

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 02/12/2022

1.2 | Decision

The requested deviation is approved. The following requirements/recommendations shall be taken into consideration -

Requirements for project developer:

Usage survey -

- a) The remote usage survey shall be done with the primary cook only.
- b) The remote monitoring survey results shall be compared with the usage rate estimated based on previous monitoring events. The expected usage rate for current monitoring period can be estimated based on usage trend observed for each age- group in previous years. The conservativeness of the monitored parameter obtained using remote surveys should be informed by the results of the monitored parameter from the previous monitoring period.

- c) The project must apply the conservative value for usage rate - survey results or expected usage rate based on trends observed in previous years, whichever is lower. If the conservative value for usage rate is higher than 90%, the project can claim maximum up to 90% in line with the Good Practice monitoring requirements of the Cookstove Usage monitoring guidelines.
- d) The sample size for carrying out usage surveys shall be increased from a minimum of 30 per vintage to a minimum of 40 per vintage.

Requirements for VVB:

- a) The VVB shall cross-verify the results by listening to the recorded conversation and/or speaking with randomly selected end-users.
- b) VVB shall ensure the completeness and conservativeness of the monitored parameters at the time of verification and issuance review.
- c) VVB may use alternative means to verify project usage claims and ensure conservativeness; for example, accounting the manufacturer specifications or similar stove specifications on the durability of the stove; project maintenance records etc.

Recommendations (non-binding) –

The project developer should apply the following measures, where reasonably feasible, to substantiate the monitoring results.

- a) The project developer may record video/telephonic conversation with the end-user. The project developer/VVB must take due precautions and must not record any conversation without seeking prior consent from end-user.
- b) Photographic evidence – The project developer may gather photographs of the project stoves/ kitchen, where possible, to collect visual data on the status of the stove. Please refer to Cookstove Usage guidelines for further instruction on the use of photographic evidence for usage assessment.

The validity of deviation:

- a) The usage rate results obtained applying this approach can be used for the current MP.
- b) The monitoring deviation will end 28 calendar days from the declared end date of the COVID 19: Interim Measures.

The Project developer that can re-establish monitoring sooner, may resort to the original registered monitoring approach sooner, clearly recording the date of changing from interim to registered monitoring.

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_329	
Date of decision	02/12/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	11/11/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS447
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Improved Cookstoves for Social Impact in Ugandan Communities (formerly “Efficient Cooking with Ugastoves”)	
Date of listing	26/03/2009	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	12/07/2019	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	Not Applicable	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	26/03/2009 (Date of initial design certification CP1) 24/06/2021 (Date of design certification CP3)	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies): Uganda	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/793	
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	1. Monitoring Requirements: Deviation from registered monitoring plan 2. Alternative Monitoring Approach: Use Remote monitoring approach	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodolog	“Requirements and Guidelines for carrying out usage surveys for projects implementing improved	

y, with exact paragraph reference and version number	cooking devices”, in particular i. Requirement to conduct physical monitoring surveys ii. Requirement to record GPS coordinates of monitored ICS iii. Requirement to capture ICS / kitchen photographs
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date - 01/04/2021 End date - 'End of Interim Measures'
Submitted by	Contact person name: Rohit Lohia Email ID: rohit.lohia@climate-secure.com Organization: Climate Secure 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: VVB Staff name(s):
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> GS deviation request approved by GS ver 2.0 dated 15/07/2020

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

An extension of the previously approved deviation, dated 15/07/2020, is being sought against the registered ex-post monitoring plan for usage surveys. The previously approved deviation request was applicable till 30/06/2020 as it was anticipated that the COVID restriction will ease after that, and the project will be able to restore to the original monitoring plan. However, in the subsequent monitoring period, the travel restrictions in the host country due to further uncontrollable extension of the pandemic situation remained unchanged. Thus, the PP seeks an extension of the previously approved deviation request dated 15/07/2020 till the End of Interim Measures.

The above is also in line with the GS4GG COVID Interim measures which specifies that already approved deviations are deemed automatically extended till the end of the COVID interim measures.

Please note that all the specifics of the alternate measures for monitoring during the COVID-affected period shall remain identical to that previously approved deviation request dated 15/07/2020. The approval of the deviation shall ensure that the project does not miss its VER delivery commitments, which may adversely impact the continued sustainability and operations of the project.

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

Not applicable

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

Accuracy – The proposed approach ensures accuracy as the monitoring survey form used while remote monitoring would be the same as that used in the last MP. The monitoring survey form has various cross-check questions to ensure that correct and accurate answer is extracted from the sampled user.

Completeness – The proposed approach ensures completeness as the survey quality remains the same as the previous MP survey. No significant change is being made to the survey questionnaire thus substantiating the completeness of the survey conducted remotely.

Conservativeness – As mentioned above, the values that will be applied for ER calculations shall be conservative against the previous MP-monitored values. Hence no overestimation of ERs is envisaged due to the deviation being requested.

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

Not applicable.

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

No impact envisaged.

The proposed deviation is not expected to have any negative impact on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk etc.

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

Not applicable

3.4 | Documents:

N/A

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	<p>Additional information added:</p> <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 <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p>
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption