



# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**  
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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy**  
15/07/2024

**1.2 | Decision**

The Deviation Request is Approved.

Due to the ongoing crisis situation and travel restrictions for Kaduna and Kano regions in Nigeria, exemption has been granted to conduct remote monitoring surveys and acceptance sampling surveys for the monitoring period from 01/11/2022-31/10/2023 for these regions. However for the regions not affected by this situation, the monitoring and acceptance sampling surveys shall be conducted physically.

The Verifying VVB shall follow the requirements as per Annex 1 and 2 of Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements v2.0 in conducting the remote sampling for the affected regions. VVB shall raise a FAR that when the situation improves, the monitoring surveys shall be conducted by physical inspection for Kaduna and Kano regions.

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 until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision.

**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_770	
Date of decision	15/07/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	26/06/2024	
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)	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)	02/02/2022	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies): 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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3327">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3327</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	Request for allowing remote project monitoring / audit visits in Kaduna & Kano region due to security concerns	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Para 2.2.5 under section 2, Step 2: "Household Usage Survey", of the v2.0 of the Requirements and Guidelines: Usage Rate Monitoring	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/11/2022	End date:
Submitted by	Contact person name: Mark C. Turgesen	
	Email ID: <a href="mailto:mturgesen@impactwater.co">mturgesen@impactwater.co</a>	
	Organisation: Impact Water	
	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>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name:  VVB Staff name(s):</p>
<p>Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DEV_520 DEV_489 DEV_500</p>

### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

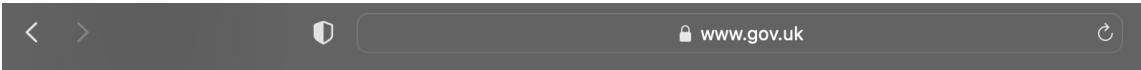
The stated goal of the VPA is the widespread dissemination of improved charcoal cook stoves (ICS) to households in Nigeria.

For verification of the concerned monitoring period 01/11/2022-31/10/2023 (CP1-MP2), PP will start in-person project monitoring survey in July 2024 for randomly selected samples in line with V2.0 of the **Requirements and Guidelines: Usage Rate Monitoring**. However, a significant number of randomly selected samples for one stratum falls in **"Kaduna and Kano Region"**. The current situation in Kaduna and Kano state, specifically the ongoing security concerns, is not encouraging for conducting the physical project monitoring surveys.

Following are few news articles, covering the tumultuous scenario prevalent in the Kaduna and Kano State currently:

1. <https://crisis24.garda.com/alerts/2024/04/nigeria-increased-security-likely-after-suspected-bandits-storm-kakangi-area-kaduna-state-april-17>
2. <https://www.voanews.com/a/7534001.html>
3. <https://apnews.com/article/nigeria-kaduna-abduction-gunmen-kuriga-1c2f6765916fb702c87a13f335c9a07f>
4. <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/692217-insecurity-reps-ask-igp-sss-to-probe-recent-attacks-in-kaduna-enugu.html>

Considering aforesaid unrest, the UK government’s travel advisory **restricts all travelers** planning a trip to Kaduna State and Kano only for essential visits (<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/nigeria>)



### North West Nigeria

FCDO advises against all travel to:

- Kaduna State
- Katsina State
- Zamfara State

FCDO advises against all but essential travel to:

- Kano State
- Jigawa State
- Sokoto State
- within 20km of the border with Niger in Kebbi State

Also, the US government’s travel advisory places Kaduna and Kano States under “Don’t Travel” category for all travelers

(<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Nigeria.html>)



Travel.State.Gov > International Travel > Learn About Your Destination > Nigeria International Travel Information

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**Nigeria**  
Federal Republic of Nigeria

Travel Advisory  
September 20, 2023

**Nigeria - Level 3: Reconsider Travel**

C T U K O

Updated with return to full operational status, removal of obsolete COVID-19 page links, and updates to Do Not Travel Areas.

Reconsider travel to Nigeria due to **crime, terrorism, civil unrest, kidnapping, and armed gangs**. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

**Do Not Travel to:**

- Borno, Yobe, Kogi, and northern Adamawa states due to **terrorism and kidnapping**
- Bauchi, Gombe, **Kaduna, Kano**, Katsina, Sokoto, and Zamfara states due to **kidnapping**
- Abia, Anambra, Bayelsa, Delta, Enugu, Imo, and Rivers states (with the exception of Port Harcourt) due to **crime, kidnapping, and armed gangs**.

Considering the safety and well-being of the project monitoring team / audit team, it is requested to allow the PP to conduct remote project monitoring for the samples selected randomly from Kaduna and Kano region for the concerned monitoring period. The samples outside these regions shall be monitored physically. This shall allow the MRV obligations to be fulfilled while ensuring the safety of the project monitoring personnel. The project monitoring conducted remotely, shall minimize any potential safety risks to the team due to security concerns. Similarly, VVB acceptance sampling based audit samples, if any, from Kaduna or Kano states shall be allowed to be audited remotely. The VVB shall also verify, audit samples from other regions physically.

Please note that due to similar circumstances in Kaduna and Kano region during CP1-MP1 monitoring, PP had requested a similar deviation request, which was approved by GS for MP1. Refer GS approved deviation request DEV\_489 for more detail.

The PP, therefore, seeks deviation against Para 2.2.5 under the step 2: "Household Usage Survey" of the v2.0 of the Requirements and Guidelines: Usage Rate Monitoring and it is requested to allow the PP to conduct a remote project monitoring survey for samples selected from Kaduna and Kano Region.

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

NA

### 3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

The deviation does not impact the applicability, accuracy, completeness, or conservativeness of GHG assertion. The PP seeks deviation only against Para 2.1.5 under the step 2: "Household Usage Survey" of the v2.0 of the **Requirements and Guidelines: Usage Rate Monitoring**. Apart from this PP shall follow the requirements and guidelines of the Usage rate monitoring.

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

NA

### 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 ):

NA

### 3.4 | Documents:

NA

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>

TEMPLATE - DEVIATION REQUEST FORM V4.0

		- 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