

Gold Standard for the Global Goals
PoA Design Consultation Report



July 2017, Version 1

SECTION A. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

A. 1. Title and purpose of the Programme

>> *Provide brief technical description of the programme and key objectives*

GS10310 International Programme for Safe Water Access and Efficient Cookstoves

The purpose of this Small-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 will use the Gold Standard methodology Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption, version 3.1.

A. 2. Geographic boundary of the Programme

Country (ies) – Kenya, Mozambique, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia

District – Any within the above-mentioned countries

Town/Village – Any within the above-mentioned countries

A. 3. Tentative start date of the Programme

>> *Start date of construction/implementation/real action of the first project*

Stove distribution in the first active VPA within the PoA is anticipated to begin in Vietnam after 23rd September 2019.

A. 4. Programme eligibility under the Gold Standard for Global Goals

>> *Discuss how the projects within programme meet the GS4GG eligibility criteria*

The projects within the programme are all eligible under Gold Standard for the Global Goals. More specific VPA-level information will be provided within each VPA-DD, but at the programmatic level it can be assumed that the following principles will be followed as set out in the GS4GG Principles & Requirements, Section 2.0 Eligibility Principles & Criteria:

2.1.1 Contribution to Climate Security & Sustainable Development

a) Activities in all VPAs shall be eligible under the approved methodology TPDDTEC, version 3.1. Should the CME wish to conduct any activities under the PoA in future which are not eligible under TPDDTEC, the CME shall apply to GS to complete a PoA Design Change.

b) All VPAs shall have a clearly defined Baseline and Project Scenario. These shall be calculated at the VPA level and demonstrated to GS through the submission of ex-ante calculations to be submitted for each VPA at Internal Validation. The ex-ante calculations shall be calculated on the basis of default values and the findings of quantitative baseline surveys as appropriate.

c) All VPAs shall contribute positively to climate security and sustainable development. Baseline and Project Scenarios shall be defined for each VPA for at least 3 Sustainable Development Goals. Examples of the SDGs to which the VPAs may contribute are: 3, 5, 6, 7 and 13. The CME shall monitor the contribution of VPAs towards the achievement of the selected SDGs and report on this alongside reporting on the CO₂ emission reductions achieved.

2.1.2 Safeguarding Principles

All VPAs shall abide by the GS4GG Safeguarding Principles. This shall be defined on a point by point basis in each VPA-DD under the PoA.

2.1.3 Stakeholder Inclusivity

Stakeholder inclusivity shall be assured for each VPA under the PoA through the conducting of a Local Stakeholder Consultation meeting prior to the implementation of each VPA. This shall be followed by a Stakeholder Feedback Round, where stakeholders who could not attend the LSC meeting in person shall have the opportunity to provide written feedback. In each VPA, the LSC shall provide the opportunity for local communities to define how they would like to participate in the project activities and continue to be consulted throughout its duration.

2.1.4 Demonstration of real outcomes

In order to be validated and verified, the relevant documentation described shall be submitted for all VPAs under the PoA, and monitoring shall be conducted on an annual basis or as otherwise defined by the TPDDTEC version 3.1 methodology. The monitoring plan shall be defined at VPA level and set out in a monitoring plan submitted at internal validation for each VPA.

2.1.5 Financial Additionality & Ongoing Financial Need

All VPAs under the PoA shall demonstrate their additionality within the validation and verification documentation in line with the TPDDTEC version 3.1 methodology and of the GS4GG standard in general.

2.2 General Eligibility Criteria

a. Projects shall all be based on activities identified as eligible under TPDDTEC version 3.1

b. Projects shall be located in the countries mentioned above under A.2 but additional countries may be included in the PoA if the CME conducts a PoA Design Change.

c. The project area and boundary for each VPA shall be defined at internal validation for each VPA. In terms of scale, all projects shall fall within the limits of GS4GG small-scale VPAs. No VPAs shall be registered under other compliance standards unless this is clearly indicated and justified to GS as not representing a risk of double counting. De-bundling provisions shall not apply given that all credits under the PoA shall be VERs rather than CERs.

d. All projects shall abide by the legal, environmental, ecological and social regulations of the host country. For each VPA, this shall be ensured through desk-based research and through the stakeholder consultation process.

e. Contact details and legal designation of the CME shall be provided to all relevant stakeholders through the stakeholder consultation process.

f. Legal ownership of all credits generated under the PoA shall rest with the CME unless otherwise indicated at VPA level. This shall be ensured with the full, prior and informed consent of beneficiaries through the use of carbon transfer forms (CTFs) which shall be introduced to communities at the LSC. It shall be ensured that all beneficiaries clearly understand the CTF prior to signing the carbon rights over to the CME.

g. The CME cannot comment on this stage at other rights issues that may arise within individual VPAs, but these shall be addressed at the VPA level as appropriate through the stakeholder consultation process and through abiding by the GS4GG safeguarding principles at all times.

A. 5. Current status of the Programme

>>Discuss the status of planning and implementation of the programme

LSC meetings are taking place during September 2019 for the VPAs in Kenya and Vietnam. Further LSC meetings are expected to be conducted in the coming months. These LSC meetings, accompanied by baseline surveys and other stakeholder consultation, shall allow the development of listing documents for the VPAs in question to be submitted alongside the PoA in time for its validation review.

SECTION B. DESIGN OF STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION PROCESS

B.1. Description of the consultation methods

>> Discuss whether physical meeting was organized or feedback on programme design was collected electronically. Also include information on consultation time period.

The PoA level stakeholder consultation consisted of an electronic PoA Design Consultation, conducted to obtain feedback from governments, relevant national authorities, NGO communities and other stakeholders on the design of the programme. 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 DNA from each country included in the multi-country PoA was invited to the consultation, along with relevant Gold Standard representatives. Local and international NGO communities with relevant backgrounds (for example; environmental, energy related, rural development, gender) were also included, in addition to all relevant Gold Standard supporter NGOs.

Invites and reminders were sent electronically via email. Stakeholders were given the opportunity to review the programme design and provide comments if they wished to do so. The PoA Design Consultation was open from 19/08/2019 – 19/09/2019.

In addition to the PoA level Design Consultation, live meetings will be held within each VPA project area before project implementation begins.

A screenshot of the email sent to collect feedback:

Gold Standard Multi-Country Small Scale PoA Development- PoA Design Consultation

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SS PoA - Key Programme Information.pdf
379 KB

Dear Stakeholder,

CO2balance is gathering feedback on the development of a Gold Standard Multi-Country Small Scale Programme of Activities (PoA). The PoA will include projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of non-renewable biomass for cooking and water treatment through the distribution of improved cook-stoves and/or safe water supply treatment technologies to households/communities. Provisionally the countries that will be targeted by the programme include Vietnam, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, and Mozambique, with the scope for expansion in the future.

As part of the programme development, CO2balance is inviting stakeholders to provide feedback on the design framework of the PoA.

You are being contacted as you have been identified as a stakeholder and/or a supporter of Gold Standard projects. Please find attached the Key Programme Information for your feedback. The feedback round is open for 30 days and closes on 19th September 2019.

Please feel free to share the document with anyone who you feel may also have valuable input to share.

Your feedback is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Emma
Emma Donnachie
 Project Manager

B. 2. Key programme information

>> Discuss key programme information shared with stakeholders. It should include details of each technology/practice covered by the Programme, the implementation plan, geographical scope of the programme, entities involved, interaction with other similar initiative/programme in overlapping geographical boundary etc.

