

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 18/09/2023

1.2 | Decision

For the sake of conservativeness on the Emission Reductions achieved by the project activity and considering the decision in DEV_500 and the reasons that lead to this request, this deviation request is approved.

The Project Developer shall clearly document the deviation request, its implications and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

PD shall perform the physical site visit no later than 31/03/2024.

The verifying VVB shall assess the project compliance with all deviations' decisions and provide its opinion in the corresponding 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_520	
Date of decision	18/09/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	12/09/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS11189
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS11306
Project/PoA/VPA title	VPA Title: Improved Cookstove and Safe Water Programme – Nigeria – VPA 48	
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	Nigeria	
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	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3177	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Request for extension to conduct physical site visits	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Para 3.1.1 and 3.3.1 outlined in "Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures," version 2.0, dated 30/05/2023, it is stipulated that "At minimum, the VVB shall conduct a physical site visit within two years of the project start date."	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/11/2021 End date 31/10/2022	

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	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_500

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

As per para 3.1.1 and 3.3.1 outlined in "Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures," version 2.0, dated 30/05/2023, it is stipulated that "At minimum, the VVB shall conduct a physical site visit within two years of the project start date."

This requirement means that the Validation and Verification Body (VVB) shall conduct a physical site visit before 01/11/2023, as the start date of the concerned VPA is 01/11/2021. At the time of validation, an audit site visit was conducted remotely hence the first physical site visit is deemed due at the time of 1st verification.

To comply with the aforesaid, the CME had contracted the VVB (Earthood) for first verification of VPA 48 on 22/08/2023. Also, the VVB had confirmed their availability for a physical site visit, scheduled in October 2023 as indicated in the aforementioned contract. Thus, the CME had taken prompt measures to ensure compliance with the site visit requirements.

It is also worth noting that the project has been through multiples rounds of design certification review (IV rounds) and a deviation request had to be made to Gold Standard to provide clarity on the last singular open issue (comment/request number 4(1)(d))) in the design certification review feedback by SustainCert.

The deviation request was made to GS on 02/08/2023 and the decision was received on 23/08/2023. The deviation decision was positive and it finally led to registration of the VPA 48 on 05/09/2023.

As such, the CME had not envisioned conducting baseline KPTs before first verification, as VPA-48 had proposed an ex-ante fixed baseline fuel consumption ($P_{b,y}$) in the VPA-DD, based on literature review of creditable information available for Nigeria. Additionally, the closure of Comment/Request 4(1)(d)) of the design certification review feedback form also led to the CME interpreting that baseline KPTs are not deemed required.

However, as part of deviation decision, (DEV_500), GS mandates CME to perform baseline field testing (kitchen performance tests) before the first physical audit. Therefore, to ensure compliance with the GS deviation decision, the CME needs more time to conduct the requisite number of baseline KPTs in Nigeria. Your kind support is requested, seeking a six-month extension to the clauses 3.1.1 and 3.3.1 outlined in "Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures," version 2.0, dated 30/05/2023. This shall allow the CME to conclude the necessary baseline KPTs before hosting the first physical site visit by the VVB. As such the CME commits to hosting a physical on-site audit visit by the VVB, no later than March 31st, 2024.

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 the stated rule, 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. DEV_500
2. Verification Contract with VVB
3. Email communication with VVB confirming site visit date
4. GS 11306 Design Review Feedback Form final

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	<p>Additional information added:</p> <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