

GOLD STANDARD VERIFICATION REPORT

For: Association Tiipaalga

REPORT NO.:
GS11074-MP-02
GS10778-MP-03
GS10779-MP03
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Abbreviations used in this Report

CAR	Corrective Action Request
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CL	Clarification request
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
CO ₂ e	Carbon dioxide equivalent
DNA	Designated National Authority
DR	Document Review
EF	Emission Factor
ERPA	Emission Reduction Purchase Agreement
ER	Emission Reductions
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
FAR	Forward Action Request
GWP	Global Warming Potential
GS	Gold Standard
GHG	Greenhouse gas(es)
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IRR	Internal Rate of Return
kWh	Kilo Watt Hour
MW	Mega Watt
NC	Non-Conformity
NCV	Net Calorific Value
NGO	Non-governmental Organisation
ODA	Official Development Assistance
PDD	Project Design Document
PD	Project Developer
tCO ₂ e	Tonnes of CO ₂ equivalents
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
BH	Borehole
GS4GG	Gold Standard for the Global Goals
ICS	Improved Cookstove
MWh	MegaWattHour
CH ₄	Methane
MR	Monitoring Report
N ₂ O	Nitrous Oxide
POA	Programme of Activity
SGP	Safeguarding Principles
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SC	SustainCERT
TPDDTE C	Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption

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1 OBJECTIVE AND CRITERIA

1.1 Objective

Gold Standard projects must undergo independent validation/verification of emission reductions and overall compliance with Gold Standard rules as the basis for issuance of Gold Standard Voluntary Emission Reductions (GS VERs).

The objectives of this verification are to determine if the environmental information statement and other reporting information is accurate and conforms with the criteria defined in Gold Standard rules.

This report details the objectives, scope, criteria, methodology and findings of this process and a final opinion.

The Gold Standard requires that the final version of this report is published in the public domain. The client to whom this report is addressed therefore acknowledges that the final version of this report will be published unless SustainCERT (SC) are informed in writing within 1 business day following issuance of the final version to the client.

1.2 SCOPE

Related activity	Verification
Project Title (s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso- VPA-14 - Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10778) GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-15 - Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10779) GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-16 - Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10780) GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-17 - Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10781) GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso- VPA-29- improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS11074)
Project ID (s) (i.e.: GS-ID)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GS10778 (VPA-14) GS10779 (VPA-15) GS10780 (VPA-16) GS10781 (VPA-17) GS11074 (VPA-29)

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Project Type	Cookstove
PoA Title (if applicable)	Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso
POA ID (if applicable)	GS1340
Responsible Party	Association Tiipaalga
Verification programme	GSF

The scope of verification covers the emissions reductions project in that is prepared in accordance with the Monitoring Report of the GS ID (s) listed above.

The responsible party is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the environmental information statement in accordance with the criteria.

Consistent with SC accreditation scope, only the following GHGs are considered within the scope of the assessment: CO₂ CH₄ N₂O.

2 TEAM COMPOSITION

Verification Team

Name	Qualification	Coverage of sectoral/technical area	Host country experience	Conducted Site visit / Remote Audit
Muskan Chawla (old TL, till 18/06/2024)	TL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (All)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Manika Mongia (new TL, from 18/06/2024)	TL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (All)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nikunj Agrawal	Technical Expert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (All)	-	-

Independent Review team and approver

Name	Role	Coverage of technical area
Indrapal Parmar	Independent Reviewer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (All)
Shivraj Sharma	Final Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (All)

3 PROJECT INFORMATION

3.1 Monitoring Period

Start of Monitoring Period	GS10778 (VPA-14): 01/01/2022 GS10779 (VPA-15): 01/01/2022 GS10780 (VPA-16): 01/01/2022
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	GS10781 (VPA-17): 01/01/2022 GS11074 (VPA-29): 01/01/2022
End of Monitoring period	GS10778 (VPA-14): 31/12/2022 GS10779 (VPA-15): 31/12/2022 GS10780 (VPA-16): 31/12/2022 GS10781 (VPA-17): 31/12/2022 GS11074 (VPA-29): 31/12/2022
Total Emission Reductions (SDG 13)	VPA 14: 10,000 tCO ₂ e (11,478 tCO ₂ e) VPA 15: 10,000 tCO ₂ e (11,552 tCO ₂ e) VPA 16: 10,000 tCO ₂ e (11,479 tCO ₂ e) VPA 17: 10,000 tCO ₂ e (10,870 tCO ₂ e) VPA 29: 9,827 tCO ₂ e Total: 49,827 tCO ₂ e
Total SDG 1	Parameter #1: Number of leader women (Monitrice endogène) who benefit from microcredit: 2,090 Parameter #2: total amount in FCFA or € of benefit generated by Income Generating Activities which are managed by the leader women (Monitrice endogène) and funded by the microcredit scheme: 24,644€ or 16,166,500FCFA Total estimated amount saved by stove users on wood fuel purchase for the group of VPA's: VPA 14: 5,118 € VPA 15: 5,150 € VPA 16: 5,118 € VPA 17: 4,818 € VPA 29: 4,945 € Total: 25,148 €
Total SDG 3	Proportion of households perceiving: less often smoke levels: 100% incidence of coughing: 100% incidence of respiratory illness: 100% incidence of itchy eyes: 100%
Total SDG 4	Number of training initiatives for staff involved in the programme: 1

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	Number of workshops carried out for women for the group of VPA's : 58
Total SDG 5	<p>Average time saving (in hours) per woman per week: 3.4 hours</p> <p>Number of person receive training for the construction of improved cook stoves and enhanced their skill: 3,231 (91% women)</p> <p>Number of women benefits from micro credit scheme: 2,090</p> <p>Total benefit of income generation activities finances from micro credit scheme: 24,644€ or 16,166,500 FCFA</p> <p>Amount of saving on fuel cost by women:</p> <p>VPA 14: 5,118 €</p> <p>VPA 15: 5,150 €</p> <p>VPA 16: 5,118 €</p> <p>VPA 17: 4,818 €</p> <p>VPA 29: 4,945 €</p> <p>Total: 25,148 €</p>
Total SDG 7	<p>Number of F3PA efficient cookstoves disseminated for the group of VPAs:</p> <p>VPA 14: 6,947</p> <p>VPA 15: 6,784</p> <p>VPA 16: 6,863</p> <p>VPA 17: 6,398</p> <p>VPA 29: 7,997</p> <p>Total: 34,989</p>
Date of MR Report	24/06/2024
Version of MR Report	5.0

3.2 Annual projections

Annual Average Emission Reductions (SDG 13)	<p>VPA 14: 9,819 tCO₂e</p> <p>VPA 15: 9,819 tCO₂e</p> <p>VPA 16: 9,819 tCO₂e</p> <p>VPA 17: 9,819 tCO₂e</p>
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	VPA 29: 9,904 tCO2e Total : 49,180 tCO2e
Total SDG 1	Parameter #1: Number of leader women (Monitrice endogène) who benefit from microcredit: 1,320 Parameter #2: total amount in FCFA or € of benefit generated by Income Generating Activities which are managed by the leader women (Monitrice endogène) and funded by the microcredit scheme: 3,006 € Total estimated amount saved by stove users on wood fuel purchase for the group of VPA's: 26,280 €
Total SDG 3	Smoke level reduction: >90% Incidence of coughing reduction: >90% Incidence of respiratory illness reduction: >90% Incidence of itchy eyes reduction: >90%
Total SDG 4	Number of trainings initiatives for staff involved in the programme: 1 Number of workshops carried out for women for the group of VPA's: 80
Total SDG 5	Average time saving (in hours) per woman per week: 1.7 hours
Total SDG 7	Number of F3PA efficient cookstoves disseminated for the group of VPA's: 25,000

4 VERIFICATION OPINION

Unmodified Opinion	-
Modified Opinion (see reasons below)	-
Adverse Opinion (see reasons below)	N/A
Disclaimer of Opinion (see reasons below)	N/A

The project representative to whom this report is addressed is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of GHG and other environmental reporting information in accordance with Gold Standard rules.

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SustainCERT is responsible for expressing this verification opinion on the GHG and other environmental reporting information based on the evidence gathering procedures documented in this report. The verification was planned and carried out in accordance with ISO 14064-3 (Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements) to provide a reasonable level of assurance that the information is accurate.

Reason for Modified Opinion (if applicable)	
Reason for Adverse Opinion (if applicable)	N/A
Reason for Disclaimer (not issuing) of Opinion (if applicable)	N/A

Conclusion:

Considering the following information and the one provided in this report:

Project related activity	Verification
Type of validation/verification	Third-party verification
Project Title (s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-14 - Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10778)2. GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-15 - Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10779)3. GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-16 - Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10780)4. GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-17 - Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10781)5. GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso- VPA-29- improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS11074)
Responsible Party	Association Tiipaalga
Type of environmental Information statement	Historical in nature
Start of Monitoring Period	01/01/2022
End of Monitoring period	31/12/2022

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Date of MR Report/PDD	24/06/2024
Version of MR Report/PDD	5.0

Verification period is equal to the monitoring start and end dates mentioned above.

SustainCERT (SC) concludes that:

The GHG emission reductions are calculated without material misstatements for the aforementioned monitoring period and has been prepared in accordance with the verification criteria and is a materially correct and fair representation of GHG other reporting information. Our opinion refers to reported project's information on GHG emissions and resulting reductions, which were determined using the valid and certified baseline, monitoring plan and other relevant documents.

Based on the information we have assessed; we can confirm that the implementation of the project resulted in the aforementioned emission reductions during the corresponding monitoring period

Verified GHG emission reductions and removals in the above verification period:

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022	NA	NA	NA	VPA 14: 10,000 tCO ₂ e (11,148tCO ₂ e) VPA 15: 10,000 tCO ₂ e (11,552tCO ₂ e) VPA 16: 10,000 tCO ₂ e (11,479tCO ₂ e) VPA 17: 10,000 tCO ₂ e (10,870tCO ₂ e) VPA 29: 9,827tCO ₂ e
<i>Total</i>				Total: 49,827 tCO ₂ e

Note: Net benefit is calculated directly by formula of the applied methodology which doesn't require separate calculation of Baseline emissions, project emissions and leakage.

The conclusion is reached based on the following criteria:

The criteria for this verification are defined in the following documents stated in the Monitoring Report (MR)

- GS4GG Principles & Requirements
- GS4GG Stakeholder Consultation Requirements & Guidelines
- GS4GG Safeguarding Principles & Requirements
- GS4GG GHG-Emissions-Reduction-Sequestration-Product-Requirements
- Design Certified PDD (s) Version 7GS10778- 81 and version 2.1 GS11074

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- 100-GS4GG-Programme-of-Activity-Requirements-
- Applied methodology Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves v1.0

Authorised Signatory Name:	Shivraj Sharma, Director – Validation & Verification
Signature	
Date of this report approval	xx/06/2024
Version of this report	01
Office Location	Luxembourg

The verification / validation of the GHG statement was conducted in accordance with ISO 14064-3 and corresponding GHG scheme.

The responsible party is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the GHG statement in accordance with the criteria.

5 METHODOLOGY

5.1 Desk Review

An initial verification documentary review was conducted by SustainCERT involving

- A review of the data and information presented in the MR to verify their completeness.
- A review of the approved monitoring plan and monitoring methodology
- An evaluation of data management and quality control system used in the generation and reporting of data and information

A Protocol was used to assess each requirement during the execution of assessment activities and is explained below. The completed Protocol is available in section 5.4 below.

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5.2 Example Protocol

The name/section of the reporting template is indicated in the top row					
Type	Ref	Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Conc.
V or I This indicates the type of assessment. V = validation/verification I = inclusion (a streamlined validation for VPAs)	Details the section and section number in the reporting template (PDD or MR)	Provides a reference to the GS rule	Question used to determine compliance with the rule, or if the rule is applicable	Used to track clarifications or corrective actions raised when the assessment question does not immediately lead to a conclusion.	Conclusion of each assessment question.

Whenever the assessment question does not immediately lead to a conclusion, clarifications (CLs) and corrective action requests (CARs) are issued as Findings/Comments against the relevant Rule and Assessment Question.

If a Findings is closed, it will result in a conclusion of either OK, a Forward Action Request (FAR) or an Observation (OBS). If a Finding cannot be closed and a requirement cannot be shown to be met, an NC (Non-conformity) is issued.

OK, CARs, CLs, FARs, OBS and NC are further explained below:

- OK - issued when a requirement has been met.
- CAR (Corrective Action Request) - issued if one of the following occurs:
 - There is a risk that emission reductions cannot be monitored or calculated
 - Mistakes have been made in applying assumptions, data or calculations of emission reductions that will impact the quantity of emission reductions
 - Gold Standard requirements have not been shown to be met
- Clarification request (CL) - issued if information is insufficient or not clear enough to determine whether a requirement has been met
- Forward Action Requests (FARs) – issued to highlight issues related to implementation that require review at the next verification
- Observations (OBS) - issued where there may be a possible future non-conformity against a requirement.
- Non-Conformity (NC) – issued if a requirement has not been met and cannot be met.

To demonstrate transparency, all Findings (along with the relevant Rule and Assessment Question) are transferred to a separate Review Feedback table (shown below) to provide a written record of how they are discussed and how the conclusion was reached. A transcript of the Review Feedback is available as Appendix 1, which also includes a list of the Supporting Document (s) provided and Reviewed.

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5.3 Site Visit

A site visit is chosen on the basis of risk assessment.

It was determined during our Risk Analysis that a site was required. A site visit was undertaken by an Objective Observer, in line with Gold Standard rules and following SustainCERT instruction. The Objective Observer was specially selected for their technical expertise, familiarity with the project location, local language and customs.

This visit was carried out on 21/03/2024-23/03/2024 to do the following:

1. Assess the design/operation of the Project
2. Interview personnel and stakeholders regarding the Project operation and data collection procedures.
3. Cross check reported information with evidence observed on site.

The site visit took place in locations chosen by the Objective Observer following instruction by SustainCERT on choosing a representative sample. The list of interviewees, locations and topics discussed are recorded in the accompanying Gold Standard Validation/Verification Appraisal Report.

Remote call with Project Developer's representative had taken place on the 26/04/2024 with agenda including:

- A. Project performance
- B. Data collection
- C. Obstacles/troubleshooting
- D. Project emission source

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5.4 ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL

The Protocol covers the key thematic areas in Gold Standard certification and is tailored to the review type and the mandatory reporting template (MR/PDD). The key thematic areas addressed in the Protocol are:

- GHG emission reductions (known as SDG 13 contributions)
- Other SDG contributions
- Compliance with Safeguarding Principles
- Compliance with Stakeholder Consultation (LSC) requirements

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APPENDIX: 1- CLARIFICATION REQUESTS, CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUESTS

Review Feedback Round:	iv
Supporting Document (s) provided and reviewed for round 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● T-PerfCert_V1.1- GS1340-VPA 14-15-16-17_MP3-VPA 29_MP2-MR_v1.0(3) ● AG(3) ● CR DE FORMATION 1(2) ● CR DE FORMATION 2(2) ● GS 1340 - VPA 14-15-16-17_MP3- VPA 29_MP2-ER_v1.0(1) ● GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v1.0(3) ● GS1340_Tiipaalga_VPA14-17_BFPT_20200515_Analysis_v1.0(4) ● GS1340_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA 29_MP2_DR_HH_20230421_v1.0(3) ● GS1340_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA 29_MP2_DR_ICs_20230421_v1.0(3) ● GS1340_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA 29_MP2_DR_Recent date_20230421_v1.0(3) ● GS1340_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA29_MP2_List of surveyed households(3) ● GS1340-VPA 14-17_29- Grievance book 20230606(3) ● LEADER(3) ● NAHOURI_FormationReport_VPA 14-17_MP3_VPA 29_MP2(3) ● NHR-SYNTHESE DE ACTIVITES PROJET F3PA -2022_1.0(3) ● rapport d etape microcredits annee 2022_ENG(3) ● SPECIFIQUE(2) ● tiipaalga_Rapport de tests de performance énergétiques_F3PA_24_07_2015_VF(6) ● tiipaalga_Report WBT thermal efficiency_F3PA_24_07_2015_VF_EN(4)
Supporting Document (s) provided and reviewed for round 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v3.1(4) ● Stove Installations for GS1340(4)
Supporting Document (s) provided and reviewed for round 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Calendrier collecte de données _ tiipaalga-2023(4) ● GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v4.0(4) ● GS1340_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA 29_MP2_DR_ICs_20230421_v2.0(1) ● T-PerfCert_V1.1- GS1340-VPA 14-15-16-17_MP3-VPA 29_MP2-MR_v4.0_clean(4)
Supporting Document (s) provided and reviewed for round 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v4.1(4) ● T-PerfCert_V1.1- GS1340-VPA 14-15-16-17_MP3-VPA 29_MP2-MR_v5.0_clean(2)

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Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Developer Response
	Is the report prepared using the most up to date version of GS4GG template at time of submission	<u>CAR#01</u> The submitted MR version 01 (dated 27/10/2023) is in track changes, PD shall submit the clean and final version of MR.	The final version of the MR dated 24/05/2024 is provided
	Rd 2	PD has submitted the clean version of MR #CLOSED	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Developer Response
	Does the responsible party own or have the right to claim emission reductions or removal enhancements expressed in the GHG statement?	<u>CL#01</u> PD shall provide sample agreements communicating VER transfer from the end user to the PP for each of the VPAs.	Sample agreements have been provided for each VPA 'PO Nahouri centre VPA 14 1479 01' 'PO Nahouri centre VPA 14 1479 01_with comments' 'Pô 50119 VPA 15' 'PO Songo I konta VPA 15 50119_with comments' 'PO Nahouri Sanabouga VPA 16 1566 01' 'PO Nahouri Sanabouga VPA 16 1566 01_with comments' 'PO Tambala Tambolotia VPA 17 86 01' 'PO Tambala Tambolotia VPA 17 86 01_with comments' 'VPA29-1401-01 et 02'
	Rd 2	VVB has verified the Carbon waiver agreement with the end users submitted by PD for each VPA and found appropriate. #CLOSED	

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Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Developer Response
	Do the 3 SDG Impacts achieved match E.4	<u>CL#02</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In MR Table 1, the values of SDG 1, 3,4,5,7 are not mentioned for each VPAs, PD shall clarify. In the calculation excel sheet, in the sub sheet "Results" - it is mentioned the SDG 15 as well, while the same is not discussed in MR Table 1 and section E.4, PD shall clarify. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The values of the SDG 1: total estimated amount saved on wood fuel purchase, SDG 5: amount of saving on fuel cost and SDG 7 on number of stoves disseminated are reported per VPA. SDG 15 has been excluded from the ER calculation sheet in line with the submitted MR.
	Rd 2	SDG 3 incidences of coughing is not sighted in the GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v3.1(4) sheet, "Project SDGs" Tab #OPEN PD has revised the ER Spreadsheet to correctly mention all the SDG included for the project in question. #CLOSED	SDG 3 incidences of coughing is now cited in the sheet 'GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v4.0'
	Rd 3	PD has revised GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v4.0' to include SDG 3 incidences of coughing. #CLOSED	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Developer Response
<u>P&R</u>	Is the vintage break calculated correctly (and has considered microscale projects whose cap on emission reductions must not be crossed either in a vintage <u>or</u> in a monitoring year.	<u>CAR#02</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MP for VPA 29 is not correctly mentioned in the table 2. MP is different in KPI section of MR, table 2 of MR and in the calculation excel sheet. PD need to mention the values of all the SDGs for each VPAs in Table 1. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The MP for VPA 29 has been corrected in Table 2 and is now similar to MP in the calculation excel sheet The monitoring has been conducted for the SDGs has been carried out for the group of VPAs, therefore the results provide the SDG impacts for the group of VPAs
	Rd 2	Pd has revised the MR to correct the VPA 29 VER achieved under table 2 of the document. #CLOSED	

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		Explanation submitted by the PD is found appropriate. #CLOSED.	

