

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – 20/06/2023

#### 1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved. The project developer may execute FAR#2 starting with MP4 (01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023).

The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the 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.

**1.3 | 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_425	
Date of decision	16/06/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	28/05/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS11189
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS11289 to GS11305
Project/PoA/VPA title	"Improved Cookstove and Safe Water Programme – Kenya – VPA 31" to "Improved Cookstove and Safe Water Programme – Kenya – VPA 47"	
Date of listing	30/07/2021	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	NA	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	02/02/2022	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Kenya	
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/3177">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3177</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 against MP2 FAR	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	FAR#2 raised by SC during MP2 performance review feedback
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/07/2022      End date 31/12/2022
Submitted by	Contact person name: <a href="#">Mark C. Turgesen</a> Email ID: <a href="mailto:mturgesen@impactwater.co">mturgesen@impactwater.co</a>
	Organisation: Impact Water
	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"/> DEV_184

### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

FAR#2 of the "GS11289-GS11305\_GS4GG Performance Review\_MP2\_Round 2\_FINAL\_12052023" states the following:

*"PD shall at each school calendar year, collect signed student and staff population confirmation letter from each institution. The letters can be collected whenever the PD makes regular UltraFlo and UltraTab supplies deliveries to schools and institutions, or each school or institution can send student population confirmation letter whenever they are making requisitions. The letters shall be archived and made available to verifying VVB to be used to counter check the project database and confirm student population."*

Currently, the PD diligently gathers population data for institutions during routine deliveries of UltraFlo and UltraTab supplies throughout the monitoring period. The Impact Water customer care team contacts beneficiary schools and institutions during supplies to collect information on population data and make updates. All population data collected through these methods is duly archived in the PP's data management (SalesForce) system. For the purpose of calculating ERs, the population data required is extracted exclusively from the Sales Force platform. Consequently, the current

system employed for capturing population data pertaining to institutions is highly robust and ensures the accuracy of the population data used for ER calculations.

The Salesforce data report, for each project sampled institution for earlier monitoring periods, confirming the corresponding population, was shared with VVB to verify the population reported in the ER sheet. VVB also verified the institution population for each of the audited sample during the on-site audits (remote / physical) and has confirmed that the population reported was consistent with the information reported in the ER calculator. Therefore, the current approach of capturing population data addresses the FAR albeit for the absence of signed letters from institutions confirming their population.

The FAR has been raised during MP2 performance review on 12/05/2023 for the next verification (MP3) period. However, MP3 spans from 01/07/2022 to 31/12/2022, for which the VVB audit contract was signed on 16/08/2022, and the audit visit has been scheduled for 20-22 June 2023.

Considering the above, the PD requests to execute FAR#2 starting with MP4, which covers the period from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023. During this period, the PD team shall collect signed confirmations from project schools that receive supply deliveries between 13/05/2023 and 31/12/2023. As for the institutions that received deliveries before 12/05/2023 and do not have another supply in 2023, the PD team will collect the confirmation letters either during the School Engagement and Product Usage school visits or through postal / electronic correspondence.

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):

Apart from deviation from FAR#2, the project complies with all other requirements of the monitoring methodology the principles of accuracy, completeness, and conservativeness.

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:

1. GS11289-GS11305\_GS4GG Performance Review\_MP2\_Round  
2\_FINAL\_12052023

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