



CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Clarification

1.1 | Details

Clarification Reference Number	CL_190
Date of clarification response	02.08.2023

1.2 | Clarification response

The Secretariat would like to thank the project developer for sending the query. As per [Programme of activity Fast Track inclusion requirements para 8.4.7 - 8.4.11](#), the project developer can opt for fast-track inclusion mode without VVB Approval adhering to all other relevant requirements stated under [Programme of activity requirements Version2.0](#).

B. To be completed by the entity requesting clarification

Please submit clarification request form in Microsoft Word format

2 | Background information

2.1 | Generic information

Date of submission	26/05/2023	
Title/subject of clarification		
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number of the document(s)	Applicable requirements category	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Principles & requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Activity requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Impact quantification methodology <input type="checkbox"/> Contextual requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Product requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Templates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others	
	Document Name:	Programme of Activity requirements and procedures
	Version number:	2.0
	Paragraph Reference:	8
Submitted by	Contact person name: Ankit Mathur	
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	Organisation Name:	
	Category:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated National Authority (DNA) <input type="checkbox"/> Validation and Verification Body (VVB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Participant/Developer (PP/PD) <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating/ Managing Entity (CME) <input type="checkbox"/> Certification Body <input type="checkbox"/> Other Stakeholder (<i>please specify</i>)	

2.2 | Activity details

Fill only if the clarification is regarding a specific project/ PoA or VPA

Project/PoA/VPA ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID - GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GS10818
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GS12123 GS12124 GS12125 GS12126 GS12127 GS12128 GS12129 GS12130 GS12131 GS12132 GS12141
Project/PoA/VPA title	<p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA016</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA017</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA018</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA019</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA020</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA021</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA022</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA023</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA024</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA025</p> <p>GS10818 - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in India by Greenway - Dissemination of Improved Cookstoves in Karnataka by Greenway - VPA026</p>	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies)	India
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	

<p>Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA</p>	<p>https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3370 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3371 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3372 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3373 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3374 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3375 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3376 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3377 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3378 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3379 https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3388</p>
<p>Status of the project/PoA/VPA</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project</p>

3 | Clarification detail

To be completed by the enquirer

3.1 | Description of the clarification:

Guidance Use the space below to describe the clarification and substantiate it. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. If the queries are related to a project activity or programme of activities under development or implementation, please describe the context in which they arose. If necessary, attach files or refer to sources of relevant information.

3.1.1 | Clarification detail:

Background

Greenway is running a program (GS 10818) to enable access to cleaner cooking alternatives to rural women in the Indian state of Karnataka. By March 2023, approx.. 380,000 women have received the Greenway JUMBO improved biomass cookstove and benefitted from its impact. The same was verified in an elaborate audit process for the first 15 VPAs registered under the PoA. These VPAs are as follows, and have been Performance Verified:

GS10821, GS10825, GS11218, GS11309, GS11310, GS11311, GS11312, GS11313, GS11628, GS11629, GS11630, GS11631, GS11632, GS11633, and GS11634

Action

We want to include 11 additional VPAs under the PoA GS10818. These VPAs have already undergone the Preliminary Review and their IDs are:

GS12123, GS12124, GS12125, GS12126, GS12127, GS12128, GS12129, GS12130, GS12131, GS12132 and GS12141.

Request / Clarification

The 11 additional VPAs that have undergone Preliminary Review are same as the previously verified 15 VPAs. The similarities are on account of the following:

- a. They involve operations and implementation in the same geographical boundary i.e. the Indian state of Karnataka
- b. They correspond to the already Design Certified real case VPAs which have been Performance Verified already.
- c. They apply the same inclusion criteria as that of the already verified VPAs.
- d. They apply the same Methodology as the other VPAs (i.e., AMS.II.G version 12)

We want to go for a fast-track inclusion of these regular VPAs without a VVB validation. Kindly clarify the applicability of the same provision as explained in 8.4.7 to 8.4.12 (Programme of Activity requirements and procedures v.2.0) in our case and allow us to fast-track the inclusion.

3.2 | Documents:

Guidance List of documents provided (note that once a clarification decision has been made by Gold Standard, this clarification form along with supporting documents may be made public on the Gold Standard website. If any of the supporting documents are confidential, please indicate here to ensure they are omitted.)

3.2.1 | List of documents

The following documents have been shared towards substantiating our position regarding the clarification

1. VPA-DD's of the projects under listing viz. GS12123, GS12124, GS12125, GS12126, GS12127, GS12128, GS12129, GS12130, GS12131, GS12132 and GS12141
2. Ex-ante ER and SDG Impact calculator files of the listed projects identified above.
3. The documents (VPA-DDs) of already verified VPAs under the PoA GS10818. For e.g.
 - a. GS10821 or VPA1: <https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/2167>
 - b. GS10825 or VPA2: <https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/2170>

Document history

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1	04/07/2022	Initial adoption