

**TEMPLATE**

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## **A. To be completed by Gold Standard**

### **1 | Decision**

**1.0 | Date – 08/05/2023**

#### **1.1 | Decision**

The deviation request is approved for the monitoring period 01/04/2021 to 31/12/2022.

If the project developer would like to conduct telephonic surveys, it shall be ensured that the project complies with the following requirements –

Requirements for the Project Developer:

- a. The household monitoring survey shall be done with the primary cook only.
- b. The project must ensure that it applies conservative values for usage rate.

Requirements for the VVB/SustainCert:

- a. The VVB/SustainCert shall cross-verify the results by speaking with randomly selected end-users.
- b. The VVB/SustainCert shall ensure the completeness and conservativeness of the monitored parameters at the time of verification.

- c. The VVB/SustainCert 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 and the VVB/SustainCert should apply the following measures, where reasonably feasible, to substantiate the monitoring results -

- a. Video/telephonic conversations – The project developer may record video/telephonic conversations with the end-user. The project developer/VVB must take due precautions and 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 Usage guidelines for further instructions on the use of photographic evidence for usage assessment.

The validity of the deviations :

The usage rate results obtained applying the recommended approach can only be used for the current MP requesting deviation (i.e., from 01/04/2021 to 31/12/2022).

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, 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 project developer's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

**1.2 | 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**

### **2| Background information**

Since July 2018, Haiti has been experiencing both a socio-economic and political crisis. This situation is characterized by frequent street demonstrations, untimely stoppages of activities, a deterioration of the security situation and excesses of violence making certain areas completely inaccessible.

In 2021, the Haitian's President was assassinated in his private residence and criminal activities, including kidnapping and murder intensified. This climate of insecurity combined with the health crisis related to Covid-19 led to a slowdown in economic activities throughout the country.

The year 2022 was also very disruptive. Since August 2022, the country has experienced a fuel crisis that has paralyzed all economic activities. This fuel crisis was exacerbated in early October 2022 by the reappearance of confirmed cases of cholera in the country.

Regarding this situation, the project and even the entire structure (which has other activities) faced a slowdown of its operations that put the whole NGO's sustainability at risk.

The political and security situation in Port-au-Prince continues to this day, with most neighborhoods in the project area being controlled by outlaw gangs, leading to the suspension of activities and work with the surveyors for their well-being. In addition, noting a reluctant behavior on the part of the project's technology users to allow access to execute the surveys correctly.

Our team on the field takes risks everyday doing the activities to keep the project in place. Having this context in mind, we put all of our efforts on the carbon finance side by doing the usage and monitoring survey as soon as possible.

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_405	
Date of decision	08/05/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	19/12/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS2564
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	EXPANDING ACCESS TO LPG IN HAITI THROUGH MICROFINANCE SERVICES	
Date of listing	26/11/2013 (Design certification)	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	29/06/2020	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	26/11/2013 (Design certification) 29/03/2021 (Design change)	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Haiti	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/420">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/420</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	Alternative for monitoring and usage surveys	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Gold Standard Methodology Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption: The minimum total sample size is 100, with at least 30 samples for project technologies of each age being credited. The majority of interviews in a usage survey must be conducted in person and include expert observation by the interviewer within the kitchen in question, while the remainder may be conducted via telephone by the same interviewers on condition that in-kitchen observational interviews are first concluded and analyzed such that typical circumstances are well understood by the telephone interviewers.
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/04/2021      End date 31/12/2022
Submitted by	Contact person name: Barbara Adolehoume  Email ID: <a href="mailto:barbara.adolehoume@entrepreneursdumonde.org">barbara.adolehoume@entrepreneursdumonde.org</a> Organization: Entrepreneurs du Monde 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.0 | 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](#).*

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

Section 3.0 MONITORING METHODOLOGY literal C of the Gold Standard Methodology Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption Version 3.1 states that “The minimum total sample size is 100, with at least 30 samples for project technologies of each age being credited. The majority of interviews in a usage survey must be conducted in person and include expert observation by the interviewer within the kitchen in question, while the remainder may be conducted via telephone by the same interviewers on condition that in-kitchen observational interviews are first concluded and analyzed such that typical circumstances are well understood by the telephone interviewers”. Following the rule of methodology, the monitoring surveys were initiated at the appropriate time (from 28/06/2022 to 22/08/2022), however, due to public order issues, the situation to continue with the surveys in person became complicated and it was impossible to access the project area without putting the personal integrity of the surveyors at risk. It was decided to wait for a while hoping that everything would improve, but it did not. For this reason, it has been proposed to conduct most of the surveys remotely, i.e., by telephone, in order to have more information monitored for 2022 and to respect the usage survey sample size requirements.

For now, we have 111 monitoring and usage surveys with 50 done in person. We would like to continue the survey by phone to reach the 30 surveys for each year credited i.e. 150 usage surveys in total.

3.0.2 | 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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### 3.1 | 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.*

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

The deviation has no impact whatsoever on project design, assessment of safeguard principles, assessment of SDGs and emission reductions. Since it is very complicated to carry out the monitoring and usage surveys in 2022 due to the specific situation in the project area, the deviation is requested in order to comply with all GS4GG approved methodology requirements and reinforce the data quality and monitoring of the project.

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 | 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.*

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

The deviation does not affect in any way the project design, the assessment of safeguard principles, the assessment of SDGs, the reduction of emissions, the frequency of data quality, as the proposed deviation seeks to reinforce the collection of information that could not have been done otherwise.

3.2.2 | 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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### 3.3 | 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.)*

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	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption