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FORM - ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION

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SUMMARY

Gold Standard Design Certified Projects, PoAs and VPAs (hereafter project) are required to submit annual reports to share progress, key updates and confirm that the project is active. This template provides a standardised form to complete annual reporting. The annual reports are required for each monitoring year for which verification is not completed by the end of the following calendar year (section 5.1. (d), Annual Reporting, Gold Standard for the Global Goals [Principles and Requirements](#)). The Project Developer shall upload annual reports on the Gold Standard Assurance Platform.

1| SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY:

- 1.1.1 | The annual report form is applicable to all Gold Standard standalone projects and voluntary project activities (VPAs) of all scales. In case of a Programme of Activities, the Coordinating/Managing Entity may submit one combined annual report for multiple VPAs.
- 1.1.2 | **A/R Projects Only** - If the project is certified according to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the Certification Status replaces the completion of this template. Please provide the FSC Audit Report and provide a reference to this supporting document in section 6| of this template. In addition, please provide evidence on how the project demonstrates conformity to Gold Standard [Safeguarding Principle](#) 3.8.1 on Water (FSC Certification is not deemed as evidence that this Principle is met). For further guidance refer to

the section “FSC Dual Certification” in the [Land Use and Forests Activity Requirements](#).

2| ENTRY INTO FORCE

2.1.1 | The annual report form:

- a. is available for use by all projects from its release date.
- b. shall be used for annual reports submitted after 05/12/2024.

3| TIMING FOR ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION

3.1.1 | As per section 5.1 of the [Principles and Requirements](#), annual reports:

- a. are due until end of next calendar year for which the verification is not completed.
- b. Are still required by the end of the calendar year if a verification is in progress but not complete.

For example:

Examples - Project Status	Annual report submission
No monitoring report submitted yet, project start date in 2019	by end of 2020
Last monitoring period end: 01 January 2019	by end of 2020
Last monitoring period end: 01 December 2019	by end of 2020
Verification report submitted for monitoring period 01 June 2018 to 31 May 2019	for 01 June 2019 to 31 December 2020 by end of 2020
Last monitoring period end: 01 December 2019, last annual report covering 01 December 2019 to 01 December 2020	by end of 2021

3.1.2 | The Project Developer shall upload the annual report(s) on the Gold Standard Assurance Platform to complete the submission. Note that the annual report shall be made public upon submission.

4| PROJECT(S) INFORMATION

Please identify the project activity, Programme of Activity, and/or Voluntary Project Activity/ies (henceforth called 'project') and the reporting period to which this annual report applies.

<p>1. Title of Project/ VPA(s) If you are submitting an annual report for a project or number of VPAs, please include the name of all VPAs as well.</p>	<p><i>GS1247 VPA 91 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA – Dowa and Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</i></p> <p><i>GS1247 VPA 92 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA – Dowa and Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</i></p> <p><i>GS1247 VPA 93 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA – Dowa and Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</i></p> <p><i>GS1247 VPA 94 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA– Dowa and Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</i></p> <p><i>GS1247 VPA 95 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA– Dowa and Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</i></p> <p><i>GS1247 VPA 96 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA– Dowa and Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</i></p> <p><i>GS1247 VPA 97 Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA– Dowa and Kasungu Boreholes, Malawi</i></p>
<p>2. GS ID(s)</p>	<p>GS5329-32, GS5335-37</p>
<p>3. GS Registry project link(s)</p>	<p>https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1465 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1466 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/952 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1470 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1472 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1473 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/954</p>
<p>4. Date of completion of the report</p>	<p>11/12/2024</p>
<p>5. Which monitoring period is the annual report being submitted for?</p>	<p>19/12/2022 – 31/12/2024</p>

6. Is a verification in progress for this monitoring period? Yes

Annual reports are still required by the end of the calendar year if a verification is in progress but not complete.

No

Refer to [Principles and Requirements](#) 5.1.39 and 5.1.42

5| ANNUAL REPORT

The verification reviews are carried out at VPA level as well the monitoring activities. Individual Annual Reports will be submitted at VPA/project level as per requirement.

7. Has the project been actively implemented/operated during the monitoring period (Q5) this report refers to?

Yes

No

If answer is no to Q.7, please explain the reason:

N/A

8. Please list the recent activities, events and actions related to the project that summarize the project's progress during the monitoring period this report refers to.

This may include milestones in implementation, calibration of equipment, carrying out of surveys or monitoring activities, Host Country approvals, etc. Refer to: Principles and Requirements 5.1.42.(a)

- Annual Monitoring (Project and Usage Surveys)
- 5 Minutes stroke tests
- Ongoing monitoring communities visits
- Water Quality Testing (boreholes and households)
- WASH training and hygiene campaigns
- Maintenance and repairs activities when required
- Designed certified for crediting period no 2

9. Have there been any **changes to the continuous input/grievance mechanism** during the monitoring period this report refers to?

Yes

No

If yes, please ensure that all stakeholders are informed of the new way to provide continuous inputs or file grievances.

10. Has there been any input/feedback or grievance provided by stakeholders after the validation stage and during the monitoring period this report refers to?

Yes

No

Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.42.(c)

If yes, please fill out the table in Annex 1.

11. Have there been any incidents or events that may impact the Outcomes/Impacts delivered to date (in terms of loss) or the ongoing Performance of the Project.

Yes

No

Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.4.2.(d)

If answer is "Yes" to Q.11, please explain the reason:

Temporary deviations on annual monitoring activities for 2023 (limited or delayed activities)
Dev 433, Dev 490, Dev 537

12. Have any legal contests/disputes arisen related to the project?

Yes

No

Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.4.2.(e)

N/A

<p>13. Have there been any updates to the Key Project Information, Project Design Document, Monitoring & Reporting Plan? Refer to <i>Principles and Requirements</i> 5.1.4.2.(f)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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If answer is "Yes" to Q.13, please summaries the updates.

Crediting period renewal (the project has been revalidated as per ERSWDS v.1 GS methodology)

Temporary deviations related to monitoring plan: Dev 433, Dev 490, Dev 537

<p>14. Please provide a summary of the monitoring information collected during the year. Please only provide information on those indicators monitored during the reporting period. Indicators monitored once per monitoring period are not necessary to be included here. Refer to <i>Principles and Requirements</i> 5.1.42.(g)</p>

Project and Usage Surveys were conducted in October 2023 and in October 2024 via the Kobo Mobile Monitoring Platform. These surveys collected information on the usage rates and SDG impacts on the communities.

5 Minutes stroke tests were conducted June/July 2024 and November 2024, to assess the yield of the project's boreholes.

Water Quality Tests are taken to make sure the project's boreholes deliver safe water. Any failures are then treated to ensure the communities have access to safe water.

Households water quality test conducted in March 2024 and September 2024

Follow-up visits are carried out by the Field Team. Minor servicing is conducted by the communities. District Technicians are contacted for any major repairs.

WASH campaigns/trainings at community level are carried out alongside monitoring activities

<p>15. (For LUF projects) Have there been any updates to the 'Project Participants and Secured Titles?' Please ensure that at all times the project is in compliance with section 2 (b) of the Land Use and Forests Activity Requirements. Refer to <i>Principles and Requirements</i> 5.1.4.2.(h)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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<p>16. Have there been any extreme event that potentially resulted in reversal of sequestered emissions by the project activity?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please elaborate:</i></p>
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If answer is "Yes" to Q.16, please summaries the updates.

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6| SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION/EVIDENCE

<p>17. Please list any supporting documentation or evidence provided along with this annual report below. Refer to <i>Principles and Requirements</i> 5.1.4.2.(f)</p>


[Insert text here]

7| DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge and affirm that I understand the following with respect to annual reporting:

1. The information provided as part of annual reporting is primarily for information-sharing purposes.
2. Annual reporting serves as an opportunity to share progress, track key updates, and confirm to Gold Standard that the project remains active.
3. Formal review of conformity to requirements and any changes in approach shall be undertaken at performance certification only.
4. Notwithstanding the above, I understand and agree that failure to provide Annual Reports as required may result in the decertification of the Project.
5. I acknowledge that by submitting Annual Reports, I am not relieved of any obligations to comply with all applicable Gold Standard requirements throughout the project's duration.
6. I understand that Gold Standard reserves the right to request additional information or clarification based on the content of the Annual Reports.
7. I affirm that all information provided in the Annual Reports will be, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete.

By agreeing to these terms, I confirm my understanding of and commitment to the annual reporting process as outlined above.

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The signatory shall be an individual with legal signing authority within the Project Developer's organization Refer to Principles and Requirements 5.1.43	

Document History

Version	Date	Description
3.0	12/11/2024	- Updated the focal point for submission of the Annual reports. - Editorial change
2.0	16/08/2022	- Introduced a checklist format with guidance and references. - Added clarification on timelines and conditions for submission of annual reports and other communication to Gold Standard. Changed title to differentiate from other annual report templates.
1.1	01/03/2018	Editorial changes
1.0	01/07/2017	Initial Adoption

ANNEX 1. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Stakeholder Engagement Report					
Date	Comment	Actions expected from Project Owner	Response by Project Owner	Responsible person for the issue	Issue resolved?
<i>DD/MM/YYYY</i>	<i>Describe the comment received</i>	<i>Changes expected by the stakeholder</i>	<i>How you will resolve the issue/ Whether you find the issue relevant to be addressed</i>	<i>Person who will take/took the responsibility for resolving and monitoring of the issue</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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