding constraints, the surveys will be conducted in full accordance with the approved Monitoring Plan and methodology.</p> <p>The PP therefore formally requests temporary exemption for the delay in implementing the Monitoring Survey for MP2 and seeks approval for conducting the survey at the earliest feasible date, ensuring continued compliance with Gold Standard requirements going forward.</p>
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project design <input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles <input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Additionality <input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology <input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume (<i>if yes, fill the table below</i>)

	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th> <th>Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th> </tr> <tr> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> <input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify... </td> </tr> </table>	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e	<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...	
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XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e						
<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...							
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

<p>Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?</p> <p><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></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i></p>
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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.

Document 2.

Document n.

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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