

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 18/08/2023

1.2 | Decision

Considering the situation in Malawi as explained by the PD, which it is being controlled by the end of Q2-2023¹, this deviation request is approved.

However, the PD shall propose, for next verification/performance review, monitoring arrangements for the non-conforming monitoring period and shall apply conservative assumptions or discount factors to the calculations to the extent required to ensure that GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals will not be overestimated as a result of the deviation; or apply the most conservative values approach when alternative monitoring arrangements are not proposed; or apply zero for baseline GHG emissions for the entire non-conforming monitoring period.

¹ [Malawi Controls Deadliest Cholera Outbreak in History \(voanews.com\)](https://www.voanews.com/news/malawi-cholera-outbreak-2023-08-18)

The PD shall confirm in the monitoring report that the changes have occurred due to reasons beyond their control but is temporary in nature and the project will revert back to its original design after a given monitoring period.

The contracted VVB to perform the verification activities shall assess, determine and provide its opinion on whether the most conservative values approach is applied to the parameters for the entire non-monitoring period in accordance with the provisions relating to the deviation from the registered monitoring plan and/or alternative monitoring arrangements for the non-monitoring period are described, and whether they apply conservative assumptions or discount factors to the calculations as required in this deviation request decision.

The VVB shall cross-checked with other sources the information provided in the monitoring report to validate the same.

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

This deviation request is for the VPAs: GS3105-8, 3560-1, 5329-32, 5335-44, 5437-41 and GS10799-05.

No Q2 activities have been able to be completed due to the ongoing cholera outbreak, which significantly worsened during these months due to the rainy season.

Malawi is facing its deadliest cholera outbreak in recorded history, there are 15 priority districts, 4.8 million people in need of assistance. By February 2023, more than 1,400 people have died. Although the outbreak was initially limited to the southern part of the country, it has since spread to all 29 districts in Malawi, including areas that were cholera-free for more than a decade.

Additionally, to intensify an already catastrophic disaster, 11th February 2023 Cyclone Freddie hit Mozambique. The weather system moved over land, then hitting Malawi. It was one of the most intense and severe cyclones ever recorded designated a Category 4. Malawi was hit the hardest, with the cyclone causing devastating rains, catastrophic flash floods and mudslides to southern Malawi afterwards. Overall, 676 Malawi residents have been killed. The president of Malawi declared a state of emergency in the southern region 13th March. Humanitarian partners, including our in-country partner for this project, are deploying staff, efforts and supplies to the affected region. This response itself is facing delays and prolonged efforts due to damaged roads and bridges, with water levels in several districts continuing to rise, according to the Ministry of Water and Sanitation.

Due to the emergency efforts of our in-country team, United Purpose, they have no had the capacity to undertake the Q2 activities.

Supporting links:

<https://www.ifrc.org/press-release/malawi-red-cross-scales-response-worst-cholera-outbreak-two-decades>

<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/malawi-cholera-death-toll-crosses-1300-health-official-2023-02-09/>

<https://www.savethechildren.net/news/cyclone-freddy-fears-cholera-outbreak-will-spiral-malawi-healthcare-water-supplies-disrupted>

<https://www.africanews.com/2023/03/19/cyclone-freddy-fears-that-malawis-cholera-outbreak-will-spiral/>

<https://edition.cnn.com/2023/01/26/africa/malawi-worst-cholera-outbreak-intl/index.html>

<https://www.france24.com/en/africa/20230314-death-toll-over-100-as-cyclone-freddy-returns-to-mozambique-and-malawi>

<https://www.ft.com/content/3eb30f5f-1c01-4367-9fd5-f47953ccc376>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/mar/20/malawi-president-asks-for-help-after-cyclone-damages-half-of-country>

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_490	
Date of decision	18/08/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	11/04/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS3105-8 GS3560-1 GS5329-32 GS5335-7 GS10799-05

Project/PoA/VPA title	<p><u>Phase 1</u></p> <p>GS1247 VPA 24 Improved Kitchen Regimes - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 25 Improved Kitchen Regimes - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 26 Improved Kitchen Regimes - Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 26 Improved Kitchen Regimes - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 27 Improved Kitchen Regimes - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 36 Improved Kitchen Regimes - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 37 Improved Kitchen Regimes - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p><u>Phase 2</u></p> <p>GS1247 VPA 91 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa & Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 92 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa & Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 93 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa & Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 94 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa & Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 95 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa & Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</p>
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	<p>GS1247 VPA 96 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa & Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 97 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa & Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>Phase 3+4</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 259 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 260 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 261 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 262 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 263 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 264 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p> <p>GS1247 VPA 265 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA - Dowa Boreholes, Malawi</p>
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Date of listing	Phase 1 - 01/01/2018 Phase 2 - 01/01/2018 Phase 3+4 - 21/08/2020
GS Standard version applicable	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	-
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	-
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) - Republic of Malawi
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	
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	Unable to conduct Q2 activities
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	TPDDTEC v3.1 - GS3105-8, 3560-1 Quarterly water quality testing - page 51 Collection of functionality evidence - BAMG requirement WASH training - page 56 <u>SDWS v1 - GS5329-32, 5335-7</u> Water quality testing every water source at the start of the crediting period. SDWS 3, page 19-20
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/01/2022 End date 26/04/2023
Submitted by	Contact person name: Amie Nevin Email ID: amie.nevin@co2balance.com Organisation: CO2balance UK Ltd

	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):

No Q2 activities were conducted for the mentioned projects due to cholera outbreak and cyclone Freddy.

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 | 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):

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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 | 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):

Q2 activities will be conducted in Q3.

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.*

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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.)*

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 <p>Guidance on VVB opinion</p>
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption