

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 09/08/2023

1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation request is approved.

The PD may claim the third crediting period of the project starting from 15/11/2022 considering that all the requirements of the Principles and Requirements are complied with. The decision is subject to fulfilment of the following condition:

- i. The PD shall ensure that a continuity in the Project's monitoring activities is maintained and PD is able to justify that no monitoring gaps exist (especially for SDG parameters) within the Monitoring Period(s). However, if gap(s) exist, the project shall justify that conservative approach(es) have been applied in line with section 3 of the Deviation Approval Requirements and Procedures (version 1.2) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).
- ii. The PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS PDD.

The validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above-mentioned condition and provides its opinion in the Validation 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_457	
Date of decision	09/08/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	Yes	
Precedent details	Delay in renewal due to exceptional circumstances	
Date of submission	15/06/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS1005
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS685
Project/PoA/VPA title	Qori Q'oncha - Improved Cookstoves Diffusion Programme in Peru - VPA 1	
Date of listing	01/01/2008	
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for the Global Goals	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	29/06/2018	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	14/11/2010	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Perú	
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	PoA GS 1005: https://impact.sustaincert.com/public_projects/4 VPA 1 GS 685: https://impact.sustaincert.com/public_projects/1267	
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 from GS4GG principles and requirements, section 5.1.46 regarding the delay in design certification renewal to obtain full credits for Performance Review N° 9 (MP: 15/11/2022 to 30/05/2023) of the project VPA 1 GS 685.	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Principles & requirements" v1.2 5.1.46 "Delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification cycle shall result in a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products and/or Impact Statements available during following certification cycle (for example, a delay of 1 year beyond the first cycle shall mean that no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay)."
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 15/11/2022 End date 30/05/2023
Submitted by	Contact person name: Cinthya Araoz Email ID: caraoz@microsol-int.com Organisation: Microsol 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):

As per GS4GG "Principles & Requirements" v1.2, dated October 24th, 2019, section 5.1.46: "Delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification cycle shall result in a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products and/or

Impact Statements available during following certification cycle (for example, a delay of 1 year beyond the first cycle shall mean that no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay).”

Microsol is submitting a deviation request for VPA (GS 685) of PoA GS 1005, known as “Qori Q’oncha - Improved Cookstoves Diffusion Programme in Peru”. The objective of this Activity is to bring improved cookstoves to rural and vulnerable communities to poverty in Peru. It has reached more than 134,000 households and provides them with efficient cooking technology (ICS), ensuring them to continue enjoying their traditional way of cooking in a healthy and sustainable manner. The Activity has also generated several social and economic side impacts that are crucial for the well-being of these communities.

Microsol is requesting a deviation to allow the continuity of the project which is at stake. **The request is that the project be allowed to claim emission reductions for Performance Review N°9 (MP: 15/11/2022 to 30/05/2023) following a delay in submitting request for renewal of its crediting period (end date: 14/11/2022),** due to the following reasons:

- ***Performance Review N° 8 of the VPA 1 (GS685) was in progress:***
The re-validation process for VPA 1 (GS 685) was scheduled to be completed by 14/11/2022. However, the Performance Review N° 8 was taking place at that time, which was finished on 23/01/2023.
- ***Negotiations for the Renewal of VPA 1 (GS685) were underway:***
The negotiations between LPP and CME were completed by 18/11/2022, after the end date of the 2nd Crediting Period (14/11/2022).

Likewise, this submission of the deviation request is based on the precedent established by Gold Standard Deviation number DEV_158¹ which was accepted that the project is allowed to claim a gap period following a delay in submitting a request for renewal of its crediting period. In our case, CME can demonstrate that the application for CP

¹ [Deviation Request - Solar Cooking in Chad](#) refer to Project Solar Cooking in Chad

renewal was postponed because of extraordinary circumstances and the project has fully maintained all the monitoring data required, following the methodology version applicable during the renewal of the crediting period².

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.*

N/A

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):

When seeking this deviation, the project developer ensures to have adhered to the principles required in the document Deviation Approval Requirements and Procedures³; during the monitoring period in question, it is ensured that there were no monitoring gaps, as the LPP conducted a baseline monitoring campaign and monitored the project end-users list in the field.

² Additionally, precedent of the DR, states that a maximum permissible time gap is allowed: 1 year for non-LDC/LLDC/SIDS or 2 years for LDC/LLDC/SIDS. This deviation request applies to non-LDC.

³ This deviation does not have an impact on certified project design, the applicability of the methodology, compliance with registered monitoring plan, the scale of the project, safeguarding assessment, stakeholder consultation, sustainable development impact and/or applicable legal requirements.

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.*

N/A

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 potential rejection of the deviation request would have a significant impact on the project, jeopardizing the strong environmental, social, and economic benefits achieved so far. If rejected, the PoA GS 1005 would face challenges in carrying out the necessary monitoring and maintenance activities to ensure the sustainability of the installed improved cookstoves. This could result in end-users reverting back to traditional cookstoves. Additionally, the project's expansion to new families would be hindered.

Microsol's primary objective is to ensure the sustainability of its projects and enable more families to benefit from the improved cookstove solution, considering its powerful environmental, social, and economic impacts.

Given all these reasons, Microsol is submitting this deviation request to the Gold Standards, hoping that it will be given careful consideration.

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.*

N/A

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.)*

We kindly request that all following documents provided regarding this deviation request be treated as confidential.

- Surveys BLKS-KT 2023 (from January 23rd to February 4th)
- Updated List of end users VPA 1 (2022)
- Addendum made between LPP and CME regarding the Renewal of VPA1

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