



# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

#### 1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

22/07/2024

#### 1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is conditionally Approved.

CME shall note that cross VPA sampling is not allowed for large scale PoA, however for VPA 01 and VPA 04, the same shall be allowed for one monitoring period starting from 01/05/2024, and for the rest of the periods, guidance as per p.4.4.3 of TPDDTEC v4.0 shall be followed.

The project developer shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the developer. The project developer shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision.

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_734	
Date of decision	22/07/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	13/06/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS12798
Project/PoA/VPA title	Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution of Improved Cookstove in Latin America – Fourth VPA for Distribution of Dos por Tres Cookstoves in Honduras	
Date of listing	To be listed	
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for the Global Goals	
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)	Inclusion in progress	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Honduras	
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	Not public yet	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Cross-VPA sampling	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM COOKING AND HEATING: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC) Version: 4.0 Paragraph: 4.4.3	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Start date</td> <td style="width: 50%;">End date</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">N/A. The deviation is requested to be applicable from 01/05/2024 to 30/04/2030 (This corresponds to the five years of the 1<sup>st</sup> CP, and the first year of the 2<sup>nd</sup> CP, six years in total).</td> </tr> </table>	Start date	End date	N/A. The deviation is requested to be applicable from 01/05/2024 to 30/04/2030 (This corresponds to the five years of the 1 <sup>st</sup> CP, and the first year of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> CP, six years in total).	
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Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>If yes; VVB name:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VVB Staff name(s):</td> </tr> </table>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes; VVB name:	VVB Staff name(s):	
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If yes; VVB name:					
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Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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### 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):

#### **Proyecto Mirador**

Proyecto Mirador began building stoves in 2004 under a stand-alone PDD limited to Honduras. In 2014 the project in Honduras was upgraded to a PoA, *GS 1988*, with the original Honduras project included as the first VPA, *GS 2758*. During subsequent years the first VPA has continued the same project activity under a Gold Standard PoA utilizing the Reduced Emissions from Cooking and Heating: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC) methodology.

Proyecto Mirador’s PoA, *GS 1988 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution Of Improved Cookstoves In Latin America*, is large-scale and composed of the following VPAs:

- **VPA01, GS2758 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution of Improved Cookstoves in Latin America: First VPA for Distribution of Dos por Tres Cookstoves in Honduras.**
- VPA02, *GS 10457 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution of Improved Cookstoves in Latin America – Second VPA for Distribution of Dos por Tres Cookstoves in Guatemala.*
- VPA03, *GS 10458 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution Of Improved Cookstoves In Latin America – Third Vpa For Distribution Of Dos Por Tres Cookstoves In Nicaragua. (No longer pursued).*
- **VPA04, GS12798 Proyecto Mirador Enhanced Distribution of Improved Cookstove in Latin America – Fourth VPA for Distribution of Dos por Tres Cookstoves in Honduras.**

This deviation is requested for **VPA04 GS 12798**.

**VPA04 GS 12798** interacts with **VPA01 GS 2758** as these will run in parallel from 01/05/2024 to 30/04/2030.

VPA01 HONDURAS 3rd Crediting Period (01/05/2023 to 30/04/2030) 7 years									
VPA04 HONDURAS 1st Crediting Period (01/05/2024 to 30/04/2029) 5 years					VPA04 HONDURAS 2nd Crediting Period (01/05/2030 to 30/04/2035) 5 years				
2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032

VPA01 GS 2758 and VPA04 GS 12798 will share the following attributes.

<i>Boundary</i>	Honduras
<i>Methodology and version</i>	REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM COOKING AND HEATING: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC). Version 4.0
<i>ICS Technology</i>	Stove 2x3 (Proyecto Mirador 2x3 stoves have been found in use and in good working condition after 10 years. However, as a conservative measure, all stoves are eliminated from the emission reduction calculations after Year 6.)
<i>Implementation</i>	Implemented by Proyecto Mirador (same team, same management, same office, same expertise, same processes, and same software).

<i>Claimed SDGs</i>	13 Climate Action 1 No Poverty 3 Good Health and Well-Being 4 Quality Education 5 Gender Equality 7 Affordable and Clean Energy 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth 15 Life on Land
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**Deviation Request**

This deviation is requested for VPA04 GS 12798, and addresses the following Gold Standard Methodology requirement:

*Methodology REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM COOKING AND HEATING: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC), Version 4.0, states in its paragraph 4.4.3:*

*Cross-VPA sampling is not allowed across groups larger than 10 VPAs, and **cross-VPA sampling is not allowed for large scale PoAs**. The requirements described here apply both when sampling is applied to a single VPA and to permissible cross-VPA sampling.*

As Proyecto Mirador is a large scale PoA, **the deviation request is to allow cross-VPA sampling of VPA04 GS 12798 and VPA01 GS 2758 for:**

- **Baseline Surveys**
- **Project Surveys**
- **Kitchen Performance Tests (KPTs)**
- **Verification surveys**

Stoves installed up to 30 April 2024 will be credited under VPA01, with residual ERs on those stoves collected under VPA01 until expiration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Crediting Period on 30 April 2030. All stoves installed from 1 May 2024 forward will be credited under VPA04. As the stoves age, these VPAs will share two age groups for each monitoring period from 2024 to 2030. Without this deviation, there will be a need to perform duplicated baseline surveys, project surveys, KPTs, and verification surveys for the same age groups from different VPAs that share the same characteristics. (Image below. For details, please refer to Annex 1 available at the end of this document).

		VPA01 HONDURAS 3rd Crediting Period (01/05/2023 to 30/04/2030) 7 years					VPA04 HONDURAS 1st Crediting Period (01/05/2024 to 30/04/2029) 5 years		VPA04 HONDURAS 2nd Crediting Period
Monitoring Period	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Shared age groups	Age 0-1	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6		
		Age 0-1	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 4-5			

This would also further increase the costs and time invested in the monitoring program (planning, supervisory visits, surveys, and kitchen performance tests). To exemplify, the tables below summarize the effort to collect the project surveys and carry out the on-site verification of the 2023 monitoring period for the six age groups of **VPA01 GS 2758**. As shown below, **the average milage traveled by the supervisors per project survey was 40.31, with a total of 19,751 miles traveled. For the on-site verification, the average milage traveled per survey was 44.09, with a total of 4,100 miles traveled.**<sup>1</sup> It is important to note that this summary **does not** account for the supervisory visits and kitchen performance tests (KPTs) that were also performed during the 2023 monitoring period (and are performed annually) which also require high levels of effort, costs, and time investment. Separate sampling for each VPA means *doubling* the burden for monitoring and verification, whereas the target population, project management, operational regime and construction methodology are identical for both VPAs.

Preparation and Coordination of routes to carry out project surveys			
	Quantity	Days of work in the office	Total hours worked
3	4	4	128

Office team travel to leave supervisors in the field					
	Quantity	Displacement 1 (Mileage)	Displacement 2 (Mileage)	Displacement 3 (Mileage)	Total Mileage
Vehicles	3	318	403	314	1,035

<sup>1</sup> Details can be found in the shared Excel file titled " VPA01 GS 2758 Honduras - Project Surveys 2023 rev.1 (English)". Additionally, the maps of the routes completed by in field supervisors performing the Project Surveys are provided as evidence.

Team of Field Supervisors				
Age groups	Number of Supervisors	Total Project Surveys	Total Mileage	Mileage per survey
4-5 and 5-6	11	164	5,161	31.47
2-3 and 3-4	10	158	6,600	41.77
0-1 and 1-2	10	168	7,990	47.56
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>19,751</b>	<b>40.31</b>

Office team travel for Verification				
	People per team	Total surveys	Distance (Mileage)	Total Mileage
Team 1	4	93	2,000	4,100
Team 2	4		2,100	
				<b>44.09</b>

It is important to note that as both VPA01 GS 2758 and VPA04 GS 12798 are both implemented by Proyecto Mirador (same team, same management, same office, same expertise, same processes, and same software), and Proyecto Mirador shall report the same data for employee questionnaires, training data, stakeholder comments, double counting, and traveled distances, among others.