The following programme summary was shared with stakeholders invited to provide feedback on the programme design:



CO2balance Small-Scale Programme of Activities – Key Project Information

General operating and implementing framework of the PoA

CO2balance is a carbon projects developer based in Taunton in the United Kingdom. The company is currently seeking the feedback of key stakeholders around the world on the principles and design of a proposed Small-Scale Gold Standard Programme of Activities (PoA). The purpose of this 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 will use the Gold Standard methodology Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption, version 3.1.

Biomass, principally firewood and charcoal, holds huge importance in developing countries, accounting for a significant proportion of energy consumption. Biomass is often the predominant source of energy for cooking and water boiling, especially in rural areas. Cooking and water boiling are generally carried out on thermally inefficient traditional devices and produce large amounts of smoke and indoor air pollution.

The distribution of efficient cook stoves and/or safe water supply and treatment technologies in this PoA will significantly reduce fuel consumption, resulting in an improved living environment for recipients, and reduced pressure on local forests. By reducing fuel consumption, CO2 emissions from combustion of non-renewable biomass will be correspondingly reduced.

CO2balance will act as the Coordinating Managing Entity for the PoA but may involve implementation partners or project participants in some project areas; however, this will be decided on a case-by-case basis as projects are implemented. Each VPA will fall within the geographic boundary of one of the countries outlined below and will involve the distribution of efficient cook stoves and/or safe water supply and treatment technologies. The maximum number of technologies per VPA is determined by the energy output of the technology in line with the methodological requirements and is dependent on the project baseline which will vary from VPA to VPA.

Efficient cook stove projects within the PoA will be designed on an ongoing basis and may incorporate a single model of efficient cook-stove or a range of improved stoves depending on the conditions in the particular project area. In addition, the approach taken with regards to the distribution model will be influenced by local conditions so that in some VPAs technologies will be distributed free of charge, whereas in other project areas the technology will be sold at a full or a subsidised rate. Carbon finance may also be used to improve sales and marketing with the aim of improving awareness and increasing adoption of a technology.

The installation and/or repair of community wide safe water supply technologies such as hand-pumped boreholes; and the distribution of household level point of use water treatment technologies to those lacking access to safe water, will also remove the need to treat water by boiling before consumption, thus reducing carbon emissions. Users will enter into an agreement with CO2balance UK Ltd, transferring rights to the VERs generated by the PoA in return for the subsidised technology.

CO2balance UK Ltd will undertake a thorough stakeholder engagement process for each of the proposed VPAs under the PoA, ensuring that users understand the agreement, are trained in the usage of the technology, and are able to give adequate feedback on their usage of the technology. Monitoring data required by the methodology will be stored in an electronic data management system, or monitoring database. From this data, the emissions reductions will be calculated.



Provisional implementation plan

The following implementation plan provides a broad overview of the anticipated timeframes within which key steps will take place in the implementation of the PoA and VPAs to be included in the PoA. Below the plan can be found a description of what each step entails. It must be emphasised that the timeframes given are provisional because coordination with local partners in some target areas may require the steps to be delayed or phased differently. The Gold Standard review process may also at certain points cause activities to be delayed or phased differently due to the need to redesign elements of the PoA based on feedback received. The implementation plan steps relating to individual VPAs apply only to VPAs submitted alongside the PoA for validation. Any future VPAs will have their own separate implementation plans.

Task	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	
Baseline Studies	█	█	█	█																					
PoA Design Consultation	█	█	█																						
Local Stakeholder Consultations		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█																
Stakeholder Feedback Rounds			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█															
Distribution/implementation of project technologies			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Ongoing follow up/maintenance of project technologies			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Gold Standard monitoring surveys											█	█											█	█	█

- **Baseline studies:** Conduct surveys to establish the livelihood situation and fuel use characteristics of the target areas.
- **PoA Design Consultation:** Send overview of PoA design to relevant stakeholders to receive their feedback on its design.
- **Local Stakeholder Consultations:** Conduct meetings in target areas to consult key local stakeholders on the design of individual VPAs.
- **Stakeholder Feedback Rounds:** Send out reports of LSC meetings for each VPA to relevant stakeholders around the world to receive their feedback over a 60 day period.
- **Distribution/implementation of project technologies:** Project technologies to reduce firewood consumption begin to be rolled out to target communities.
- **Ongoing follow up/maintenance of project technologies:** Field staff in target areas make follow up visits to target areas and support communities to continue using and maintaining the technology.
- **Gold Standard monitoring surveys:** Conduct quantitative and qualitative surveys across VPAs to monitor the technology's usage and impact.