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	Provide a brief summary of the project activity incl. roles and responsibilities of the entities involved in the project during current MP.	<u>CL#03</u> MR, Section A.1: PD shall include in brief the roles and responsibilities of the entities involved in the project during the current MP e.g., Association tiipaalga, Fair Climate Fund etc.	The brief roles are now included in section A1 of the MR i.e. Association tiipaalga ensures the implementation of the project along with local communities/federation & Fair Climate Fund, a social enterprise based in the Netherlands, which finances the group of VPA's and signed an ERPA with Association tiipaalga
	Rd 2	PD has revised MR to include role and responsibilities of entity involved in the project. #CLOSED	

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<u>P&R</u>	Does the project location are included in monitoring report.	<u>CL#04:</u> MR, Section A.2: 1) PD shall include the name of the villages and GPS coordinates of the location where project stoves is being installed within these villages. 2) PD shall submit the photos of the latest installation for all locations with name and title for identification.	1)The names of villages and GPS coordinates are now included in the MR Section A.2 2) Photos of the latest installation are now submitted in the document 'Stove Installations for GS1340'
	Rd 2	1. PD has submitted the name of the village same as municipality. GPS coordinates are correctly included under section A.2 of the MR. #CLOSED 2. Photos submitted by PD are verified by VVB and found satisfactory. #CLOSED	

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P&R	Does the crediting period match the PDD/VPA-dd?	<p><u>CAR#03</u> Section A.4 of MR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crediting period mentioned in section A.4 for VPA 29 is not matching with VPA DD and SC APP. 	In the VPA-DD, the start date of 1/11/2020 may be postponed based on the actual installation date of the first stove in the project database for VPA 29. In this case, VPA 29's start date is 22/02/2021 based on when activities for the VPA begun
	Rd 2	PD is requested to include the explanation in the MR and ensure the consistency of start date of VPA 29 in MR and SC Platform. #OPEN	The explanation on the start date for VPA 29 has now been included as a footnote in Section A.4 of the MR
	Rd 3	PD has revised MR to include the explanation on the start date for VPA 29 in Section A.4 of the document. #CLOSED	

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P&R	Extent of the project's implementation. Is the installation of technology, equipment and measurement equipment in line with Project Design?	<p><u>CL#05</u> MR, Section B.1:</p> <p>PD shall include the technical specification like dimension / size etc (in tab. format) of Project Stoves with latest photograph as prescribed by manufacture. PD shall submit the supporting evidence like tech. spec. /field test report etc.</p> <p>PD shall further substantiate in the MR how often the operation and maintenance services are being provided so that the implemented Stoves are in use.</p>	<p>The technical specification of the F3PA stoves is now included in Section B.1</p> <p>Further explanation on the O&M services for the implemented stoves are included in Section B.1</p>
	Rd 2	PD has appropriately updated MR to include technical specification of the project stove and details on operation and Maintenance services under section B.1 of the	

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		document. VVB has verified the performance report submitted by PD and found appropriate. #CLOSED	

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P&R	Are any forward actions declared correctly and addressed?	<p><u>CAR#04</u> MR, Section B.1.1: There were 01 FAR raised during validation, and the same has not been discussed in the MR, please see the comments:</p> <p>FAR#1: CME to note that the deviation request for the remote audit was approved for the monitoring period 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021, however, as per the deviation decision authorized by GS for remote site visits for all VPAs, and in accordance with paragraph 11.1.2 of the microscale project requirement, CME shall facilitate VVB's on-site audit during the next periodic Verification.</p>	FAR#1 is now discussed in section B.1.1. An Objective observer was appointed, and a site visit conducted. A corresponding report of the same was submitted to SC
	Rd 2	<p>PD has revised the MR to include the FAR under section B.1.1 of the document. VVB confirms that OO conducted the site visit for the current monitoring period from 21/03/2024 to 23/03/2024. Further PD shall confirm if all the FAR are included in the MR as the count of FAR is non uniform in the MR. #OPEN</p>	All FARs are now included in the MR. FAR#2 has been added.
	Rd 3	<p>PD shall confirm that no stove is constructed no more than one year prior to 26/02/2021 and provide appropriate evidence, in reference to FAR 2 mentioned in MR section B.1.1 #OPEN</p>	FAR 2 is related to VPA 29. From the project database 'GS1340_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA 29_MP2_DR_ICS_20230421' the dates of installation are provided in the Sheet Group 1

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			under Column X. The first date of installation for the VPA is 22/02/2021 Evidence with reference to FAR 2 is also already uploaded on the SC platform. As per footnote 3 in the MR, the evidence for this is the document 'VPA29-1401-01 et 02'
	Rd 4	The explanation provided by PD is reviewed by PD along with the submitted documents and found satisfactory. #CLOSED	

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	Have any approved design changes been referenced correctly, including with evidence of approval via a Design Change Approval form, or deviation request form?	<u>CL#06</u> MR Section B.2.4: It is mentioned in MR, that there is permanent design change, however PD shall submit A completed design change request form with the reference DEVXXX, and has been adhered to.	An email confirmation from Sustaincert on the design change is provided ' <i>Clarification sample size - GS simplified methodology for efficient cookstoves v1.0</i> '
	Rd 2	VVB has verified the document shared by the PD and found acceptable. #CLOSED	

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Meth	For SDG 13, do the monitored parameter boxes match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	<u>CAR#05</u> Section D.2 of MR Parameter "Total estimated amount saved by stove users on wood fuel purchase for the group of VPA's" is in the registered VPA DD, while the same parameter is not reported in Section D.2 of MR, PD shall clarify.	The parameter is reported in Section D.2 "Total estimated amount saved by stove users on wood fuel purchase for the group of VPA's" pg.24-25
	Rd 2	Section D.2	It is clarified that a formula error in the monitoring survey sheet resulted in the values of 89.19% and 2.33% for Up and

