**preliminary review Request Form**

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# Scope, Applicability AND entry into Force:

* 1. The Preliminary Review Request (PRR) form provides the project developer (PD) or Coordinating & Managing Entity (CME) with the necessary guidelines and a checklist to navigate the applicable rules and requirements for listing the proposed Project/Programme of Activities/Voluntary Project Activity(ies) (henceforth Project for short) on the Gold Standard Impact Registry.
	2. The project developer/CME shall refer to paragraph 5.1.3 to 5.1.12 of [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) for detailed requirements.
	3. **To demonstrate compliance with the requirements outlined in paragraph 5.1.8 (b) iv. & v. of** [***Principles and Requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)**, the project developer may provide brief information concerning product requirements, demonstration of financial additionality, and draft monitoring plan at the preliminary review stage.**
	4. As noted under GS4GG [*Principles & Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) paragraph 5.1.9, the Preliminary Review is intended as a guide to the project developer. It does not represent a certification review or result in certification. It does not guarantee that a Project shall be successful in Validation or Design Review or ongoing Verification and Performance Review. Neither does it guarantee that further issues or alternative interpretation will not arise during validation or design review.
	5. The project developer/CME shall submit the Preliminary Review Request form (this template), with supporting documents for the proposed project, PoA and VPAs[[1]](#footnote-2) to Gold Standard’s certification body (CB) in Microsoft word doc/docx format.
	6. The date of entry into force of *Preliminary Review Request* form is 08/12/2021.
	7. All projects, PoAs and VPAs submitted for preliminary review shall use the *Preliminary Review Request form* (this template) on or after 08/03/2022.
	8. All projects, PoAs and VPAs transitioning from CDM or other Standards to Gold Standard for Global Goals (GS4GG) shall use a [*Transition Request Form*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-transition-cdm-and-other-standard-to-gs4gg-form/) instead of this Preliminary Review Request form.

# DECISION SUMMARY

To be completed by Gold Standard or its appointed Certification Body

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| Date of first submission  | *Insert Date of submission for preliminary review* |
| Date of decision/listing |  |
| Preliminary review pathway | [ ]  Fast-track review[ ]  Detailed review |
| Decision | [ ]  Approved[ ]  Not Approved *If the decision is not approved, please include the reason here.*  |
| FARs raised for PD | *List the FARs raised for Project Developer/CME here.**FAR 1.**FAR 2.**FAR 3.* |
| FARs raised for validating/verifying VVB | *List the FARs raised for validating/verifying VVB here.**FAR 1.**FAR 2.**FAR 3.* |
| Further comments  | *List any other relevant OBs/CLs, as needed here.* |

NOTE: The CARs, OBs and FARs, raised at the Preliminary review stage are indicative only; further matters may be raised or interpreted differently by the VVB and/or Gold Standard or appointed Certification body, SustainCERT, during the Project Certification Cycle.

#  PROJECT INFORMATION

This Section is to be completed by the Project Developer/ CME

* 1. Key Project Information

***Table – 1*** Key project information – All projects

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| GS ID | *Enter the GS ID below after project/POA/VPAs is allocated the GS ID. In the case of VPAs, PoA ID must be included below.*  |
| Project/ PoA GS ID | *Insert GS ID here* |
| VPA GS ID | *Insert GS ID here (if applicable)* |
| Title of the PA/PoA/VPA | *Insert the title of the project here. If multiple VPAs are submitted together for listing, the CME shall insert the title and GS ID of all VPAs submitted in the batch.* |
| Host Country (ies) | *If PoA is a multi-country, the CME shall insert the names of all the countries here.*  |
| Type of project | [ ]  Project Activity (PA) *(standalone project)*[ ]  Programme of Activities (PoA)[ ]  Voluntary Project Activity (VPA(s))  *(project part of a PoA)* |
| Activity Requirements applied | [ ]  [*Renewable Energy*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/) *Activity Requirements* [ ]  [*Community Services Activity*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/) *Requirements*[ ] [*Land-Use & Forests Activity Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/)[ ]  New project types[ ]  Others (rules and requirements available in [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)apply) |
| Applied methodology (ies)Please refer to the [List of the eligible methodologies](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/427-cdm-list-of-eligible-cdm-methodology/). Please consider any additional GS applicability criteria for the selected methodology(ies) as stated in the list. | [ ]  Applying a Gold Standard Approved methodology, including any specific Gold Standard applicability criteria[ ]  Applying a project-specific methodology subject to approval as part of project activity (Applicable to Microscale PA/PoA)[ ]  Proposing a new methodology  |
| *Title of methodology (ies)* | *Insert title here*  |
| *Version number of the methodology (ies)* | *Insert version number here*  |
| Product Requirements applied | [ ]  [*GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/501-PR-GHG-Emissions-Reductions-Sequestration) [ ]  [*Renewable Energy Label*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/502-PR-Renewable-Energy-Label) [ ]  Others (*for all other Certification Statements, Certified SDG Impact Statements or Products*). Please specify: |
| Scale of the activity*Refer to the applicable* [***Activity Requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/) *to confirm the scale of the projects.* | [ ]  Micro-scale [ ]  Small-scale[ ]  Large-scale[ ]  Others |
| Project cycleRefer to [**Principles and requirements**](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) paragraph 4.1.39 to 4.1.42 and [**Activity requirements**](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/), where applicable. *For A/R and AGR activity – refer to* ***Terms and Definitions,*** [***LUF activity requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/)*for project start date.*  | [ ]  Regular[ ]  Retroactive |
| *Project Start Date* | *Insert start date here* |
| *Stakeholder consultation physical meeting date* | *Insert (first) date here* |
| *Crediting period (expected)* | *Insert start and end date here* |
| *The project Start Date and the stakeholder consultation date determines the project as (a) Regular Projects, for which the Stakeholder Consultation (1st round) has been conducted before the Project Start Date. (b) Retroactive Projects, for which the Stakeholder Consultation (1st round) is conducted after the Project Start Date.* ***Retroactive Project submitted for preliminary review at a date later than one year (five year for LUF projects) from the project start date are not eligible for Gold Standard certification.****Retroactive projects seeking certification for GSVERs are to provide evidence to demonstrate prior consideration at the time of validation (paragraph 7.1.3 of* [*GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration Product Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/501-PR-GHG-Emissions-Reductions-Sequestration)*)* [ ]  |
| Documents submitted with Preliminary Review Request formRefer to [Principles and requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) paragraph 5.1.7 & 5.1.8 for further details and applicability and requirements section of this document for completion of PDD/PoA -DD/ VPA - DD.  | [ ]  Draft [*PDD*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-design-document/)*/* [*PoA-DD/*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-poa-design-document/)[*VPA-DD*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-vpa-design-document/) [ ]  [*Stakeholder Consultation Report*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-stakeholder-consultation-report/)[ ]  Draft [*SDG Impact Tool*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/sdg-impact-tools/)[ ]  Signed [*Cover Letter*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-cover-letter/)[ ]  Signed [*Terms and Conditions*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/terms-conditions)[ ]  Signed [*Terms of Use*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-preview-registry-app-terms-of-use/)[ ]  Others (*List below*)*Note:* *If any of the information in supporting documents is confidential, please indicate these here to ensure they are omitted from being published.* *Please note that the PRR (this document), draft Project Design Document and the Stakeholder Consultation Report will be publicly disclosed on the Gold Standard Impact Registry.* *See* [*Rule Clarification on Public Disclosure.*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/rc-2021-public-disclosure-requirements-for-project-documentation/) [ ]  |
| Project Developer The [Registry](https://www.goldstandard.org/resources/impact-registry) account holder and authorized owner of the credits. | ENTITY NAME:  |
| *Refer to the* [*Cover Letter*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-cover-letter/) *for definition and roles & responsibilities of project developer and project representatives.* ***Name of project developer mentioned above must be the same as in the Cover letter.*** [ ]  |
| Project Representative Indicate the official focal point(s) for the project - this may also be the Project Developer. | ENTITY NAME: |
| *Refer to* [*Cover Letter*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-cover-letter/) *for definition and roles & responsibilities of project representatives.* ***The******name of the project Representative mentioned above must be the same as in the Cover letter.*** [ ]  |
| Declaration  | The Project Developer/CME and Project Representative acknowledge and agree that: [ ]  the preliminary review is intended as a guide to the project developer, is not a certification decision, and does not guarantee that a Project/PoA or VPA shall be successful in Validation or Design Review or ongoing Verification and Performance Review.[ ]  the information provided in the Preliminary Review Request Form is correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and understanding of Gold Standard rules and requirements.[ ]  the consequences of any change in applicable GS4GG rules and requirements or any information found incorrect during validation or design certification, is the sole responsibility of the Project Developer. |
| Contact details of the representative signing the declaration.  | [ ]  Project Developer [ ]  Project Representative |
| Organisation: Position:Full Name:Email: |

* 1. Project Eligibility Assessment

The assessment questions below are intended to gather key information on the Project and to provide relevant information on applicable requirements for ease of reference. The project developer/CME is expected to go through the detail requirements referring to relevant GS4GG Standard documents, as applicable, for further details.

The project developer/CME shall answer all assessment questions below.

To be completed by PD/CME for all projects/PoAs/VPAs

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| General eligibility assessment |
| * 1. Is the project eligible project type under Gold Standard for the Global Goals? Refer to Section 4a, ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES, [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Does the project/VPA/PoA involve any technology/measure related to
* geoengineering
* energy generated from fossil fuels
* nuclear energy,
* fossil fuel switch,

or in any way support, enhance or prolong such energy generation? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  **No** |
| * 1. Is the proposed activity also registered or pursuing certification under any other voluntary or compliance standards programme?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  **No** |
| * 1. If the proposed Project, PoA, VPA is part of another standard, voluntary or compliance standards programme, confirm the name(s). Otherwise select Not Applicable.
 | [ ]  **Not Applicable**[ ]  CDM[ ]  VCS/VERRA[ ]  ACR[ ]  CAR[ ]  Plan Vivo[ ]  Other (*Insert the name here*) |
| * 1. Does the Project have an overlapping Project Area with that of another Gold Standard or other voluntary or compliance standard programme of a similar nature? If “Yes”, take note of the paragraph 3.1.1.(c) [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/).
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  **No** |
| * 1. Is the proposed PA/PoA/VPA or any component of it required by an existing legally binding mandate of a host country?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  **No** |
| * 1. Does the project involve legal ownership transfer from project beneficiaries? If yes, take note of the paragraph 3.1.1.(f) [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/).
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| * 1. Is a relevant [activity requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/) available for the proposed project activity? If no, take note of paragraph 4.1.4, [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/).
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| * 1. Is PA/PoA/VPAs located in conflict zones, refugee camps or areas that pose high risk to life and/or health? If yes, take note of the provisions specified in Annex B [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/).
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| Sustainable Development Assessment |
| * 1. Does the project positively contribute to minimum three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): SDG13 (mandatory) + two other SDGs?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| * 1. Did you apply a [*Gold Standard-approved SDG tool*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/430-iq-sdg-impact-tool/) for SDG impact assessment?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Have you identified the monitoring parameters linked with selected SDGs and corresponding SDG targets?

For example – the monitoring parameter Amount of GHGs emissions avoided or sequestered is linked with SDG 13. Climate action, SDG target 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies, and planning. Take note of requirements regarding designing of monitoring plan specified in paragraph 4.1.15, [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-PAR-Principles-Requirements)*.*  | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| *All projects shall demonstrate a clear, direct contribution to sustainable development, defined as making demonstrable, positive impacts on at least three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), one of which must be SDG 13 (Ref: Section 4.(c) of* [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)*).* *Also take note of requirements of paragraph 4.1.30 of* [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) *regarding opinion and recommendations of Expert Stakeholders.**Use the* [*SDG impact Tool*](https://www.goldstandard.org/our-work/innovations-consultations/gold-standard-sdg-impact-tool-piloting-consultation) *to identify the relevant monitoring indicator, SDGs and corresponding SDG targets and design monitoring plan for identified indicators.*  |
| Safeguarding Principles Assessment |
| * 1. Have you completed the assessment against the [Gold Standard *Safeguarding Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/103-par-safeguarding-principles-requirements/)?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Have you identified any relevant potential risks and adverse outcomes? If the answer to any of the assessment questions set out against Safeguarding principles is either “Yes” or “potentially”, the answer to this question is “Yes”. Take note of procedure outlined paragraph 2.1.4 of [*Safeguarding Principles & Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/103-PAR-Safeguarding-Principles-Requirements).
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| * 1. If answer to the previous question is “Yes,”, can the project achieve the requirements with regards to the relevant principle through design, management or risk mitigation?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| * 1. If answer to the previous question is “Yes,” have the Mitigation Measures added to the Monitoring Plan (if required)?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| ***Guidelines & reference documents****: Safeguarding Principles Assessment must conform to the* [*Gold Standard Safeguarding Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/103-PAR-Safeguarding-Principles-Requirements)*. Also take note of requirements of paragraph 4.1.30 of* [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) *regarding opinion and recommendations of Expert Stakeholders.* |
| Stakeholder Consultation Requirements |
| * 1. Has the project conducted a Stakeholder Consultation in accordance with the requirements of [*Gold Standard Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/102-par-stakeholder-consultation-requirements/)*?*

*The below-mentioned questions act as a cross-check for this one. If answer to any of the questions (except 1.18) below is “no’ then answer to this question shall also be “no”.* | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Did you conduct the stakeholder consultation before the project start date, or, for retroactive projects, before submission for preliminary review?

*Retroactive projects may combine their physical stakeholder consultation with the feedback round. The feedback round shall be completed before applying for preliminary review.* | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Did you discuss identified direct positive and negative impacts of the projects with stakeholders as assessed for SDG contributions and safeguarding assessment?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Does the list of invited stakeholders covers all stakeholder groups (a to g) listed in section 3 of [*Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/102-PAR-Stakeholder-Consultation-Requirements)?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Did the invitation methods solicit input from women and marginalised groups, including women, youth, the poor, informal sector workers, ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples, disabled or elderly people, and members of the LGBTQ community?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Were the stakeholders invited at least 30 days before the stakeholder meeting?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Did you share information in a manner (format, medium, language(s), etc.) that allows local stakeholders to understand how the project is likely to affect them, as required by the [*Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/102-par-stakeholder-consultation-requirements/)?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Was a gender lens applied to assessing comments? (For example, if only men provided comments on household device project, was this taken into consideration when assessing the relevance of the comment?)
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Were any serious, reasonable, and proportional concerns raised taken into account and satisfactorily addressed?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| * 1. Did you provide feedback to Stakeholders on how their comments have been taken into account as part of the stakeholder feedback round?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| * 1. Were any points that warrant mitigation measures marked as such and was their monitoring plan designed and included in the PDD?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| * 1. Did you discuss the potential options for continuous input and grievance mechanism with stakeholders and agree on an appropriate method
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Is the mandatory Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book’s location clearly stated (and therefore usable)?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Have you documented the stakeholder consultation process and outcomes in a Stakeholder Consultation Report?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Have you submitted the Stakeholder Consultation Report to Gold Standard within 3 months of the physical stakeholder consultation meeting?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Does the PDD include a summary report of the comments received from local stakeholders?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| ***Reference*** *Section 4.1.25 of* [*GS Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)*All Projects shall conduct Stakeholder Consultation and an ongoing engagement process. The Stakeholder Consultation shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements outlined in this section and Gold Standard* [*Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/102-par-stakeholder-consultation-requirements/)*.*  |
| Compliance with relevant Activity Requirements |
| * 1. Does the project conform to the relevant Activity ([CSA](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/)/[RE](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/) /[LUF](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/))? In case of other activities follow the requirements specified in the GS [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/).
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| * 1. Do any specific eligibility criteria/requirements stipulated in the Activity requirements apply to the project? (See Annex A of [CSA](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/)/[RE](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/)).
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| *Reference: Section 4.1.1 of* [*GHG Product Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/501-pr-ghg-emissions-reductions-sequestration/)***FOR GSVERs/CERs -*** *Typical eligible project types are* [*Renewable Energy Supply*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/)*,* [*End-Use Energy Efficiency Improvement*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/)*,* [*Waste Handling & Disposal*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/)*,* [*Land Use and Forests*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/) *(A/R and AGR), Sustainable Urban development (contextual requirement). You may find the detailed eligibility requirements in the applicable* [*Activity requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*.**Also, take note of additional eligibility requirements outlined for specific technology type/measures. For example RE projects - Hydropower · biomass resources · landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater, and other residues · Waste Heat/Gas recovery · Fossil co-generation · Waste incineration and gasification · Waste handling and disposal are required to demonstrate compliance with the specific eligibility requirements provided in Annex – A of* [*Renewable Energy Activity Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/) *for further details.**Similarly, for technologies under Community Services Activity Refer to Annex – A of* [*Community Services Activity Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/) *for further details.**Land Use and Forests, for example, afforestation/ reforestation (*[*LUF Activity Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/)*)* |
| Applicability of the methodology/tool version |
| * 1. Does the project apply an approved Gold Standard methodology, with due consideration of any additional Gold Standard applicability criteria?*Reference:* [*List of the eligible methodologies*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/427-cdm-list-of-eligible-cdm-methodology/)*.*
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |
| * 1. Does the project apply the latest version of the methodology and applicable tools available at the time of first submission of this form?
 | [ ]  **Yes**[ ]  No |

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| Additional information for LUF Activities   *If applying the LAND-USE & FORESTS ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS answer the following questions:* |

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| * 1. Scope
 | [ ]  Afforestation and Reforestation [ ]  Agriculture [ ]  Mangroves  |
| * 1. Does the project/ PoA/VPA(s) intend to apply the Smallholder Requirements?

*Refer to*[***Smallholder definition and applicable requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/rc-2020-applicability-of-land-use-and-forests-activity-requirements-annex-b-requirements-for-a-r-smallholder-and-microscale-projects/)  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No    |
| * 1. Does the Project involve a Silvicultural system?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No *If yes, provide details* >>  | [ ]  Conservation (no use of timber)   | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| [ ]  Rotation Forestry   | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| [ ]  Selective Harvesting   | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| [ ]  Other (please specify)  | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| * 1. Project Area (ha)

*The project area is the sum of all eligible and non-eligible areas. Refer to the applicable*[***LUF activity requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*for further details.*  | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| * 1. Does the project documentation clearly distinguish the project area boundaries?
 | [ ]  Yes - *please submit evidence with this Preliminary Review Request.*  [ ]  No   |
| * 1. How much of the project area will be identified and used to protect or enhance the biological diversity following the High Conservation Value (HCV) approach?

*Refer to the applicable*[***LUF activity requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*for further details.*  | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| * 1. Eligible Area (ha)

 *Refer to the applicable*[***LUF activity requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*for further details.*  | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| * 1. Does the PD/CME have evidence(s) for the entire eligible area mentioned above to demonstrate compliance with the applicable guidelines for spatial analysis of land eligibility assessment of the applicable [LUF requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)?

 *Please note that a full eligibility assessment shall be submitted at the time of preliminary review.*  | [ ]  Yes - *Please submit evidence for the entire eligible area with this Preliminary Review Request.*  [ ]  No    |
| * 1. Deforestation assessment:

 *Refer to the applicable*[***LUF activity requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*-* *In the case when the eligible area has been deforested during the 10 years prior to project start date, the eligibility of the project shall be determined by Gold Standard as part of the Preliminary Review.*  | Does the project developer/CME have evidence as per the applicable LUF activity requirements that the proposed eligible area was not partly or entirely deforested within the 10 years prior to the project start date? [ ]  Yes – *please submit evidence of no deforestation*   [ ]  No *– please request a waiver by submitting evidence* *that the deforestation activity has not taken place with an intention to implement project activities that generate Gold Standard Certified SDG Impact Statements and/or Products, such as GSVERs.* *1) Submit request to**help@goldstandard.org**before applying for Preliminary Review*   *2) Submit waiver from Gold Standard with the PRR*   |
| * 1. Will the project/PoA/VPA involve multiple Modelling Units (MUs) i.e., distinct parts of the eligible area where homogeneous characteristics to quantify a certain SDG Impact (growth patterns, management treatment and start date) exist?
 | [ ]  Yes - *please state the number of MUs and the area (ha) of each MU in the draft PDD.*   [ ]  No   |
| * 1. Does the draft PDD include relevant evidence on buffer zones around water bodies?

 *The Project Developer shall maintain a buffer zone of 15 meters on both sides of any permanent or temporary water bodies such as lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, etc. Irrigation channels are excluded from this requirement.*  | The total area (ha) of the buffer?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |
| A map indicating the location of buffers?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |
| Justification of how the project will comply with the limitations on activities in buffers?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |
| * 1. Indicate any additional document submitted along with Preliminary Review Request form for LUF activity
 | ☐ Performance risk assessment (see [*Risks and Capacities template*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203g-ar-luf-risks-capacities-assessment-template/))  Evidence (GIS Vector layers/Map) or, if not applicable, justification is included in the draft PDD for:  ☐ Project region ☐ Project area ☐ Eligible areas ☐ Buffer areas around water bodies ☐ Individual Modelling Units ☐ Infrastructure (roads, houses, etc.) ☐ Protected areas ☐ Biodiversity areas ☐ Where affected people are situated  Other (please specify):   |

### document history

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1. In case corresponding VPAs, exemption may apply, refer to [the Programme of Activity Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/107-par-programme-of-activity-requirements/). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)