

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – 23/08/2023**

**1.2 | Decision**

The deviation request is approved for delaying the KPT tests by 3 months, if the project developer clearly demonstrates in the monitoring report that:

1. The KPT tests conducted and recorded in the table including the date of performing these KPTs are in line with the methodology's requirements.
2. The project has not received any FAR till now to perform KPT as per the stipulated time.

The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision is documented 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.

**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_501	
Date of decision	23/08/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	18/08/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	<b>Project</b>	<b>ID – GS4233</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Improved Cookstove Program in Lao PDR	
Date of listing	21/05/2015	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	04/01/2021	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	29/01/2016	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies): Lao PDR	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/717">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/717</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	Postpone the KPT survey to the dry season to <b>ensure the seasonal variation</b> and <b>ensure the safety for surveyors.</b>	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Methodology TPDDTEC, v3.1, section 3.C.c. Project FT Update in page 32: <i>"The PFT update is an extension of the project PFT and provides a fuel consumption assessment representative of project technologies currently in use <u>every two years</u>"</i>
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/07/2023      End date 30/06/2024
Submitted by	<p>Contact person name: Ha Hoang Thanh</p> <p>Email ID:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• amphone@armi.la</li> <li>• h.hoang@nexusfordevelopment.org</li> </ul> <p>Organisation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Association for Rural Mobilisation and Improvement (ARMI)</li> <li>2. Nexus for Development</li> </ol> <p>Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name: N/A</p> <p>VVB Staff name(s): N/A</p>
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deviation reference number SC7 on 02/02/2021 regarding Extension requests for CP2 renewal submission following the COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES", v3-18.12.2020.</li> <li>• Deviation reference number SC24 on 12/05/2021 regarding Alternative monitoring approach: remote monitoring survey (phone survey) following the COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES", v3-18.12.2020.</li> </ul>

## 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):

#### Background

The Association for Rural Mobilisation and Improvement (ARMI), in partnership with SNV Laos has been implementing the Improved Cookstove Program in Lao PDR – GS4233 to develop the cook stove market by enhancing the performance of all the actors in the ‘ICS value chain’ (producers, retailers, and users). The project was registered on 19/01/2016 and successfully renewed its 2<sup>nd</sup> crediting period on 26/08/2022 for the 7 years period from 01/02/2021 to 31/01/2028 (including both start and end date) using the “Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption” Version 3.1.

In Lao PDR, the period from **May to October** is the rainy season and the dry season is from **November to April**<sup>1</sup>.

The **last KPT** conducted by the PD was during the period 23 July 2021 to 01 September 2021 which was **under the rainy season**. According to the monitoring plan following TPDDTEC requirement, section 3.C.c. Project FT Update in page 32, the KPT is required to be conducted every 2 years:

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.adventure-life.com/laos/articles/best-time-to-visit-laos#:~:text=A%20tropical%20country%20in%20Southeast,its%20most%20lush%20and%20vibrant>

*"The PFT update is an extension of the project PFT and provides a fuel consumption assessment representative of project technologies currently in use every two years."*

Therefore, the next KPT should be conducted during August-September 2023 (rainy season). However, as also required by the methodology, the **seasonal variations** shall be considered so the PD is planning for conducting the **next KPT in the dry season** (starting from November). This delay is also to ensure the safety for surveyors as in the current period (as of August 2023), the heavy rain has led to severe flooding in several provinces of Laos and roads in some places were damaged by landslides, making the roads impassable and some people were killed by landslides:

- <https://reliefweb.int/report/lao-peoples-democratic-republic/flash-update-no-01-flooding-and-landslides-10-provinces-lao-pdr-9-august-2023#:~:text=The%20southwest%20monsoon%20brings%20heavy,water%20levels%20across%20Lao%20PDR.>
- <https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/08/15/floods-landslides-affect-thousands-in-laos>

### Deviation request

Due to the above situation, the PP would seek for GS approval on extending the required 2 years period for extra 3-5 months so that the KPT could be conducted in the dry season (starting from November).

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):

The KPT to be conducted in the dry season will ensure the seasonal impact to be considered in the monitoring survey.

Besides, postponing the field survey work could ensure the safety for the surveyors from flooding and landslides.

#### 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 PD will compare with the result with the KPT test in rainy season which conducted previously and analyzing for the conservative result so that it would not impact to the ER estimation.

#### 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.)*

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