Details of technologies to be covered in the PoA

Improved cookstoves

The project will provide energy efficient cook stoves to households in the countries listed previously who are currently using non-renewable biomass as fuel (both charcoal and wood). Or alternatively, using the concept of suppressed demand, project developers can also obtain credits by supplying improved cook-stoves to poorer members of society that might not currently be meeting their cooking needs while using traditional devices (because they cannot afford it, or because the energy is otherwise unavailable to them). The stove design may vary by VPA as different locations, climates, traditions and improvements in technology demand.



In line with the methodology, if during a VPA roll out a stove with similar design and performance characteristics is introduced it can be included under the same project scenario. Improved cookstoves can be considered similar if they are based on the same fundamental combustion technology and their respective thermal efficiencies do not differ by more than +/-5%. Project technologies with significantly different performance characteristics are treated as independent project scenarios and hence monitored and credited separately (Manufacturing and Design Specifications will be included with the relevant VPA-DD).

Borehole maintenance and rehabilitation

The project will involve the provision of technologies that provide a safe water *source* to communities in target countries currently boiling water as a purification method before consumption. Or alternatively, using the concept of suppressed demand, project developers can also obtain credits by supplying clean water to poorer members of society that are not able to use biomass energy to treat their water (because they cannot afford it, or because the energy is otherwise unavailable to them).

These technologies will provide a safe water source in communities, so that it can be consumed without the need for treatment first. The technology chosen may vary by VPA as different locations, climates, traditions and improvements in technology demand. The technology likely to be chosen is a zero emission pumped borehole, with the pump design similar to that shown below. Other hand pump models that utilise the same basic design may also be included in the project, including but not limited to India Mark II pump or U3 modified pumps. The project activity will involve the installation and/or repair of broken borehole, and their maintenance over the lifetime of the project.



The pump pictured above draws water from depths of 3-45m, and has a discharge rate of 16.5 litres per minute in 40 strokes. Full details of the exact technology will be included with the specific VPA-DD.



Household water filters

The project will provide safe water *treatment* technologies to households in target countries currently boiling water as a purification method before consumption. Or alternatively, using the concept of suppressed demand, project developers can also obtain credits by supplying clean water to poorer members of society that are not able to use biomass energy to treat their water (because they cannot afford it, or because the energy is otherwise unavailable to them).

These technologies are likely to treat water at the point of use. The technology chosen may vary by VPA as different locations, climates, traditions and improvements in technology demand. The technology likely to be chosen is a household level water filter, similar to that shown in Figure 3 below.

The ceramic filter shown is made up of a clay filtering element, treated with colloidal silver which acts as a disinfectant. The filter removes odour, colour and turbidity, as well as killing bacteria and parasites from water that has come from an unsafe source. The filter is designed to meet the needs of a family of 5-6 people, with a filtering rate of 1-2.5 litres per hour.

The filters will be certified and tested annually, and specifications and testing results for the exact technology will be included with the specific VPA-DD.





