

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 10/08/2023

1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation is approved exclusively for this monitoring period.

However, the project developer shall:

Ensure the subsequent verification of the involved VPAs shall mandatorily involve a physical onsite visit by the VVB.

The remote audit shall be conducted as prescribed and/or suggested by section 4,5 and 6 of the [Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedures](#). The CME shall apply the requirements or guidance contained in the above-mentioned sections pragmatically to the PoA and VPA.

Ensure that credits are claimed for the remotely verified monitoring period only, considering the ongoing violent protests in Myanmar during the mentioned MP only. The PD shall follow the regular verification cycles for all the subsequent verifications.

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 provide its opinion in the Verification Report.

For the purpose of current remote verification, the VVB shall follow requirements, procedures and guidelines stated in [Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedures](#).

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

2| Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_474	
Date of decision	10/08/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	20/06/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS1729
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS7512, GS6600, GS7539, GS10866
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS1729 Myanmar Stoves Campaign	
Date of listing	NA	
GS Standard version applicable	2.0	
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)	NA	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Republic of the Union of Myanmar	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1498	
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	Exemption from the Objective Observer visit, owing to the unstable conditions in the country due to the military coup.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology	The Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves, Version 01, February 2013.	

gy, with exact paragraph reference and version number	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Shailendra Kewat Email ID: shail.kewat06@gmail.com Organisation: Soneva Foundation 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

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

Soneva Foundation, the CME of the Myanmar Stoves Campaign, in the light of recent COVID events and military coup resulted into movement restrictions, requests the exemption in conducting the site visit by the Objective Observer as per the GS4GG Microscale project requirements:

Instead a remote audit can be conducted.

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

NA

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

The alteration follows all important aspects of remote audit requirements. The quality of data is not compromised here.

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

NA

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

In the current situation of restricted travel, the above arrangement is the best possible option to get credible data from end-users. This will not have any impact on the quality of data received.

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

NA

3.4 | Documents:

List of documents provided

Published local news to ascertain the unstable conditions.

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