

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 27/10/2022

1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation request is approved for the monitoring period of 29/10/2020 to 29/10/2022. The PD shall complete the monitoring as soon as the weather condition allows. However, PD shall:

- I. Conduct the monitoring as per the annual frequency stated in the applied methodology GS Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves version 1.1 in the subsequent verifications
- II. 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.
- III. 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-mentioned 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_316	
Date of decision	27/10/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	30/09/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS1247
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS11212 , GS11213
Project/PoA/VPA title	<p>GS1247 VPA 311 Guatemala Improved Cookstoves Project (GS11212)</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 312 Guatemala Improved Cookstoves Project (GS11213)</p>	
Date of listing	28/01/2022	
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for Global Goals	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	N/A	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Guatemala	
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	<p>VPA 311 Guatemala Improved Cookstoves Project https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/2440</p> <p>VPA 312 Guatemala Improved Cookstoves Project https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/2441</p>	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New	

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project
Title/subject of deviation	Extension of Annual Monitoring due to extreme weather conditions
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	GS Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves version 1.1 "C. Monitoring Studies i. Monitoring shall consist of checking of a representative sample, once every year (annually) to ensure that project cookstoves are still operating by carrying out the usage survey as per the guidelines below."
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 29/10/2020 End date 29/10/2022 (retroactive project)
Submitted by	Contact person name: Maria Jimenez Nanhekhan Email ID: maria.jimenez@co2balance.com Organisation: CO2balance Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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: VVB Staff name(s):
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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):

According to the Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves Version 1.1, the Project Survey and Usage Survey which conform Annual Monitoring, should be conducted annually, meaning they should be conducted before 28/10/2022.

The Project Area in Guatemala is suffering from extreme weather conditions, as September is one of the wettest months of the year. Many roads that lead to the communities have been blocked or closed for safety reasons. More than 20 landslides have been reported, as well as many fallen trees. The roads are also filled with potholes, in which vehicles may get stuck. These conditions do not meet the safeguarding conditions for our workers, as their lives are at risk when trying to undertake the surveys.

Normally the rain starts dying out towards the end of October. We are requesting an extension, that allows to conduct AM when safe, after the rains have stopped. This will likely surpass the annual deadline.

Supporting evidence is being attached, with 2 photos and 1 video. Please also find press links below:

[Clima en Guatemala: No hay paso de Occidente a la capital por un derrumbe en el km 154 de la ruta Interamericana en jurisdicción de Nahualá, Sololá \(prensalibre.com\)](#)

The households in Chimaltenango should be the most accessible, however our team travelled there and found [a landslide had taken out the road](#). They tried another entry road but the road is too saturated with water and the clay rich dirt is too slippery (see video attached). Our vehicle is a 4x4 and we have 2 motorbikes but they still couldn't gain access.

[The disaster reduction department](#) is recording over 300 events with 75 landslides in the last 10 days and San Marcos is one of the most affected departments. [Also nearly all of the places we have to visit are on high alert.](#)

[Paso en ruta a San Martín Jilotepeque está cerrado por un hundimiento \(prensalibre.com\)](#)

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

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

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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):

Gold Standard Safeguarding Principles & Requirements

<https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/103-par-safeguarding-principles-requirements/>

Principle 3 – Community Health, Safety and Working Conditions

“(b) Ensures that projects to provide workers with safe and healthy working conditions and to prevent accidents, injuries, and disease.”

In order to ensure the safety of our team, we cannot conduct Annual Monitoring during extreme weather conditions.

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):

The deviation could potentially extend the duration of Monitoring Period 1, depending on how long the rains last. Emission Reductions will therefore be calculated on a longer period. The deviation is not foreseen to impact the SDG impact, monitoring frequency, safeguarding principles or any other aspect of project implementation. The ultimate purpose of this deviation is meeting safeguarding principles and keeping a high level of data quality.

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

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

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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.)*



Image 1: Pothole in the road



Image 2: Roads blocked by governmental organisations.

A video has been attached by email. Informative links have been provided in Deviation Detail 3.1.1 (above) in this document.

Version number	Release date	Description
5	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	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption