



TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – 14/12/2023

#### 1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved. However, the PD cannot claim any recognition for the SDGs not monitored during the corresponding monitoring period.

The PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the monitoring report.

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the project's compliance with the above request and provides its opinion in the Verification report.

SustanCERT shall review, both the Monitoring Report and the Verification Report with the VVB's opinion and take the appropriate action.

#### 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_587	
Date of decision	14/12/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	29/11/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS6588
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Sustainable Agroforestry Based Dairy Value Chain in Mount Elgon, Kenya	
Date of listing	08/11/2018	
GS Standard version applicable	Version 1.1 – August 2017	
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)	11/07/2021	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Kenya	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1809">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1809</a>	
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	Not monitoring of other SDGs due to Covid-19 monitoring restrains	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology , with exact paragraph reference and version number	COVID-19 Interim Measures – Gold Standard for the Global Goals or Deviation Request Form – Gold Standard for the Global Goals.	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 02/03/2018	End date 01/03/2021
Submitted by	Contact person name: Jonathan Domarle	
	Email ID: jdomarle@livelihoods-venture.com	
	Organisation: Livelihoods	

	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"/> (see PD B.6.2 and B.6.4)

### 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):

The project is supposed to monitor the following SDGs with the respective indicators

Sustainable Development Goals Targeted	SDG Impact
SDG 13 Climate Action	Emission Reductions
SDG 1 No Poverty	1. Average milk production per day  2. Number of farmers with secure milk contracts 3. % of people earning > USD 2/day
SDG 2 Zero Hunger	% of people having 2 meals/day
SDG 5 Gender Equality	% of women participating in farmer organizations in the project

The data for these indicators are assessed in different surveys. While there were annual surveys for milk (relating to SDG 13, partly SDG 1) and gender of participants during enrollment (SDG 5), the indicators “% of people having 2 meals/day” and “%

of people earning > USD 2/day” are monitored in the frame of a socio-economic survey. Such a socio-economic survey is not considered practical to be conducted annually or early in the monitoring period, but rather towards the end. Thus, this socio-economic survey was planned for 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent lockdown it was prohibited by law for field staff to leave their homes or get into direct contact with project participants. This curfew lasted from March 2020 to October 2021<sup>1</sup>. Thus, for the monitoring period 02/03/2018 to 01/03/2021 the socio-economic survey could not take place.

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

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### **3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:**

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

We believe that due to the project set-up, the project rather had positive effects on SDG 1 and 2 or at least did no harm in this time. Additionally, as there was no milk or herd data collected either in 2020, there are no credits (which include benefits to said SDGs) claimed for the year 2019. We, therefore, assume that the reported impacts in this monitoring period regarding all SDGs is conservative – speaking to the principles of Environmental Integrity and Safeguarding. At the same time, omitting a person-to-person socio-economic survey (digital survey is not appropriate for smallholder farmers in Kenya due to lacking technology access) in a time of a national curfew due to a global pandemic (March 2020 – October 2021)<sup>1</sup> is in compliance with the host country regulations.

The socio-economic survey is now being conducted for the subsequent monitoring period. The missed indicators will be reported on in the next Monitoring Report.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/kenyas-president-kenyatta-lifts-coronavirus-curfew-2021-10-20/> [Nov 28, 2023]

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

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**3.3 | Impact of the deviation:**

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

The deviation only affects the SDG assessment and its monitoring frequency. Namely that SDGs could not be assessed, and the frequency of monitoring changed as one monitoring event has been omitted. The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have been unprecedented in Kenya and the world. We expect that any monitoring of said indicators would have had extreme distortions, which cannot be related to the effects of the project. Therefore, the expected results of a socioeconomic survey in this time are deemed of little value and not representative.

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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.)*

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5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: - date of listing, design certification, transition

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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
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3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption