



TEMPLATE

DESIGN CHANGE MEMO

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VERSION **v. 1.1**

KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

GS ID (s)	GS1247
Title of Project	Improved Kitchen Regimes Multi-Country PoA
Start date of any New measures/Technologies:	New technologies not yet implemented. Planned implementation is following Design Change of POA and Internal Validation of VPAs. Start date will be evidenced for each VPA during subsequent reviews.
Date of Memo Submission (must be within 1 year of start date above):	27/07/2021

Details of Proposed Design Change

>> *(if PoA, please detail any changes to PoA design)*

The purpose of this Micro-Scale Gold Standard Programme of Activities (PoA) is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the burning of non-renewable biomass for cooking and water treatment. The PoA will distribute improved cook-stoves and/or

safe water supply and treatment technologies to households/communities. Voluntary Project Activities (VPAs) registered under the PoA will be financed by the generation and marketing of Voluntary Emission Reductions (VERs). The PoA uses the Gold Standard methodology Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (version number applicable to each VPA dependent on date of registration).

The Programme currently includes: Burkina Faso, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

This Design Change seeks to extend the geographical coverage of the Programme to include 2 additional Host Countries:, Guatemala and Haiti

The Design Change also seeks to include the GS Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves under the Programme v1.1

Describe the Impacts of Design Change on the following

a. Additionality

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In line with Section B of the POA-DD, demonstration of additionality will be demonstrated in each VPA-DD. POA Level additionality is included in section C. of the POA-DD and proven in line with Section 4.1.2 of POA Requirements. All VPAs included in the POA shall demonstrate additionality as set out in the GS4GG Principles and Requirements. As per the GS4GG Community Services Activity Requirements Version 1.2 – projects that meet the criteria outlined in section 4.1.9 of the document can be deemed automatically additional without needing to prove financial Additionality at the time of Design Certification; which includes “Microscale projects” (4.1.9.c). As the POA is a microscale POA the VPAs registered will all be limited to microscale and therefore 4.1.9.c will apply.

For each VPA, it shall be clearly indicated in the VPA-DD how additionality is proved as per GS requirements.

There is no impact of the Design Change on Additionality.

- b. Applicability of methodology and other methodological regulatory documents with which the project activity has been certified

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In line with section B.2 of the POA-DD projects under the POA will apply GS Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC) v3.1. The Design Change also seeks to include the option for projects to apply the GS Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves v1.1.

Projects in the additional project countries (Guatemala and Haiti) are either community based safe water supply projects or improved cookstove projects- both of which will reduce or displace GHG emissions from the thermal energy consumption of households through the removal of the need to boil water for purification or reduce total emissions from cooking methods through the introduction of more efficient cooking stoves. In line with Section B.2 of the POA-DD each VPA-DD will set out compliance with the requirements of Section 1 of TPDDTEC v.3.1; and requirements for compliance with GS Simplified Cookstove Methodology v.1.1 have now been added to Section B.2 of the POA-DD.

Projects included in the Design Change have not yet been certified and therefore there is no impact of the Design Change on applicability of the methodology.

- c. Compliance with the monitoring plan and the applied methodology

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Sampling for monitoring will be carried out in line with requirements in the relevant methodology (TPDDTEC v.3.1 or Simplified Cookstove Methodology v1.1). Detailed monitoring plans will be included in each VPA-DD.

In line with section B.2 of the POA-DD, each VPA will demonstrate compliance with the eligibility criteria for being included in the POA (including Eligibility Criteria as per Section 3.1.1 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements, and Community Services Activity Requirements); as well as compliance with requirements in Section 1 of the relevant methodology (TPDDTEC v.3.1 or Simplified Cookstove Methodology v1.1) in line with section B.3. of the POA-DD.

There is no impact of the Design Change on compliance with the monitoring plan and applied methodology.

- d. Level of accuracy and completeness in the monitoring of the project activity compared with the requirements contained in the registered monitoring plan

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All VPAs will comply with the monitoring requirements set out in the POA-DD and relevant methodology (TPDDTEC v.3.1 or Simplified Cookstove Methodology v1.1). The Design Change does not impact the level of accuracy and completeness of the monitoring of the project activity.

- e. Project Scale (note suppressed demand rules for large scale)

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In line with the POA-DD, all VPAs included under the POA will be micro-scale VPAs, and as such will be capped at 10,000tCO₂e/year.

There is no impact of the Design Change on Project Scale.

- f. Stakeholder feedback on design change

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In line with Section 4.4 of the GS Design Change Requirements, a Design Consultation Review was carried out for the additional countries included in the Design Change of the POA (Guatemala and Haiti alongside a wider consultation for the expansion of the POA planned for the future. A wide range of different stakeholders were targeted in order to try and include as many different groups as possible and give them the opportunity to provide input on the design. The consultation was carried out electronically. Details can be found in the Design Consultation Report.

In addition to the POA level Design Consultation, live meetings will be held within each VPA Project Area, and an additional VPA level stakeholder feedback round will be held.

- g. Sustainable Development Assessment

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The Sustainable Development Assessment will be undertaken at a VPA level.

There is no impact of the Design Change on Sustainable Development Assessment.

h. Safeguarding Assessment

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As per Section E of the POA-DD a safeguarding assessment will be carried out at VPA level.

There is no impact of the Design Change on Safeguarding Assessment procedure

i. Legislation

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No additional approvals/licenses from the environmental and/or regulatory agencies are required. There is no effect on any legislation with respect to the inclusion a new methodology into this POA – it is a fully legal, voluntary activity. All VPAs will demonstrate their compliance with local laws as required by Gold Standard at the VPA level

Emission Reductions Before Change (as per PDD)	N/A
Emission Reductions After Change (as per PDD)	N/A

Documentation submitted

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