

PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

This project review report includes findings raised during Verra's review of the project specified below. The VVB must address the findings before the project request can be considered for approval by Verra. The project review report will be made publicly available on the Verra Registry. Confidential information may be provided in separate attachments.

Project ID	2357
Project Name	Improved cook stove market development in rural Nepal
Review Type	Verification
Program(s)	VCS Program
Verification Period	01-November-2021 to 31-October-2022
Project Proponent	Practical Action
Methodology	AMS II.G - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, Version 11.1
VVB	EcoLance Private Limited
Assessment Criteria	VCS standard v4.4
Date of First Issue	03 July 2023
Review Conclusion	Approved
Date of Final Issue	15 August 2023

FINDINGS

#	Finding Description	VVB Response	Status
1	Lack of enough information on the applied sampling plan		
	<u>Issue</u> In Section 3.1 or the monitoring report, the project proponent does not justify why the sampling plan was only stratified by cookstove type and not by district. The VVB does not assess the appropriateness of the PP's sampling plan in Section 2.4 of the verification report. <u>Action Required</u> 1. The VVB must ensure that the project proponent justifies why the sampling plan was only stratified using the cookstove type and not the district. 2. The VVB must assess the appropriateness of the PP's sampling plan in Section 2.4 of the verification report. <u>Program Rule(s)</u> VCS Monitoring Report Template, v4.2, Section 3.1 VCS Verification Report Template v4.2, Sections 2.4 <u>Background</u> Section 1.7 of the monitoring report states that two different cookstove models were distributed to ten districts. However, Section 3.1 of the monitoring report shows that only two districts were sampled (as a result for SRS). The PP states that the districts are homogeneous but does not demonstrate/further justify this.	Round 1 <u>VVB Response</u> VVB would like to clarify that the as per the registered PD section 5.3 simple sample random sampling approach to be followed for the monitoring surveys. Simple random sampling is suited to populations that are homogenous (EB 94 annex 02). Two types of ICS are distributed under the project which are considered as two different strata and accordingly separate sample size calculated for each type. All the districts where project is implemented are homogeneous in terms of geography, climate, user's need and baseline scenario, the districts are not considered as strata and not considered separately for sample size calculation. This is now further updated in MR and verification report. For selection of samples, PP assigned random number using excel function for each ICS under both ICS type. Accordingly, required sample numbers are selected arranging the random numbers in ascending order. Snaps of selection of random number and arranging in ascending order prior to survey was provided to the audit team. Hence, VVB accepted two districts which randomly got selected as part of the process. <u>Verra Response</u> All the districts where project is implemented are homogeneous in terms of geography, climate, user's need and baseline scenario, the districts are not considered as strata and not considered separately for sample size calculation. This finding is now closed, and no further response is required.	Closed