To summarize, **this deviation is for VPA04 GS 12798. This deviation requests that the Gold Standard allow cross-VPA sampling of VPA04 GS 12798 and VPA01 GS 2758** to prevent doubling the effort to carry out the monitoring program and on-site verification for one or two age groups during seven years (from 2024 to 2030) when the values from a specific age group are representative for both VPAs. This cross-VPA sampling deviation is for:

- **Baseline Surveys**
- **Project Surveys**
- **Kitchen Performance Tests (KPTs)**
- **Verification Surveys**

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.*

Not applicable

### 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):

Baseline Surveys, Project Surveys, Kitchen Performance Tests (KPTs), and Verification Surveys will maintain accuracy, completeness, and conservativeness. As in previous monitoring periods, these will not lead to overestimation of emission reductions and thus is conservative.

The objective of this deviation is to prevent doubling the effort to carry out the monitoring program and the on-site verification for one or two age groups during seven years (from 2024 to 2030) when the values from the baseline surveys, project surveys, KPTs, and verification surveys for the same age groups from different VPAs share the same characteristics and are representative for both VPAs.

#### 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.*

Not applicable

### 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):

No impact envisaged on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project.

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.*

Not applicable

**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.)*

- Annex 1. VPA01 GS 2758 and VPA04 GS 12798 shared age groups (available at the end of this document)
- VPA01 GS 2758 Honduras - Project Surveys 2023 rev.1 (English)
- Maps of the routes completed by in field supervisors performing the Project Surveys:
  - Age groups 0-1 and 1-2
  - Age groups 2-3 and 3-4
  - Age groups 4-5 and 5-6

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> </ul>

		- any previous deviations/design changes approved Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption

**TEMPLATE**

Annex 1. VPA01 GS 2758 and VPA04 GS 12798 shared age groups

The following chart exemplifies the 6-year lifecycle of the stoves installed that are relevant to this Deviation Request. It shows how the stoves are Age 0-1 at the time of installation and continue to age progressively as years pass, i.e. Age 0-1, Age 1-2, Age 2-3, Age 3-4, Age 4-5, and Age 5-6.

Blue cells represent VPA01 GS 2758. Red cells represent VPA04 GS 12798.

From the chart, it can be observed that these VPAs will share one or two age groups per year as stoves age through their 6-year lifecycle — e.g., in 2024, both VPAs will have stoves from Age 0-1; in 2025, both VPAs will have stoves from the Age 0-1 and Age 1-2; and so on until 2030, when VPA01 GS 2758 ends.

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		VPA01 HONDURAS 3rd Crediting Period (01/05/2023 to 30/04/2030) 7 years															
		VPA04 HONDURAS 1st Crediting Period (01/05/2024 to 30/04/2029) 5 years										VPA04 HONDURAS 2nd Crediting Period (01/05/2030 to 30/04/2030) 1 year					
Installation year		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030	
		Jan-Apr	May-Dec	Jan-Apr	May-Dec	Jan-Apr	May-Dec	Jan-Apr	May-Dec	Jan-Apr	May-Dec	Jan-Apr	May-Dec	Jan-Apr	May-Dec	Jan-Apr	May-Dec
				Age 0-1		Age 0-1 Age 1-2		Age 1-2 Age 2-3		Age 2-3 Age 3-4		Age 3-4 Age 4-5		Age 4-5 Age 5-6		Age 5-6	
2019	Installations Jan-Apr	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6												
	Installations May-Dec	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6											
2020	Installations Jan-Apr	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6										
	Installations May-Dec	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6									
2021	Installations Jan-Apr	Age 2-3	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6								
	Installations May-Dec	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6							
2022	Installations Jan-Apr	Age 1-2	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6						
	Installations May-Dec	Age 0-1	Age 1-2	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6					
2023	Installations Jan-Apr	Age 0-1	Age 0-1	Age 1-2	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6				
	Installations May-Dec		Age 0-1	Age 0-1	Age 1-2	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6			
2024	Installations Jan-Apr			Age 0-1	Age 0-1	Age 1-2	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6		
	Installations May-Dec			Age 0-1	Age 0-1	Age 0-1	Age 1-2	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6
2025	Installations Jan-Apr					Age 0-1	Age 0-1	Age 1-2	Age 1-2	Age 2-3	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 5-6