

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	2349
Project Name	Installation of high-efficiency wood-burning cookstoves in Kenya
Review Type	Validation Approval
Program(s)	SD VISta Program
Project Proponent	C-Quest Capital SGS Stoves Limited
VVB	Carbon Check (India) Private Limited
Assessment Criteria	<i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0</i>
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FINDINGS

#	Finding Description	VVB Response	Status
1	Incorrect reporting of SDG indicator number		
	<p><u>Issue</u> In row 3, the project uses a project specific indicator. However the project continues to use the indicator number (5.4.1) that is aligned with an official SDG indicator.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u> 1. The VVB must ensure that the project proponent removes the SDG indicator number as they are using a project specific indicator.</p> <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0;</i> UN Metadata</p>	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u> 1. The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that in section 1, row 3 of SDVISTA PD, PP has defined the project specific indicator i.e., “time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age, and location”.</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u> The indicator number has now been removed as the project uses a project specific indicator.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	Closed
2	Incorrect reporting of SDG indicator 7.1.2		
	<p><u>Issue</u> The SDG indicator in row 4 does not adequately measure the project’s contributions.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u> 1. The VVB must ensure the project proponent provides the baseline data it used to determine the proportion of the affected population for row 4. If baseline data is unavailable, the project proponent must select a more appropriate indicator or a self-defined indicator.</p> <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0:</i></p>	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u> 1. The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that in section 1, row 4 of SDVISTA PD, PP has defined the project specific indicator and revised SDG the indicator from “Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels and technology” to “Number of improved cookstoves distributed in project area”. The VVB confirms that the revised self-defined indicator is more appropriate in project context.</p> <p><u>Verra Response</u> The project has changed the SDG indicator in row four to a project specific indicator.</p>	Closed

	<p>Section 2.1.3</p> <p><u>Background</u> The impact of a contribution cannot be demonstrated using proportion-based indicators unless the total population is included. A project specific indicator may be more suitable as the SDG indicator currently used requires national level household survey data.</p>	<p>This finding has been closed.</p>	
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3 Incorrect reporting of SDG indicator 8.3.1			
	<p><u>Issue</u> The SDG indicator in row 5 does not adequately measure the project’s contributions.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u> 1. The VVB must ensure the project proponent provides the baseline data it used to determine the proportion of the affected population for rows 5. If baseline data is unavailable, the project proponent must select a more appropriate indicator or a self-defined indicator.</p> <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0:</i> Section 2.1.3</p> <p><u>Background</u> The impact of a contribution cannot be demonstrated using proportion-based indicators unless the total population is included. A baseline dataset should exist on how many people are employed in in project area to claim an increase in proportion of informal employment by sector and sex. A project specific indicator is more suitable if baseline data is not available.</p>	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u> 1. The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that, in section 1, row 5 of SDVISTA PD, PP has defined the project specific indicator and revised SDG the indicator from “Proportion of informal employment in total employment by sector and sex with “Number of improved cookstoves distributed in project area”. The VVB confirms that the revised self-defined indicator is more appropriate in context of the project.</p> <p><u>Verra Response</u> The project has changed the SDG indicator in row five to a project specific indicator.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	<p>Closed</p>

4 Incorrect reporting of SDG indicator 13.0			
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	<p><u>Issue</u> In row 6, SDG target 13.2.2 is used for climate change mitigation activities, which is not aligned with the instructional text provided in the <i>SD VISa Project Description Template, v1.0</i>.</p>	Round 1	Closed
	<p><u>Action Required</u> 1. The VVB must ensure the project proponent updates the SDG target and indicator columns to align with the instructional text in the template.</p>	<p><u>VVB Response</u> 1. The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that, PP has revised the SDG target as 13.0 and SDG indicator as “Tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions avoided or removed” in the revised PD. The revised SDG target and SDG indicator align with the instructional text in the template.</p>	
	<p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>SD VISa Project Description Template, v1.0, Section 1; Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0</i></p>	<p><u>Verra Response</u> The project has updated row 6 as per the instructional text provided in the <i>SD VISa Project Description Template, v1.0</i>.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	

5	Missing geodetic coordinates for multiple locations		
	<p><u>Issue</u> Section 2.1.7 of the project description states that the project activity takes place at a country level and makes use of a country level map. However, only one set of geodetic coordinates is provided. In instances where multiple project locations are covered, multiple geodetic coordinates need to be defined and assessed.</p>	Round 1	Closed
	<p><u>Action Required</u> 1. The VVB must ensure the project proponent provides multiple geodetic coordinates for the areas in which the project’s locations are covered. 2. The VVB must assess the updates to the project description and update the relevant sections of the validation report accordingly.</p>	<p><u>VVB Response</u> 1. The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that PP has updated the project location in section 2.1.7 of the SDVISa PD with further details. PP has also submitted a separate KML file with multiple geodetic coordinates describing the locations of distribution of the cookstoves in Kenya. 2. The VVB has assessed the changed made to section 2.1.7 of the PD and confirms that the updates provide additional clarity regarding the multiple project locations. VVB has also assessed the KML file with set geodetic coordinates representing multiple project locations. Accordingly, section 2.2.6 of the validation report is updated to provide an assessment.</p>	
	<p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0;</i></p>	<p><u>Verra Response</u> This finding cannot be closed.</p>	

	<p>Section 2.1.1</p>	<p><u>Issue</u> Section 2.1.7 of the project description has been updated to include information on the four different project areas according to the provinces. However, only one set of geodetic coordinates is provided in the project description. The project proponent has not submitted a KML file on the Verra Registry or via other means at the time of this review.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The VVB must ensure the project proponent provides multiple geodetic coordinates for the areas in which the project's locations are covered. 2. The VVB must ensure the project proponent provides the KML file to Verra. 3. The VVB must assess the updates to the project description and update the relevant sections of the validation report accordingly. <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0;</i> Section 2.1.1</p> <p>Round 2</p> <p><u>VVB Response (</u> 1. VVB confirms that PP has shared a KML file with multiple geodetic coordinates for areas in which the project locations are covered. This is in line with section 2.1.1 of the Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0; 2. VVB confirms that the KML file is being shared with VERRA for further review along with the response. 3. VVB has assessed the KML file and assessment for the same is provided in section 2.2.6 of the validation report. VVB confirms that the multiple geodetic coordinates are better demarcated through a KML file.</p> <p><u>Verra Response</u></p>	
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		<p>This finding cannot be closed.</p> <p><u>Issue</u> The KML file has been shared with Verra, however the project proponent has not updated Section 2.1.7 of project description to include the full list of demarcated geodetic project coordinates that are provided in the KML for the areas in which the project's locations are covered.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.1.7 of the project description to include the full list of geodetic coordinates as provided in the KML file. 2. The VVB must assess the updates to the project description and update the relevant sections of the validation report accordingly. <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0; Section 2.1.1</i></p> <p><u>Background</u> The project description can be updated to include the full list of geodetic project coordinates that are provided in the KML as a table or by any other appropriate means of inclusion.</p> <p>Round 3</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VVB has assessed the updated SD VISta PD. VVB confirms that section 2.1.7 of the project description is updated to include the full list of geodetic coordinates as provided in the KML file. 2. VVB has assessed the changes made in section 2.1.7 of the SD VISta PD also has cross-checked the list of geodetic coordinates included in the PD with KML file and confirms that the geodetic 	
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		<p>coordinates are reported consistently across PD and KML file. Additionally, VVB has assessed the KML file and confirms that multiple project locations are appropriately represented. Accordingly, section 2.2.6 of the validation report is updated to provide an assessment.</p>	
		<p><u>Verra Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section 2.1.7 of the project description has been updated to include the full list of geodetic coordinates. The VVB has assessed the changes in the project description and validation report. <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	

<p>6</p>	<p>Inadequate information for setting the baseline scenario</p> <p><u>Issue</u> Section 2.1.8 of the project description provides a brief description of the natural capital condition for the baseline scenario but does not adequately provide information on the social and economic conditions at the start of the project.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The VVB must ensure the project proponent updates Section 2.18 of the project description to provide information on the social and economic conditions of the project at the start. The VVB must assess the updates to the project description and update the relevant sections of the validation report accordingly. <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0;</i> Section 2.1.3</p>	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that detailed information on the social and economic conditions at the start of the project in section 2.1.8 of the SD VISta PD. VVB has assessed the updated information regarding social and economic conditions at the start of the project in section 2.1.8 of the PD. PP has supported the reported information by providing weblinks of the sources. The information reported by PP is cross-checked by VVB through review of the sources. The VVB through its on-site observations also notes that the information provided in PD represents the on-ground scenario. Therefore, the updates made by PP are deemed acceptable and section 2.2.7 of the validation report is updated. <p><u>Verra Response</u> Section 2.1.8 has been updated to include a description of the social and economic conditions at the start of the project.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
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7	Maintenance of benefits post-project lifetime		
	<p><u>Issue</u></p> <p>Section 2.1.11 of the SD VISta project description lacks a concrete strategy or set of actions to ensure the benefits realized during the project’s active phase continue after the project lifetime.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.1.11 of the project description to delineate a clear plan or set of actions that will guarantee ongoing benefits beyond the project lifetime. The VVB must assess the updates to the project description and update the relevant sections of the validation report accordingly. <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u></p> <p><i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0;</i> Section 2.1.7</p>	<p>Round 1</p>	Closed
	<p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that an intervention plan ensuring sustenance of the project beyond the project lifetime has been shared in Section 2.1.11 of the SDVISta PD. VVB has assessed the updates made to section 2.1.11 of the PD and confirms that the plan designed by PP to ensure that the benefits realized during the project’s active phase continue after the project lifetime. Accordingly, section 2.2.10 is updated to provide a detailed assessment. 	<p><u>Verra Response</u></p> <p>Section 2.1.11 of the project description has been updated to include a set of actions to ensure that the benefits realized during the projects active phase continue after the project lifetime.</p>	
	<p>This finding has been closed.</p>		

8	Missing information in stakeholder consultation process		
	<p><u>Issue</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section 2.2.3 of the project description does not describe how information about potential costs, and risks were shared with each stakeholder group. Section 2.2.3 also does not indicate whether and how project design has been affected by stakeholder input. <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.2.3 of the project description to describe how 	<p>Round 1</p>	Closed
	<p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that in section 2.2.3, the consultation approach for disseminating information with each stakeholder group has been updated. Furthermore, all the different type of stakeholder consultation approaches planned through the project lifetime has been summarized in section 2.2.4. For additional clarity, Corresponding to the LSC approaches planned through project lifetime, a holistic plan has been added. 		

	<p>information about potential costs, and risks were shared with each stakeholder group.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.2.3 of the project description to indicate whether and how project design has been affected by stakeholder input. The VVB must assess the updates to the project description and update the relevant sections of the validation report accordingly. <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0; Section 2.2.6</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> VVB confirms that section 2.2.3 of the SDVISTA PD is updated to specify the nature of inputs received from the stakeholders. PP has clarified that due account of all these inputs received from stakeholders has been taken; however, the project design has not been affected by the feedback of the stakeholders. VVB has assessed the changes made to section 2.2.3 of the PD. Moreover, VVB during the on-site visit has interviewed attendees of the LSC meeting to assess the effectiveness of LSC and get feedback regarding the project design. However, no feedback was received that suggested an impact on project design. Therefore, the justification provided by PP is deemed acceptable. Accordingly, section 2.3.3 of the validation report is updated to provide an assessment. <p><u>Verra Response</u> Section 2.2.3 of the project description has been updated to include how information pertaining to potential costs, and risks. Section 2.2.3 has also been updated to include information on how the project proponent takes account inputs from stakeholders and in this instance the project was not affected by stakeholder input.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	
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9 Benefits and self-identification for any marginalized and/or vulnerable groups			
	<p><u>Issue</u> In Section 2.2.3 of the SD VISTA project description the consultation process, as described, does not include an ongoing opportunity for self-identification of stakeholder groups that are vulnerable or marginalized.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u> 1. The VVB must ensure that the project proponent clarifies</p>	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that section 2.2.3 is updated to include details regarding ongoing opportunity for self-identification of stakeholder groups that are vulnerable or marginalized. The VVB has assessed the information updated in section 2.2.3 of the PD. PP has specified that “Stakeholders are 	<p>Closed</p>

	<p>whether the stakeholder consultation process provides a continuous opportunity for stakeholder self-identification, especially for vulnerable and marginalized groups. The project proponent must update Section 2.2.3 of the project description accordingly.</p> <p>2. The VVB must provide an independent assessment of the clarification provided by the project proponent and any updates made to the project description and revise the relevant sections of the validation report as needed.</p> <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard, v1.0; Section 2.2.5</p>	<p><i>encouraged to share their views (positive or negative) with the PP, implementation partner, with village authorities depending upon their comfort and convenience.”</i> The VVB during its on-site visit has interviewed the local stakeholders including village head. The VVB has noted that in case of any opportunity or grievance the local groups tend to contact the village head or stove champions who belong to their own communities. Village head or stove champions then communicate the views of the local groups to the PP. PP is expected to monitor the feedback during the monitoring period continuously through the continuous mechanism. Based on the feedback received during interviews and mechanism designed by PP to receive continuous feedback from both end-users and local stakeholder groups, VVB confirms that the clarification provided by PP is deemed acceptable. Accordingly, section 2.3.3 of the validation report is updated to provide an assessment.</p> <p><u>Verra Response</u> Section 2.2.3 of the project description has been updated to include information on how stakeholders especially vulnerable and marginalized groups can provide consultation.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	
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10	Worker training for marginalized and/or vulnerable groups		
	<p><u>Issue</u> Section 2.2.6 of the project description does not demonstrate how training content and its implementation will be tailored to provide special attention to marginalized and/or vulnerable people, where appropriate.</p>	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <p>1. VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that PP has updated the section 2.2.6 demonstrating how training content and its implementation will be tailored to</p>	Closed

	<p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The VVB is to ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.2.6 of the project description to demonstrate how training content and its implementation will be tailored to provide special attention to marginalized and/or vulnerable people, where appropriate. 2. The VVB must provide an independent assessment of the clarification provided by the project proponent and any updates made to the project description and revise the relevant sections of the validation report as needed. <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard v1.0: Section 2.2.10</p>	<p>provide special attention to marginalized and/or vulnerable people.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. VVB has assessed the updated information in section 2.2.6 of the SD VISta PD. PP has specified that the training will be provided in local language considering marginalized and vulnerable section of the communities who might not be familiar with English. Moreover, presence of local representatives shall be ensured during the training. Same has been reviewed through on-site interviews with the representatives of the PP. Based on this information the VVB confirms that the steps taken by PP to provide special attention to marginalized and/or vulnerable people during training is sufficient. Accordingly, section 2.3.6 of the validation report is updated to provide an assessment. <p><u>Verra Response</u> Section 2.2.6 of the project description has been updated to include how training content and its implementation will be tailored to provide special attention to marginalized and/or vulnerable people.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	
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11 Demonstration of equal work opportunities for marginalized and/or vulnerable groups			
	<p><u>Issue</u> <u>Action Required</u> Section 2.2.7 of the project description does not describe measures taken to give members of local communities, including women, and marginalized and/or vulnerable people, fair opportunities to fill positions for which they can be trained.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The VVB is to ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.2.7 of the project description to describe 	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that description of measures taken to ensure fair opportunities for marginalized and/or vulnerable groups has been added in 2.2.7 section. 2. The VVB has assessed the updated made to the section 2.2.7 of the PD. The PP has specified that following measures will be taken to give members of local 	<p>Closed</p>