Geographical focus of the PoA

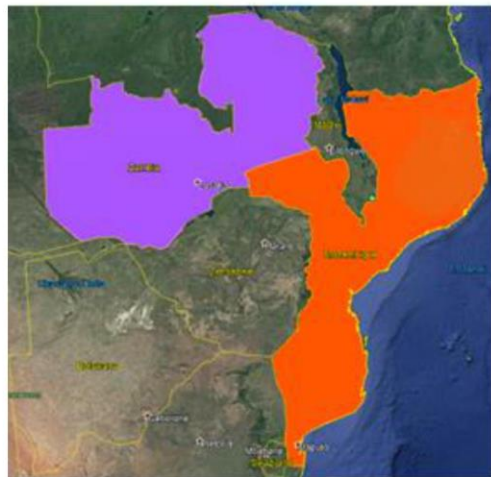
The PoA is provisionally planned to incorporate activities within five countries. These are: The Republic of Kenya, The Republic of Mozambique, The Republic of Uganda, The Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and The Republic of Zambia. An exemplar VPA will be submitted alongside the PoA for each of these countries.



Uganda (yellow) and Kenya (red) shown within East Africa



Vietnam (blue) shown with Southeast Asia



Zambia (purple) and Mozambique (orange) shown within Southern Africa

Entities involved

The Coordinating/Managing Entity (CME) of the PoA is CO2balance UK Ltd. CO2balance UK Ltd is the entity that communicates directly with the Gold Standard, fulfilling and submitting all project documentation within the PoA.

Project participants (defined as an entity or person that is responsible for, or who is working closely with the Project Proponent/CME to carry out the project activities) being registered in relation to the PoA are representatives of CO2balance UK Ltd. Specific project participants will be identified at VPA level.

Interaction with similar initiatives in overlapping geographical boundaries

As CME, CO2balance will ensure that the VPAs registered under the PoA do not entail any overlap or interference with similar project activities in the same geographical boundaries. However, it should be noted that, given that this will be a Voluntary PoA, the de-bundling provisions do not apply.

B.3. Invitation tracking table

Category Code	No.	Organisation	Country	Name of Invitee	Method of invitation	Date sent	Date: Remin der sent	Date: 2 nd Remin der sent	Confir- mation Receiv ed Y/N?
C	1	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam - Department of Climate Change - Director General	Vietnam	Dr Tang The Cuong	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
					Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
C	2	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam - Department of Climate Change - Deputy Director	Vietnam	Mr Nguyen Van Minh	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
C	3	Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources - Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Department - Acting Director	Zambia	Mr. Ephraim Mwepya Shitima	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
					Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
C	4	Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development (MITADER) - National Director for Environment	Mozam- bique	Ms. Ivete Joaquim Maibaze	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
C	5	Ministry of Water and Environment	Uganda	Mr. Chebet Maikut	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
C	6	National Environment Management Authority - Climate Change Desk Officer	Kenya	Ms. Anne Nyatichi Omambia, PhD	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
					Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
C	7	National Environment Management Authority - Director General	Kenya	Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
					Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	8	Centre for Sustainable Rural Development	Vietnam		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	9	Action on Poverty Vietnam	Vietnam		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
D	10	ChildFund Vietnam	Vietnam		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N

D	11	ADRA Vietnam	Vietnam		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	12	New Nature Foundation	Vietnam		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	13	EAST Vietnam	Vietnam		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	14	VNHELP	Vietnam		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	15	CWS Vietnam	Vietnam		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	16	Zambia Climate Change Network	Zambia		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	17	World Vision - Zambia	Zambia		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	18	Keepers Zambia	Zambia		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
D	19	The Butterfly Tree	Zambia		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	20	Choose Water	Zambia		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	21	Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia	Zambia		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	22	DAPP Zambia	Zambia		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	23	Village Water Zambia	Zambia		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	24	Jam International	Mozambique		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	25	ADRA	Mozambique	Lynn Boyd	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	26	VOX	Mozambique		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	27	Drop4Drop	Mozambique		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	28	GSB SMART Centre Mozambique	Mozambique	Tcheizi Mutemba	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	29	Kulima	Mozambique		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	30	Inter Aide Mozambique	Mozambique		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	31	Climate Action Network Uganda	Uganda		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	32	National Association for Women's Action in Development Uganda	Uganda		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	33	Ugandan Water Project	Uganda		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	34	Uganda Women's Network	Uganda		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	35	TheWaterProject	Uganda		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N

