

PROJECT REVIEW REPORT

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

Review Type	Verification
Project ID	2357
Project Name	Improved cook stove market development in rural Nepal
Program(s)	VCS
Verification Period	01/11/2020 to 31/10/2021
Project Proponent	Practical Action
Methodology	AMS II.G - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, v11.1
VVB	VKU
Assessment Criteria	VCS Version 4.3
Date of First Issue	21 October 2022
Review Conclusion	Approved
Date of Final Issue	22 November 2022

ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

#	Description	Response	Status
1	Missing information on the local stakeholder consultation <u>Issue:</u> In Section 2.2 of the monitoring report, the MR does not include a mechanism for on-going communication with local stakeholders and end-users. <u>Action item:</u> A. The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.2 of the monitoring report and provide information on the mechanism for on-going communication with local stakeholders. B. The VVB must provide an assessment of the updated monitoring report and update the verification report as needed. <u>Program rule:</u> VCS Monitoring Report Template, v4.1, Section 2.2	Round1: PP Response: The details have been now provided in section 2.2 of the revised MR. VVB Response: A. VVB noted the updated MR includes details of ongoing engagement with stakeholders correctly which was checked and verified during on-site assessment by the verification team discussing with the PP and sample end users. VVB could confirm they are aware of the grievance handling mechanism. The grievance related to the maintenance are addressed by the PP for which maintenance forms were also checked as mentioned in section 2.2 of verification report to reconfirm that the 4 grievance/complaint regarding maintenance are addressed in previous year. B. So, VVB confirms that there is no outstanding grievance to be addressed for this monitoring period and updated MR is complete in section 2.2. The verification report is also updated accordingly in section 4.2.2. Verra Review: Section 2.2 of the monitoring report has been updated and no further action is required. This finding is closed.	Closed

2 Clarification needed on the local stakeholder consultation

Issue:

In Section 4.2.1 (page #20) of the verification report, the VVB states that “Local stakeholder consultation is not applicable for the project proponent during verification.”

Action item:

The VVB must update Section 4.2.1 of the verification report and provide all the required information in line with the applied VCS VR template.

Program rule:

VCS Verification Report Template, v4.1, Section 2.2

Round1:

Closed

PP Response: To be provided by VVB.

VVB Response:

The statement actually is stated 4.2.2 of verification report. The section now is appropriately corrected incorporating the information related to ongoing communication with stakeholder and grievance.

VVB interviewed with the users regarding this and could confirm they are aware of the grievance handling mechanism. The grievance related to the maintenance are addressed by the PP for which maintenance forms were also checked as mentioned in section 2.2 of verification report to reconfirm that the 4 grievance/complaint regarding maintenance are addressed in previous year.

So, VVB confirms that there is no outstanding grievance to be addressed for this monitoring period and the verification report is also updated accordingly in section 4.2.2.

Verra Review:

Section 4.2.1 of the verification report report has been updated and no further action is required. This finding is closed.

3 Missing information in the monitoring plan

Issue:

In Section 4.3 of the monitoring report, the project proponent does not provide procedure (s) for handing any internal audits and non-conformities identified, as required by the template.

Action item:

- A. The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 4.3 of the monitoring report and provide information on the the

Round1:

Closed

PP Response: The details have been now provided in section 4.3 of the revised MR.

VVB Response:

- A. VVB noted that PP has updated section 4.3 of the monitoring report. PP follows the “Guidelines for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities, version 3 (EB 75, annex 8) for monitoring and data collection. For the data collection and monitoring, field persons are

procedure (s) for handling any internal audits and non-conformities identified.

- B. The VVB must provide an assessment of the updated monitoring report and how it verified the same in an updated verification report as needed.

Program rule:

VCS Monitoring Report Template, v4.1, Section 4.3

trained before starting the data collection. Project developer (PA) maintain all records as per monitoring plan. In addition, a continuous complaint mechanism system is in place for the project to records any complaint whenever received and its status. The focal persons deals with any non-conformity identified.

- B. During the verification, all relevant documents were checked to assess the correctness and quality of data submitted by the project participants, which are used to determine emission reductions. All records needed for monitoring were archived in line with the requirements of the registered monitoring plan. No significant, lack of evidence and missing data were detected during verification. Hence, the VVB confirms that the monitoring system ensures required quality of the monitoring system through internal checks to ensure the quality of the monitored data. This has been stated and also updated accordingly in section 4.5 of the verification report.

Verra Review:

Section 4.3 of the monitoring report report has been updated and no further action is required. This finding is closed.

4 Clarification needed on the values for firewood saving for the Green way Jumbo

Issue:

In Section 1.4 of the verification report, the VVB states that the Greenway Jumbo" can save 2.81 tonne/year of firewood and the total of 32,664 tCO₂/year total reduction, which is inconsistent with the values reported in the PD and monitoring report.

Action item:

Round1:

Closed

PP Response: To be provided by VVB.

VVB Response:

The values for the firewood saving in ex-ante in line with the PD and monitoring report is 2.52 tonne/year. It was typo error and hence corrected appropriately in section 1.4 of the verification report. Also, ex-ante emission reduction is revised in line with the approved joint PD and MR in section 1.4 of the verification report.

The VVB must ensure that the tonne/year of firewood saved and the total emission reductions are reported consistently in all the section of the verification report. <u>Program rule:</u> <i>VCS Verification Report Template, v4.1, Section 1.4</i>	Verra Review: Section 1.4 of the verification report report has been updated and no further action is required. This finding is closed.
5 End-user related topics missing in the interviews <u>Issue:</u> In Section 2.3 of the verification report, the VVB interviewed end-users on the same topics as the PP and PP representatives. <u>Action item:</u> The VVB must update Section 2.3 of the verification report and describe how it verified end-user related topics such as: pre-project practices, project stove cost, date of stove purchase, continued use of baseline stove, if they were part of the surveys, grievance mechanism etc.. <u>Program rule:</u> <i>VCS Verification Report Template, v4.1, Section 2.3</i>	Round1: Closed PP Response: To be provided by VVB. VVB Response: During the verification, VVB visited the project sites and checked if the project ICS are operational for the sampled users. Other parameters such as the baseline practices, use of other devices during project activities and any repair/maintenance activities and date of project purchased were checked through interviews with the users and related documents such as installation certificates for the stoves and information from the users and reports from the technicians related to grievance. VVB confirm that the no inconsistency was observed for any of the samples with respect to on-site inspection & document review. Section 2.3 of verification report is updated with these information. Verra Review: Section 2.3 of the verification report report has been updated and no further action is required. This finding is closed.
6 Clarification needed on the monitored parameter $N_{y,i,a}$ <u>Issue:</u> In Section 4.1 of the verification report, it is not clear where the VVB get the usage rate of 92% for 2020 and 94.67% for 2021, yet the PP reports that	Round1: Closed PP Response: To be provided by VVB. VVB Response:

100% were in use. Also, the VVB indicates that ICS in use are more than 16,000, yet installations are 15,292. Action item: The VVB must update Section 4.1 of the verification report and ensure that information is consistently reported as in the verified monitoring report. Program rule: VCS Verification Report Template, v4.1, Section 4.1	The issue mentioned is typo error. The section is now appropriately corrected by removing the row in the table in section 4.1 of the monitoring report. Verra Review: Section 4.1 of the verification report report has been updated and no further action is required. This finding is closed.
7 Inconsistent ERR values for year 2021 Issue: In Section 5 of the verification report the ERR values for 2021 are not consistent with the values reported in the monitoring report and the ERR spreadsheets. Action item: The VVB must update Section 5 of the verification report and ensure that the ERR values for 2021 are consistently reported as in the verified monitoring report and the ERR spreadsheets. Program rule: VCS Verification Report Template, v4.1, Section 5	Round1: Closed PP Response: To be provided by VVB. VVB Response: The ERR values are corrected in section 5 of the verification report appropriately in-line with the monitoring report and ERR spreadsheet. Verra Review: Section 5 of the verification report report has been updated and no further action is required. This finding is closed.
8 Missing information on the comparison of ex-ante and ex-post values Issue: A comparison of ex-ante and ex-post values for this MP has not been provided in Section 5.4 of the monitoring report. Action item: A. The VVB must ensure that Section 5.4 of the monitoring report includes a comparison of ex-ante and ex-post values and justify any significant differences. B. The VVB must provide an assessment of the updated monitoring report and update the verification report as needed.	Round1: Closed PP Response: The comparison has been now provided in section 5.4 of the revised MR. VVB Response: A. Though the guidance provided in the monitoring report template does not have the provision to report the comparison of ex-ante and ex-post in the table, PP has incorporated the comparison of ex-ante emission reduction and emission reduction achieved for the monitoring period and reasons for the difference in section 5.4 of the monitoring report.

Program rule:

VCS Monitoring Report Template, v4.1, Section 5.4

- B. Since emission reduction achieved during monitoring period is less than the ex-ante value and is conservative. Since there is change in the factors such as efficiency during the monitoring period which impacts the emission reduction calculation, justification provided by PP is acceptable. Accordingly, the section 5 of the verification report is updated.

Verra Review:

Section 5.4 of the monitoring report report has been updated and no further action is required. This finding is closed.