

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 03/04/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation request is approved based on the justification provided by the project developer regarding the security concerns and the inability to conduct fieldwork. The proposed measures to adjust VERs to account for the lack of recent data may be implemented subject to project developer complying with all other relevant requirements stated in the methodology.

The Project developer in their capacity of usage of previous KPT results shall ensure adjusting VERs will not lead to overestimation of emission reductions. The proposed approach upon implementation shall ensure conservativeness of the relevant parameters and developer shall make efforts to represent the best available data under the current circumstances.

The project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision is documented in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide its opinion in the Verification Report.

SustainCert shall review both the project developer's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

Note – 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

Since February 2019, violent political protests are happening in Haiti, particularly in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince (PaP), which is precisely the whole area of the GS2564 project. Regarding this situation, the project and even the entire structure (which has other activities) faced a slowdown of its operations that put the whole NGO's sustainability at risk.

The political and security situation in Port-au-Prince continues to this day, with most neighborhoods in the project area being controlled by outlaw gangs, leading to the suspension of activities and work with the surveyors for their well-being. In addition, noting a reluctant behavior on the part of the project's technology users to allow access to execute the KPTs and surveys correctly.

At the end of September 2023, many agents of the organization were kidnapped for one week and population from some neighborhoods are forced to run away from their home because of the gangs. Considering the above, it was decided not to put the well-being and integrity of the staff at risk as a priority.

The PP is trying to respect the GS4GG requirements and the TPDDTEC V.3.1. methodology but the project is facing some issues on the field that will impact the willingness to follow the rules. The last KPT took place in 2021 and the latest monitoring and usage surveys started on 28 June 2022 and were completed on 7 April 2023, but given the above context the project developer could not execute the KPTs, monitoring and surveys before the end of the year 2023, as required by the methodology and the PDD.

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_627	
Date of decision	03/04/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	13/02/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS2564
	☐ PoA	
	☐ VPA	
Project/PoA/VPA title	Expanding access to LPG in Haiti through microfinance services	
Date of listing	26/11/2013 (Design certification)	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	29/06/2020	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	26/11/2013 (Design certification) 29/03/2021 (Design change)	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Haiti	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ Microscale ☒ Small scale ☐ Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/420	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ New ☐ Listed ☐ Certified design ☒ Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	KPT, monitoring and usage surveys deviation	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Technologies and practices to displace decentralized thermal energy consumption (TPDDTEC), version 3.1. Paragraph 3.0 MONITORING METHODOLOGY, 1. Monitoring procedure: "For each baseline scenario and project scenario the BFT and PFT is updated every two years, respectively, except in cases of fixed baseline implying no need for a BFT." Gold Standard Methodology Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption: "The minimum total sample size is 100, with at least 30 samples for project technologies of each age being credited. The majority of interviews in a usage survey must be conducted in person and include expert observation by the interviewer within the kitchen in question, while the remainder may be conducted via telephone by the same interviewers on condition that in-kitchen observational interviews are first concluded and analyzed such that typical circumstances are well understood by the telephone interviewers"
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	-
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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).	Project participant: Yes ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes; VVB name: VVB Staff name(s):
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes ☒ No ☐

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 paragraphs 3.1. and 3.1.C.c. of the TPDDTEC 3.1. methodology state that “For each baseline scenario and project scenario the BFT and **PFT is updated every two years**, respectively, except in cases of fixed baseline implying no need for a BFT.” and that “the PFT update in an extension of the project PFT and provides a fuel consumption assessment representative of project technologies currently in use **every two years**”. Since the last KPT for the GS2564 project was carried out in July 2021, the PD could not execute the KPTs before the end of 2023.

However, considering the context describes previously and the risks face by the team on the field (kidnapping, extortion, robbery, assault, end-users distrusts), it has been evaluated that the context is not favorable for implementing KPTs. In view of all of this, the PD request to use the data from the previous KPT and apply a discount factor on the number of VERs.

Section 3.0 MONITORING METHODOLOGY literal C of the Gold Standard Methodology Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption Version 3.1 states that “The minimum total sample size is 100, with at least 30 samples for project technologies of each age being credited. The majority of interviews in a usage survey must be conducted in person and include expert observation by the interviewer within the kitchen in question, while the remainder may be conducted via telephone by the same interviewers on condition that in-kitchen observational interviews are first concluded and analyzed such that typical circumstances are well understood by the telephone interviewers”. Due to public order issues, the situation to also perform surveys in person became complicated and it was impossible to access the project area without putting the personal integrity of the surveyors at risk. For this

reason, it has been proposed to conduct the surveys remotely, i.e., by telephone, in order to have more information monitored for 2023 and to respect the usage survey sample size requirements and it is also proposed to use the results of previous surveys to adjust and reduce the impression there may be. For now.

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):

The deviation has no impact whatsoever on project design, assessment of safeguard principles, assessment of SDGs and emission reductions. Since it was very complicated to carry out the KPTs, monitoring and usage surveys in 2023 due to the specific situation in the project area, the deviation is requested in order to comply with all GS4GG approved methodology requirements and reinforce the data quality and monitoring of the project and to have information to carry out future performance reviews and verifications.

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):

The deviation does not affect in any way the project design, the assessment of safeguard principles, the assessment of SDGs, the reduction of emissions, the frequency of data quality, as the proposed deviation seeks to reinforce the collection of information that could not have been done otherwise for reasons of force majeure.

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.*

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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: - date of listing, design certification, transition - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - 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