



# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – 23/01/2024

#### 1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is APPROVED as the CME has conducted the physical meeting and extended feedback in the same month to inform the relevant stakeholders.

However, CME shall note that the Stakeholder Feedback Round has to be conducted for 60 days after the physical stakeholder consultation since this is a regular project activity, where as the conducted feedback was for 45 days. Hence in line with p. 3.6.13 of Stakeholder consultation and engagement requirements, CME may organize the Stakeholder Feedback Round for the prescribed duration in parallel to the validation process, however before concluding the validation opinion, the VVB shall take into account the feedback and how the comments were addressed and any potential revision in the project design and documentation.

The validating VVB shall however confirm that the CME has made sufficient efforts to reach out to all the relevant stakeholders to inform them about the stakeholder meeting and collect their feedback. The VVB shall include their assessment and opinion on the same in the GS validation report.

SustainCert shall review both the CME'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** (Submit deviation request form in Microsoft Word format)

This deviation deals with the PayGo LPG cookstove project (GS11725) and its stakeholder consultation. Gold Standard requirements state that invitations for the stakeholder consultation must be sent at least 30 days prior to the meeting. In this case, the date of the consultation was set to maximize in person participation after the recent removal of workplace and mass gathering restrictions ([link](#)). From a logistical perspective, there was a spike in COVID cases ([link](#)) after the removal of restrictions and there were rumors that restrictions were going to be put back as the case numbers increased. Therefore, the decision was made to go ahead with the in person event that had significant representation from pilot customers, community groups and industry stakeholders. Some emails and personal invites were sent out early, but due to a delay, many of the invitations were sent out about three weeks prior to the event instead of the required 30 days. Despite this issue, the following should be noted:

- The length of the overall feedback round lasted more than a month after the initial stakeholder meeting (19th May), giving people time to submit any concerns.

Stakeholder Feedback Round	Planned	Actual
19 May 2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
30 June 2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

- There was still robust participation as 45% of the people who received an invitation came to the meeting. The questions from the participants and how that feedback was taken into account for the overall project design are available in the Stakeholder Consultation Report (<https://platform.sustain-cert.com/public-project/3217>)

- For those who were not able to attend the session, follow up emails were sent, seeking any feedback or questions these stakeholders may have had. PayGo received 0 responses from participants that did not attend.
- The Continuous Input/Grievance Mechanism is still provided for stakeholders if they wish to utilize it. *PayGo Energy will have a dedicated customer service number to handle customer issues, as well as a 24/7 line in case of emergencies.*
- Subsequent to the in-person consultation, no specific issues or grievances have been raised, indicating that stakeholders are generally satisfied with the overall PayGo project. And everyone who received an invitation less than 30 days prior to the meeting have had multiple opportunities to provide feedback.

## 2| Background information

- The timeline of the Kenyan's Government response to the COVID 19 pandemic is summarized here (link). This data source shows the spike in COVID cases in May 2022 (link).

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_589	
Date of decision	23/01/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	01/12/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GS11725
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GS11970
Project/PoA/VPA title	Deployment of LPG Cookstoves in Kenya	
Date of listing	03/02/2023	
GS Standard version applicable	Methodology for Metered & Measured Energy Cooking Devices	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	N/A	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies): Kenya	
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/3909">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3909</a>	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Request to deviate from 30-day notice requirement for stakeholder consultation	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Section 4.1.5 of 102_V1.2_PAR_Stakeholder Consultation Requirements	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date N/A	End date N/A

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	Organisation: PayGo Energy
	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 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 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):

The reason for this deviation request is only because the 30-day notice requirement for stakeholder consultation was not met, which is a Gold Standard requirement (Section 4.1.5 of 102\_V1.2\_PAR\_Stakeholder Consultation Requirements)

##### 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):

This deviation has nothing to do with the calculations for emission reductions. Everything with the project in terms of quantification of all selected SDGs complies with the selected methodology and GS requirements.

#### 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):

This deviation has no impact on the calculation of emission reductions, monitoring or data quality. Nor is there an impact on safeguarding principles or SDG assessment, which are all outlined in the PoA-DD and VPA-DD. With regards to community involvement, on-going feedback and the grievance mechanism – which deal with continuous stakeholder consultation – there is no impact either, as these mechanisms remain in place even though the 30-day window was missed. As mentioned earlier, follow-on emails and contacts were sent to participants who were invited but unable to participate, and thus their views were originally solicited and continued to be welcomed.

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

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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"> <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