



# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date** – 27/01/2022

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The applied deviation request is approved for the monitoring period of 17/12/2020 to 23/11/2021. However, PD shall:

1. Ensure and demonstrate that GHG emission reductions will not be overestimated as a result of the deviation. Where required, the PD shall apply conservative assumptions and/or discount factors to the calculations to the extent required to ensure conservativeness.
2. Document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above two conditions and provides its opinion in the Verification Report. SustainCert shall review both the PD's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

**1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?**

No

**B. To be completed by the Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB requesting deviation** (Submit deviation request form in Microsoft Word format)

## 2 | **Background information**

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_230	
Date of decision	27/01/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	14/01/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID -
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID -
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GS10873, GS7556, GS10872
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS5658 VPA 12: Improved Cookstoves for Environmental Conservation in Southern Ethiopia GS5658 VPA 29: Improved Cookstoves for Environmental Conservation in Southern Ethiopia GS5658 VPA 30: Improved Cookstoves for Environmental Conservation in Southern Ethiopia	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Ethiopia	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	<a href="https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1839">https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/1839</a> (GS7556) <a href="https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/2182">https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/2182</a> (GS10872) <a href="https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/2183">https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/2183</a> (GS10873)	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Non-conformity of the monitoring plan	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	GS MS Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves v1.	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 17/12/2020	End date 23/11/2021
Submitted by	Contact person name: Martina Margari	
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	Organisation: Carbonsink (Project representative)	

	Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  If yes; VVB name:  Auditor name:

### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

*\*Guidance\* Use the space below to describe the deviation and substantiate the reason for requesting deviation from applicable rules/requirements. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. You are requested to follow the principles for requesting deviations, given in the [Deviation Approval Procedure/ Design Change Requirements](#).*

##### 3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

The annual monitoring survey for the year 2021 can not be completed in line with the registered Monitoring Plan due to the changed security situation in the part of the project area (Liben and Goro Dola woredas are not accessible). According to the applied methodology the annual monitoring survey should be conducted following simple random selection among all the households. After the random selection it turned out that 43 households should be performed in Liben and Goro Dola and the remaining in Dello Meda and Meda Welabu woredas. Therefore, the 43 sample households of the originally made random sample (i.e. project households within the non-secure areas) will be replaced with a new random sample taken within the project households living in the secure areas.

Below a copy of the information received from the VPA implementer (COOPI) regarding the issue on the 8th of November 2021.

Guji zone is affected by security challenges due to the presence of UAG and the offensive by State security forces throughout the zone. There are increasing reports of damage to productive and private assets, civilian casualties (including deaths) and subsequent increased vulnerability due to loss of livelihoods. The armed group “Oromo Liberation Army, OLA “Shane” which was declared a terrorist organization by the Federal Government in May 2021. The affected woredas include; Aga wayu, Gumi Eldelo, Goro Dola, Liben, Seba Boru and Wadera. As described, COOPI continuously monitors access in the area and regularly produces access maps based on security incidents recorded. COOPI is an active member of OCHA Access Group.

3.1.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

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### 3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

*\*Guidance\* Use the space below to describe how the deviation complies with the requirements, and, where applicable, the accuracy, completeness and conservativeness is ensured. Please include all relevant information in support of the request.*

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

#### Requirements, accuracy and completeness

The monitoring plan included in the VPA-DDs (GS7556, GS10872 and GS10873) is following the "GS MS Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves v1" methodology which requires the survey should be conducted following simple random sampling approach. As described above the request is to perform the simple random sampling within two out of four areas. The request will not have any impact on the accuracy and completeness of the survey as:

- the number of families interviewed will remain the same,
- the minimum sample size will be respected,
- the random approach with which families are selected remains the same.

There are no reasons to consider any impact on the conservativeness of the obtained results since that all the four woredas belongs to a homogeneous area.

3.2.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

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### 3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

*\*Guidance\* Use the space below to describe the impact of the deviation on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.*

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

Impact on project design

The proposed deviation does not involve any changes in the Project Design so there will be no impact on this.

Impact on Safeguard Principles Assessment

The projects activities will remain unchanged during all the crediting period, and, also the social, economic and environmental impacts are not influenced. Thus, the proposed deviation is not having any impact on the Safeguard Principles Assessment.

Impact on emissions reductions and SDG assessment

The proposed deviation will have no impact on the quantity of ERs or on the quantity of the SDG impacts. Also there will be no impact on the overestimation of ERs or on the quantity of the other SDG impacts.

Monitoring frequency

There will be no change in the frequency of monitoring.

Data quality and/or potential risks

The monitoring activities will be carried out in line with the applied methodology. The quality of the data will have thus the same attention and accuracy as without the deviation. Hence, the proposed deviation will have no impact on the quality of data and there will be no risk in performing the usage survey in Melo Dela and Meda Welabu.

3.3.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable ):

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**3.4 | Documents:**

*\*Guidance\* List of documents provided (note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form along with supporting documents will be made public on the Gold Standard website. If any of the supporting documents are confidential, please indicate here to ensure they are omitted.)*