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		<p><u>SDG 13: Climate Action: Up and DFb.</u> PD shall clarify and confirm the correct value of the parameters Up and DFb. In the ER and MR sheet, the reported value is 89.86% and 2.33, respectively whereas in the Monitoring Survey, the value is 89.19% and 2.35 respectively.</p> <p>PD shall submit a new ER sheet containing the updated values reported in the latest version of the Monitoring Survey. Additionally, all changes in ER calculation shall reflect the MR, #OPEN</p>	<p>DFb respectively. The error resulted from leaving out the values of the first survey record. A new sheet 'GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v4.0' where the error has been corrected is submitted and it is confirmed that the values of Up and DFb are 89.86% and 2.33% respectively</p> <p>A new ER sheet is not required as the values for Up and DFb have not been updated.</p>
	Rd 3	PD has revised MR to rectify values of Up and DFb in line with ER Spreadsheet. #CLOSED	

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	If values are measured and capped by a methodology, are both the measured and capped values used for calculations reported. Measured values must be reported in brackets.	<p><u>CL#07</u> Section D.2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case the values were measured and capped by a methodology, both the measured and capped values used for calculations shall be reported and measured values must be reported in brackets. 	Original and capped values are included in the MR
	Rd 2	PD has revised the MR to include both original and capped value throughout the document. #CLOSED	

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Meth	For SDG 13, has <u>verifiable</u> supporting evidence for each <u>high-risk</u> monitoring parameter been provided?	<p><u>CL#08</u> MR Section D.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in MR that the value of parameter "Parameter #1: Number of leader women (Monitrice endogène) who benefit from microcredit Parameter #2: Total benefit from Income Generating activities financed through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The value of parameter "Parameter #1: Number of leader women (Monitrice endogène) who benefit from microcredit Parameter #2: Total benefit from Income Generating activities financed through the microcredit scheme for the group of VPA's" in the MR has been corrected to match the values from "Report on the implementation of the microcredit

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		<p>the microcredit scheme for the group of VPA's" is taken from "Report on the implementation of the microcredit scheme. See document: 'Rapport d'étape microcredits annee 2022_ENG", while the values for this monitoring period is not matching, PD shall clarify.'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the parameter "Up", the value is calculated in the excel sheet as 89.86, however the survey was done in May 2023, PD shall clarify why the survey was not done in 2022 (or the current M.P). 	<p>scheme. See document: 'Rapport d'étape microcredits annee 2022_ENG" and 'GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v3.1'</p>
	Rd 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VVB has verified the document submitted by PD and values of parameter 1 and 2 are found consistent. #CLOSED PD shall clarify why the survey was not done in 2022 (or the current M.P) and how parameter Up is applied for the current monitoring period. Refer CAR #5 as well. #OPEN 	<p>Tiipaalga organisation is responsible for implementing numerous VPAs across the different provinces of Burkina Faso. These activities include the registration of users, user sensitization, stove maintenance, monitoring and usage surveys and database verifications. Due to the large number of VPAs, some scheduling delays occur despite the fact that the VPAs covered by the MR are in relatively safe areas of Burkina Faso.</p> <p>The document 'Calendrier collecte de données _ tiipaalga-2023' is provided to demonstrate the schedule of all the activities carried out by Tiipaalga in the <i>Projet_Carbone & Autres activiés</i> sheets. The <i>F3PA</i> sheet describes the challenges that were faced in implementing the activities. See comments for translations</p>
	Rd 3	Document submitted by PD is reviewed by VVB and is found satisfactory. #CLOSED	

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P&R	For Other SDGs, do the monitored parameter boxes match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	<p><u>CL#09</u> Section D.2 of MR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Values for the parameter Social wellbeing (SDG 3) is mentioned as 100% in this MP, while the same was 90% during the VPADD estimation, the results for this M.P. are not matching in the excel sheet 'GS1340_MS_VPA14- 17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_ANALYSIS'. • It is mentioned in the MR that value of the parameter "Number of training initiatives for staff involved in the programme" is 1 as there were one training provided on May 4-7 2023, however the current M.P is 2022, PD shall submit the same records for 2022. • For the parameter "Number of workshops carried out for women for the group of VPA's" it is mentioned in MR that "The data is analyzed in the reports regarding the workshops carried out for women, which is made available for review", PD shall submit the same reports for review • For the parameter "Number of F3PA efficient cookstoves disseminated for the group of VPA's", the value is mentioned as 34989 in MR, while in the excel sheet the same value is mentioned as 14825. • Also, in the calculation excel sheet, it is not clear that when these 14825 stoves are disseminated, PD shall submit the records mentioning the distribution dates or periods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Values for the parameter Social wellbeing (SDG 3) are estimated as >90% in the VPA-DD. Based on the data collected during monitoring, the actual value of the parameter is determined to be 100% which is reported in the MR and excel calculation sheet. • The training conducted in 2023 was tailored to ensure that the staff were able to conduct the monitoring activities for MP2 hence the reason for attributing a training in 2023 to an MP that occurred in 2022. Monitoring is usually carried out after the conclusion of a monitoring period. MP2 for the grouped VPAs ended on 31/12/2022 and operational challenges caused a delay in the start of monitoring activities in 2023 • For the parameter "Number of workshops carried out for women for the group of VPA's" The referenced report "<i>-NHR-SYNTHESE DE ACTIVITES PROJET F3PA -2022</i>" is provided • From the project database 'GS1340_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA 29_MP2_DR_ICS_20230421' a distinction is made between the number of households where the F3PA stoves are installed, and the number of stoves installed. The value 34,989 is the number of F3PA stoves installed whereas 14,825 is the number of households where the stoves are installed. It is noted in the additional comment that each household has at least two F3PA stoves.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The installation dates for the 34,989 stoves can be found in Column W and X of the “Group 1” tab of the project database document ‘GS1340_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA 29_MP2_DR_ICS_20230421_v1.0’
	Rd 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanation submitted by PD is found relevant. #CLOSED PD shall give details on the operational challenges faced that led to the delay in the start of monitoring activity for the monitoring period in question. #OPEN VVB has verified the document provided by PD and found appropriate. #CLOSED Explanation submitted by PD is found satisfactory. #CLOSED 	<p>Tiipaalga organisation is responsible for implementing numerous VPAs across the different provinces of Burkina Faso. These activities include the registration of users, user sensitization, stove maintenance, monitoring and usage surveys and database verifications.</p> <p>Due to the large number of VPAs, some scheduling delays occur despite the fact that the VPAs covered by the MR are in relatively safe areas of Burkina Faso.</p> <p>The document ‘<i>Calendrier collecte de données _ tiipaalga-2023</i>’ is provided to demonstrate the schedule of all the activities carried out by Tiipaalga in the <i>Projet_Carbone & Autres activiés</i> sheets. The <i>F3PA</i> sheet describes the challenges that were faced in implementing the activities. See comments for translations</p>
	Rd 3	Document submitted by PD is reviewed by VVB and is found satisfactory. #CLOSED	

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GS RU	For projects applying the Usage Survey Requirements and	CL#10 Usage survey:	The document “Akvoflow screenshots” is provided

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	Guidelines (TPDDTEC/aDALYs/ Methodology for Improved Cook-stoves and Kitchen Regimes/ Black Carbon and Co-emitted Species) are usage rates reported for each age group, inclusive of the cap (where required) at each age group?	The PD is requested to submit the example screenshots from the web application of the monitoring survey records as well as the Dashboard overview of all the surveys.	
	Rd 2	VVB has verified the document provided by the PD and found acceptable. #CLOSED	

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	<p>For any parameters that were sampled, has the following been demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Description of implemented sampling design; (b) Collected data; (c) Analysis of the collected data; (d) Demonstration that the required confidence/precision level has been met; <p>Demonstration that the samples were randomly selected and are representative of the population</p>	<p><u>CL#11</u> Section D.4. The PD shall note that for any parameters that were sampled, the following shall be demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Description of implemented sampling design; o Collected data; o Analysis of the collected data; o Demonstration that the required confidence/precision level has been met; o Demonstration that the samples were randomly selected and are representative of the population <p>The missing information considering the above requirements shall be included in the Section D.4 of MR.</p> <p>It is mentioned on page 41 of MR, that sampling survey was done in May 2023, why the same survey is not being</p>	<p>The sampling design, collected data, data analysis and demonstration of sampling design have been outlined in Section D.4 of the MR</p> <p>Monitoring is usually carried out after the conclusion of a monitoring period. MP2 for the grouped VPAs ended on 31/12/2022 and operational challenges caused a delay in the start of monitoring activities in 2023</p> <p>The monitoring dates have been corrected in the MR</p>

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		<p>conducted in 2022 (considering 2022 as MP), PD shall clarify.</p> <p>Also, it is mentioned the date of survey as “From 06/05/2023 To 15/03/2023”, how the survey was done from May to March, PD shall clarify.</p>	
	Rd 2	<p>PD has revised the MR to include relevant changes. PD shall justify the reason for conducting the survey 5 months after the monitoring period. Also, Provide the relevant documents in support of claim made. #OPEN</p>	<p>Tiipaalga organisation is responsible for implementing numerous VPAs across the different provinces of Burkina Faso. These activities include the registration of users, user sensitization, stove maintenance, monitoring and usage surveys and database verifications.</p> <p>Due to the large number of VPAs, some scheduling delays occur despite the fact that the VPAs covered by the MR are in relatively safe areas of Burkina Faso.</p> <p>The document ‘<i>Calendrier collecte de données _ tiipaalga-2023</i>’ is provided to demonstrate the schedule of all the activities carried out by Tiipaalga in the <i>Projet_Carbone & Autres activiéés</i> sheets. The <i>F3PA</i> sheet describes the challenges that were faced in implementing the activities. See comments for translations</p>
	Rd 3	<p>Document submitted by PD is reviewed by VVB and is found satisfactory. #CLOSED</p>	

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P&R	For Other SDGs, Is the project scenario calculated correctly to match the PDD/VPA-DD?	<p>CAR#06 Section E2 of MR:</p> <p>Value of SDG 1 calculated in Excel sheet is not matching with the MR table 1, PD shall clarify.</p>	<p>The values of SDGs calculated in the Excel sheet ‘<i>GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v3.1</i>’ and Values of SDGs in MR table 1 are now matching</p>

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		Parameters for SDG 3 are not clearly mentioned in the excel sheet, PD shall clarify. Value of SDG 4 calculated in Excel sheet is not completely matching with the MR table 1, PD shall clarify. Value of SDG 5 calculated in Excel sheet is not completely matching with the MR table 1, PD shall clarify.	
	Rd 2	PD shall appropriately mention original values for SDG 13, check consistency for SDG 7(VPA wise) and include all parameter surveyed under SDG 3 under project SDGs of GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v3.1(4) document. #OPEN	The original values of SDG 13 are now mentioned in the MR SDG 7 VPA wise values have been corrected for consistency and the accompanying evidence in the sheet 'GS1340_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA 29_MP2_DR_ICs_20230421_v2.0' All parameters surveyed under SDG 3 are now included in the project SDGs tab in 'GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v4.0'
	Rd 3	PD has revised MR to include original value of SDG 13 and ensure consistency of SDG 7 and 3 in MR and GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v4.0. #CLOSED	

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P&R	Has a like for like comparison of ex ante (estimated) and achieved SDG Impacts been provided?	<u>CL#12</u> Section E.5 of MR On page 52 of MR, the value of parameter 2 is very high comparing to last M.P. PD shall clarify and explain the reason.	An explanation for the difference in Parameter 2 is provided in section E.6 of the MR
	Rd 2	PD has revised the MR to include satisfactory reason of increase of mentioned parameter with respect to estimated value in VPA DD. #CLOSED	

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P&R	Has the explanation of any different assumptions been clearly stated?	<u>CL#13</u> Section E.5.1: PD shall use this section to explain how their estimate was calculated, The estimated ex ante calculation may use slightly different assumptions than the monitored data.	Explanation on the assumptions made have now been included is Section E.5.1
	Rd 2	PD has revised the MR to include assumptions made under Section E.5.1 in the document. #CLOSED	

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P&R 3.1.1 (d)	In cases where a project has not reported on legal challenges, is there a formal declaration that no legal challenges have arisen during the monitoring period?	<u>CL#14</u> MR section G.3: PD shall submit a formal declaration that no legal challenges arose during the monitoring period.	A formal declaration on legal challenges has been shared " <i>Declaration of no legal dispute.pdf</i> "
	Rd 2	PD has submitted the formal declaration that no legal challenges arose during the monitoring period and found appropriate. #CLOSED	

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MR Templ ate	Consistency of document	<u>CAR# 07</u> PD shall ensure the consistency of SDG values throughout the Monitoring report document.	The SDG values are now consistent throughout the MR
	Rd 2	PD has ensured the consistency of all SDG values across the MR document. #CLOSED	

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Meth	For non SDG 13, do the monitored parameter boxes match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	<p><u>CAR#08</u> Section D.2 of MR VVB has reviewed GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v3.1(4) submitted by PD -</p> <p><u>SDG 1, No Poverty: Total estimated amount saved by stove users on wood fuel.</u> PD shall clarify and confirm the correct value of the parameter. There is a discrepancy between the MR and the MS:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>MR</th> <th>MS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>v3.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>School Fees</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medical drugs</td> <td>42</td> <td>33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food</td> <td>83</td> <td>67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Field Crops</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Equipment</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td>42</td> <td>33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Activities</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings</td> <td>25</td> <td>25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>SDG 5, Gender Equality: Average Time (in hours) on wood fuel collection.</u> PD shall clarify and confirm the correct value of the parameter. In the MR, the reported value is 3.4 hours/week whereas in the Monitoring Survey 3.1, the value is 1.83</p>		MR	MS			v3.1	School Fees	0	0	Medical drugs	42	33	Food	83	67	Field Crops	0	0	Equipment	0	0	Income	42	33	Activities			Savings	25	25	
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	Rd 3	#OPEN	The correct value is 3.4 weeks as per the MR. The formula error in the analysis sheet GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v4.1 has been corrected and uploaded																														
	Rd 4	PD has revised the MR and GS1340_MS_VPA14-17_MP3_VPA-29_MP2_20230522_Analysis_v4.1 to make appropriate corrections. #CLOSED																															

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MR Guide	Does the project information correlate with the PDD/VPA-DD?	<u>CL#15</u> KPI: The PD shall clarify which version of VPA-DD was used in this verification cycle in the KPI section of the MR. For GS10778-81, it is written as VPA-DD Version 8.0, and for GS11074, it is written as Version 4.0. However, these versions are not available in the Gold Standard Impact Registry. Only Version 7.0 is available for GS10779-81 and Version 2.1 for GS11074.	
	Rd-3	#OPEN	The VPA-DD version number has been updated for the verification cycle. It is confirmed that for GS10778-81, the correct version is 7.1 and that for GS 11074 the correct version is 2.1
	Rd 4	PD has revised MR to update the version of VPA DD in KPI section of the document. #CLOSED	

APPENDIX: 2- FORWARD ACTION REQUEST

No FAR is raised during the verification process of the current monitoring period.

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