	<p>measures taken to give members of local communities, including women, and marginalized and/or vulnerable people, fair opportunities to fill positions for which they can be trained.</p> <p>2. The VVB must provide an independent assessment of the clarification provided by the project proponent and any updates made to the project description and revise the relevant sections of the validation report as needed.</p> <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard v1.0; Section 2.2.11</p>	<p>communities, including women, and marginalized and/or vulnerable people, fair opportunities to fill positions for which they can be trained.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uniform dissemination of information 2. Fair Employment Practice Policy 3. Appropriate Pay and Benefits 4. Unbiased Interview <p>The VVB has assessed the measures designed by the PP. VVB would also like to state that the PP's policy of employment and training is reviewed and confirmed through interviews with representatives of PP during on-site visit. Based on the above assessment VVB confirms that the measures taken by PP are sufficient. Accordingly, section 2.3.7 of the validation report is updated to provide an assessment.</p> <p><u>Verra Response</u> Section 2.2.7 of the project description has been updated to include measures taken to give members of local communities including women, and marginalized and/or vulnerable people, fair opportunities to fill positions for which they can be trained.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	
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12 Measures to inform workers about their rights under relevant laws			
	<p><u>Issue</u></p> <p>Section 2.2.8 of the project description does not describe planned measures to inform workers about their rights under relevant laws.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u></p>	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that PP has updated section 2.2.8 of the project description to describe measures to inform workers about their rights under relevant laws. 	<p>Closed</p>

	<p>1. The VVB is to ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.2.8 of the project description to describe measures to inform workers about their rights under relevant laws.</p> <p>2. The VVB must provide an independent assessment of the clarification provided by the project proponent and any updates made to the project description and revise the relevant sections of the validation report as needed.</p> <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard v1.0; Section 2.2.12</p>	<p>2. VVB has assessed the updated made to the section 2.2.8 of the PD. PP has specified that “At the time of onboarding, CQC provides the Employee’s Handbook containing details about the worker’s rights under all relevant laws and policies. Every individual working with CQC, irrespective of their position, are required to duly sign and agree to the policies and information provided in the handbook. This ensures that every individual is aware about their rights and duties while being associated with CQC.” VVB has assessed the employee handbook as part of the validation process and confirms that workers are informed about their rights under relevant laws. Additionally, VVB has interviewed the employees of the PP and cross-checked their awareness about their rights. The VVB confirms that the workers are aware about their rights. Accordingly, section 2.3.8 of the validation report are updated.</p> <p><u>Verra Response</u> Section 2.2.8 of the project description has been updated to include measures taken to inform workers about their rights under the relevant laws.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	
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13 Adequacy of communication methods to stakeholders			
	<p><u>Issue</u> Section 2.2.13 of the project description does not include information on how the project proponent will inform stakeholders about the assessor’s site visit in a timely manner before the site visit occurs, and how direct and independent communication between stakeholders or their representatives and the assessor will be facilitated.</p>	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <p>1. The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that section 2.2.13 is updated to include information on how the project proponent will inform stakeholders about assessors site visit.</p>	<p>Closed</p>

<p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.2.13 of the project description to include information on how the project proponent will inform stakeholders about the assessor’s site visit in a timely manner before the site visit occurs, and how direct and independent communication between stakeholders or their representatives and the assessor will be facilitated. The VVB must provide an independent assessment of the clarification provided by the project proponent and any updates made to the project description and revise the relevant sections of the validation report as needed. <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard v1.0; Section 2.2.16</p>	<p>The VVB has assessed the updates made to the PD and confirms that assessors' site visit will be communicated to the stakeholders one month in advance through a formal notice. Mode of communication is detailed in section 2.2.13 of the PD. The VVB has reviewed the mechanism set up by PP to inform the stakeholders about assessors site visit in timely manner. Accordingly, section 2.3.13 of the validation report is updated.</p> <p><u>Verra Response</u></p> <p>Section 2.2.13 of the project description has been updated to include information on how the project proponent will inform stakeholders about the assessor’s site visit in a timely manner before the site visit occurs, and how direct and independent communication between stakeholders or their representatives and the assessor will be facilitated.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	
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14 Refinement of national and local laws and regulations		
<p><u>Issue</u></p> <p>Section 2.3.9 states that the project adheres to the local and national laws of the country. However, there is no mention of the applicable national and local laws and regulations which are adhered to.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.3.9 of the project description to provide the applicable national and local laws and regulations which are adhered to in the Republic of Kenya. The VVB must provide an independent assessment of the clarification provided by the project proponent and any updates made to the project description and revise the relevant sections of the validation report as needed. 	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that section 2.3.9 is updated to specify that the project complied with all the laws but there are no laws and regulations governing the use of improved cookstoves in Kenya households. Instead, the project is a voluntary effort undertaken by the project proponent. The VVB has assessed the updates made to the PD. The VVB confirms that there are no national laws and regulations related to instalment of ICS. VVB confirms that the project is a voluntary activity. Therefore, the updated made to the PD are deemed acceptable. Accordingly, section 2.4.9 of the validation report is updated. <p><u>Verra Response</u></p>	<p>Closed</p>

	<p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard v1.0;</i> Section 2.4.9</p>	<p>This finding cannot be closed.</p> <p><u>Issue</u> Section 2.3.9 of the project description does not provide a sufficient list and analysis of the relevant laws and regulations the project must adhere to.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 2.3.9 of the project description to provide the applicable national and local laws and regulations which are adhered to in the Republic of Kenya. 2. The VVB must provide an independent assessment of the clarification provided by the project proponent and any updates made to the project description and revise the relevant sections of the validation report as needed. <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard v1.0;</i> Section 2.4.9</p> <p><u>Background</u> Section 2.4.9 of the <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard</i> pertaining to legal status states that the project proponents shall identify and demonstrate compliance of the project with all and any relevant local, regional, and national laws, statutes, and regulatory frameworks. Updates to compliance obligations shall be captured in the monitoring report. These relevant laws mentioned as a requirement for Section 2.4.9 do not need to be specifically related to governing the use of improved cookstoves in Kenyan households and should cover multiple aspects of laws that are adhered to by the project.</p>	
		<p>Round 2</p>	

		<p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VVB has assessed the updated SD VSta PD and confirms that section 2.3.9 is revised to specify applicable laws and regulations. Further key aspects of the laws are also identified. PP shall demonstrate the adherence to these aspects during monitoring. 2. VVB has assessed the changes made to PD and confirms that the list of laws and regulations is exhaustive and covers local, regional and national and international laws. VVB has reviewed the laws and regulations and confirms that PP has sufficiently identified their key aspects. Accordingly, section 2.4.9 of the validation report is updated. 	
		<p><u>Verra Response</u></p> <p>Section 2.3.9 of the project description has been updated to include applicable national and local laws and regulations which are adhered to in the Republic of Kenya. The VVB has made an appropriate assessment of these changes.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	

15	Diversity within and between stakeholder groups not adequately addressed		
	<p><u>Issue</u></p> <p>Section 3.1 of the project description does not describe the diversity within and between the stakeholder groups and the interactions between stakeholder groups.</p> <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The VVB must ensure that the project proponent updates Section 3.1 of the project description to describe the diversity within and between the stakeholder groups and the interactions between stakeholder groups. 2. The VVB must provide an independent assessment of the clarification provided by the project proponent 	<p>Round 1</p> <p><u>VVB Response</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that Section 3.1 of the has been updated with description of the diversity among the stakeholder groups. Additionally, interactions between stakeholder groups is demonstrated with interaction matrix in revised SDVSta PD. 2. The VVB has assessed the updated PD and confirms that PP has included a description of diversity within and between the stakeholders group by classifying the stakeholders into various categories like end-users, Implementing partners and institutions. Further PP has elaborated on aspects of diversity. VVB has assessed the 	<p>Closed</p>

	<p>and any updates made to the project description and revise the relevant sections of the validation report as needed.</p> <p><u>Program Rule(s)</u> <i>Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard v1.0;</i> Section 3.1.1</p>	<p>information and confirms that the description of diversity is appropriate. Further VVB has cross-checked the interaction diagram included by PP and deemed it logical and appropriate. Accordingly, section 3.1.1 of the validation report is updated to provide an assessment.</p>	
		<p><u>Verra Response</u> Section 3.1 of the project description has been updated to clearly describe the diversity within and between the stakeholder groups and the interactions between stakeholder groups.</p> <p>This finding has been closed.</p>	