

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – 23/01/2023**

**1.2 | Decision**

The deviation request is not Approved. In addition to this, following needs to be taken into consideration by the project developer:

- i. Since there are gaps in monitoring, the project developer shall justify that conservative approach(es) have been applied in line with section 3 of the [Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures](#) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).
- ii. The project developer shall 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:

- i. assess alternative monitoring approach proposed by the project developer for conservativeness.

- ii. through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide 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	GS_357	
Date of decision	23/01/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	12/12/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS2393
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS2296
Project/PoA/VPA title	PoA Title: Impact Carbon and myclimate Safe Water and Improved Cookstoves Global Programme of Activities VPA Title: Impact Carbon and myclimate Safe Water and Improved Cookstoves Global PoA - Uganda VPA	
Date of listing	28/08/2014	
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)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	03/09/2014	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/319">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/319</a>	
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	Deviation for extension of timeline for conduction WQT	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Requirement for conducting water quality test for GS2393 as per approved deviation dated 15/07/2020:	

	"Project Developer shall carry out a Water Quality Test as per the approved monitoring plan within three months of end of the interim measure validity date or earlier, where possible."
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date: 30 July 2022      End date: Till the resolution of Ebola Crisis.
Submitted by	Contact person name: Rohit Lohia Email ID: <a href="mailto:rohit.lohia@climate-secure.com">rohit.lohia@climate-secure.com</a> Organisation: 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"/> • GS2393 approved deviation dated 15/07/2020 • DEV_312

### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

The project activity involves sale and distribution of water purification technologies in Uganda. The types of technologies included are water purification technologies that use UV light, ceramic filters, membranes, or chemicals to purify water instead of boiling water in the baseline scenario. The target groups of the technologies are households and institutions. The purpose of the VPA is to achieve widespread distribution and effective use of low-carbon water purification technologies in low-income households as well as institutions in the host country.

PD seeks the deviation from the following requirement for conducting water quality test for GS2393 as per approved deviation dated 15/07/2020:

*"Project Developer shall carry out a Water Quality Test as per the approved monitoring plan within three months of end of the interim measure validity date or earlier, where possible."*

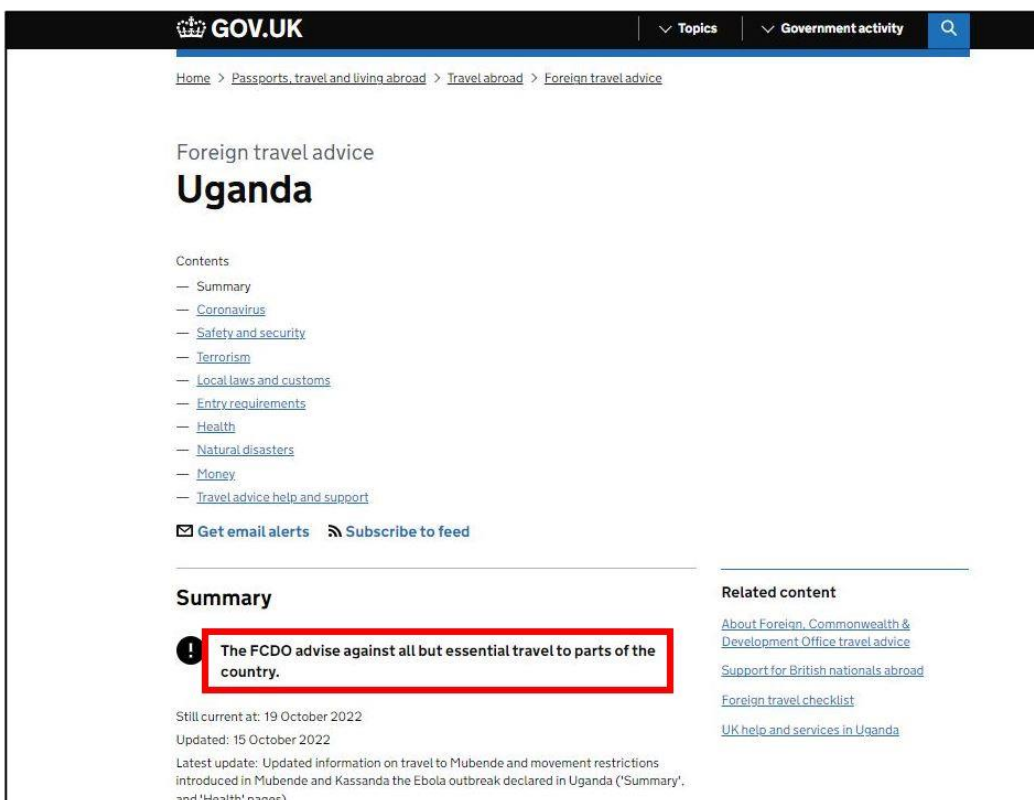
As per the approved deviation, PD was supposed to carry water quality test within three months of end of the interim measure validity date (i.e., 12/09/2022, as per COVID 19: Interim Measures ver. 6.0).

Also, as per the registered monitoring plan of the renewed VPA, Water quality must be tested every quarter, however due to sudden outbreak of Ebola, the PP is not able to conduct water quality tests currently. The following are details of the current situation of Ebola crisis in the country:

On 20 September 2022, the government of Uganda confirmed<sup>1</sup> an outbreak of Sudan strain of the Ebola virus centered on Mubende district, 90 miles from Kampala. The cases have since been confirmed in various other districts as well. According to the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ACDC), as of 06/12/2022, the virus had spread to nine Ugandan districts in total, here have been 142 confirmed cases of Sudan virus disease (SVD), including 55 deaths (CFR (case fatality rate): 39%)<sup>2</sup>, indicating towards an escalating and detrimental nature of the outbreak.

Following are some news articles covering the scenario prevalent in the Uganda with regard to the outbreak:

- <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/10/17/world/uganda-ebola-lockdown-intl-hnk/index.html>
- <https://www.voanews.com/a/uganda-extends-ebola-lockdown-in-2-hot-spots-/6851449.html>
- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/11/8/uganda-to-close-schools-early-after-eight-children-die-of-ebola>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s1018-ebola-outbreaks-uganda.html>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2022-DON410>
- Travel Advisory



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### Summary

**The FCDO advise against all but essential travel to parts of the country.**

Still current at: 19 October 2022  
Updated: 15 October 2022  
Latest update: Updated information on travel to Mubende and movement restrictions introduced in Mubende and Kassanda the Ebola outbreak declared in Uganda ('Summary', and 'Health' pages)

### Related content

- About Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office travel advice
- Support for British nationals abroad
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/9/20/uganda-confirms-ebola-outbreak-after-patient-dies>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/news-events/ebola-outbreak-uganda>

Owing to such damaging nature of the Ebola and the associated risk due to higher mortality rate of about 50%<sup>3</sup> when compared to 3.5 % fatality rate of COVID19 and due to early school closure due to Ebola, it is requested to allow PD to defer conducting the water quality tests, as required by the approved deviation dated 15/07/2020, till the situation due to Ebola improves in the host country.

Please note that, GS has approved another deviation (#312) allowing the VVB to conduct the CP2-MP2 (30/07/2021 to 29/07/2022) audit site visit remotely, instead of a physical on-site audit, due to Ebola exposure risk associated with conducting physical audit (refer DEV 312).

### 3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

The deviation is not impacting the applicability, accuracy, completeness, or conservativeness of GHG assertion.

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.

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

Not Applicable

### 3.4 | Documents:

None

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> </ul> Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/ebola-virus-disease>

2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption