

Gold Standard for the Global Goals

validation report by Objective Observer



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KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

Title of Project:	
Gold Standard Project id	
Host Country / Location:	
Methodologies applied:	
Regular/Retroactive:	
SDG Impacts:	1 – 2 – 3 – n.

SECTION A. BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION

>> *Please indicate the scheme applicable to the micro-scale project*

1. Project is applying under the stand alone micro-scale scheme
2. Project is applying under the micro-programme scheme

Title of the Project or VPA:

Title of the PoA:

>> *Discuss the current status of the project and what will happen as per the project scenario. Briefly discuss the technology employed by the project.*

SECTION B. OBJECTIVE OBSERVERS' OPINION

>> *Please provide an opinion as to whether the project activity is in line with The Gold Standard principles and should be validated. Describe how the project meets the eligibility criteria as per section 3.1.1 of GS4GG Principles & Requirements document and the relevant activity requirements document.*

Also discuss if the project is required to demonstrate additionality. If yes, then review the additionality assessment carried out by project developer.

SECTION C. DETAILS ABOUT THE SITE-VISIT

Individual or team on site

>>List Objective Observer(s) that went on site. Provide brief information about his/her (their) background and relevant skills.

Period of site-visit

>>Time period during which Objective Observer(s) was (were) on-site.

People interviewed

>>Provide the list of the individuals interviewed during the site visit and include relevant information on the group or organisation they represent.

Means for interviews

>>Describe the means used to interview individuals during site visit; e.g. one to one interactions, telephonic conversations, etc.

SECTION D. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION PROCESS

D. 1. Evaluation of the Local Stakeholder Consultation Process

>> Discuss whether attendance was representative enough (both qualitatively and quantitatively), whether the comments raised have been answered and addressed appropriately, and summarise what the main outcomes were.

D. 2. Evaluation of the Stakeholder Feedback Round

>> Discuss the comments raised and assess if open issues raised by the stakeholders during the LSC have been addressed.

D. 3. Evaluation of the Continuous Input / Grievance Mechanism implemented

>> Evaluate whether the approved/selected methods of Continuous Input/Grievance Mechanism from the LSC report / other consultations have been implemented on site. For retroactive projects check that appropriate means were used by the PP to reach out to relevant stakeholders and seek their feedback on the Continuous Input / Grievance Expression methods.

SECTION E. EVALUATION OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT

i. Safeguarding principles assessment

>> Review the safeguarding principles assessment carried out by project developer and confirm if it has been done in line with GS4GG Safeguarding Principles and Requirements document. Review the mitigation measures proposed, in case where risks have been identified.

SECTION F. EVALUATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OUTCOMES

i. SDG outcomes

>> Assess if relevant SDG target has been chosen for each of three SDGs addressed by the project including SDG 13. Assess the ex ante calculation of baseline and project outcomes (or, where applicable, direct calculation of net benefit) during the crediting period. Check if all relevant equations provided in the selected methodology(ies) or proposed approach have been correctly applied.

Sustainability Monitoring Plan

>> Review the monitoring plan for completeness of data and parameters that need to be monitored in the selected methodology(ies) or proposed approaches or as per mitigation measures from safeguarding principles assessment or as per feedback from stakeholder consultations.

SECTION G. Sustainable Development eligibility criteria for inclusion of a VPA to the

PoA

(This section is applicable for micro-programme scheme only)

>>Discuss if the eligibility criteria for inclusion of the VPA to the registered micro-programme are relevant and complete.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

I, [insert full name], aged [insert age] years, residing at [insert full home address], and working for [insert company name], which is located at [insert company headquarters address], having been selected to serve as an Objective Observer on behalf of The Gold Standard Foundation, hereby certify and declare as follows:

Neither I nor anyone else having influence over me has an interest with any person or in any firm, corporation or other business entity that is involved in the assessed project activity "GS _____" nor have I participated, directly or indirectly, by committee or as a consultant, advisor, employee, officer, director, agent, trustee, or otherwise, in the development, implementation, or administration of GS_____. I further certify and declare that in no way do I have a bias in favor or against any person, firm, corporation or business entity involved with GS_____, and I understand that such bias would disqualify me as an Objective Observer. If at any time during the evaluation process I should become aware of any interest or bias, I will report it immediately to The Gold Standard Foundation.

For purposes of this declaration, I understand "interest" to include any consideration or other thing of economic value, including future consideration.

Name: _____

Signed this _____ day of _____ Year _____