D	36	Transform Africa	Uganda		Email	19/08/2019			Y
D	37	Conservation Efforts for Community Development	Uganda		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	38	Jenga Uganda	Uganda		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	39	Lwala	Kenya		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	40	Well Aware World	Kenya		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	41	Water Forever	Kenya	Florence Ngore	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	42	IMPACT East Africa Foundation	Kenya	Mrs. Eunice Kiereini	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	43	SNV	Kenya		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	44	ACTION NETWORK AFRICA - CAPSAY	Kenya		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	45	Kenya Connect	Kenya	Sharon Runge	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	46	Brighter Communities Worldwide/Friends of Londani	Kenya		Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
D	47	Africa Christians Organization Network	Kenya	Salim Shaban	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
E	48	Gold Standard			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
E	49	Sustain Cert		Richard Iliffe	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
E	50	Sustain Cert		Annyta Luo	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
F	51	Global Offset Research		Siddharth Yadav	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	52	CEDESOL		David Whitfield	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	53	Lean Management Systems Promotion Society		Raave Jain	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	54	HIVOS		Harry Clemens	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	55	Redemption Research for Health and Educational Development Society		Kennady Pulipati	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	56	NCMA India		Bholendra Singh	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	57	United Purpose		Lloyd Archer	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
F	58	NOVA		Montagu Murray	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
F	59	Developmental Association for Renewable Energies			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N

F	60	Concern Health Ghana		Isaac Ampomah	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	61	WWF - Moz			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	62	WWF - Vietnam			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	63	WWF - Kenya			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	64	REEEP			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	65	World Vision - Moz		Graham Strong	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	66	World Vision- Uganda			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	67	World Vision- Kenya			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
F	68	World Vision- Vietnam		Pham Thu Trang	Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	Y
F	69	Mercy Corps			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N
F	70	Helio International			Email	19/08/2019	03/09/2019	12/09/2019	N

B.4. Level of further consultations

>> Feedback obtained from the stakeholders on the level of consultation i.e. whether activity level stakeholder consultations or Programme level consultations should be carried out

No feedback was obtained from stakeholders on the level of consultation.

Live Stakeholder Consultation meetings will take place at activity level in each project area.

SECTION C. OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

C.1. Assessment of comments received

S.No.	Comment	Organization	Response to comment
36	We have read with interest your proposed projects and their design. They are all well prepared and suitable for addressing energy saving issues especially in Uganda and Sierra Leone where we are working	Transform Africa	N/A
36	Our main feedback is on the design of the water pump. We are currently supporting communities to construct boreholes using the Indian Mark 2 pumps. From our	Transform Africa	It was confirmed that the safe water projects under the programme will involve the installation and rehabilitation of existing hand pump models. The programme is not limited

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RE: Gold Standard Multi-Country Small Scale PoA Development- PoA Design C...

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Mon 19/08/2019 18:02

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Dear Emma,

Thank you for your e-mail inviting us to provide feedback on your CO2 balance PoA.

We are interested in your programme, especially as our work focuses on working with poor people to eradicate poverty and it's causes. We are currently working in Uganda and Sierra Leone on Water and Sanitation, Agriculture and Environment and other activities which are relevant to your programme.

We would like to hear more of what is required of us on this feedback and how we can work together to serve poor communities.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Charles

Charles Kazibwe
CEO, Transform Africa
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To 'Charles Kazibwe'
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Wed 21/08/2019 16:00

Dear Charles,

Many thanks for getting back to us and sharing your interest in the development of the Small Scale PoA.

At this stage we are looking for feedback on our proposed projects and their design- for example do you have any recommendations on developing safe water projects that we should take into account in the development of our programme? Do you have any suggestions on any elements of the programme design that we could improve? Or is there any positive feedback that you can give us on the programme design?

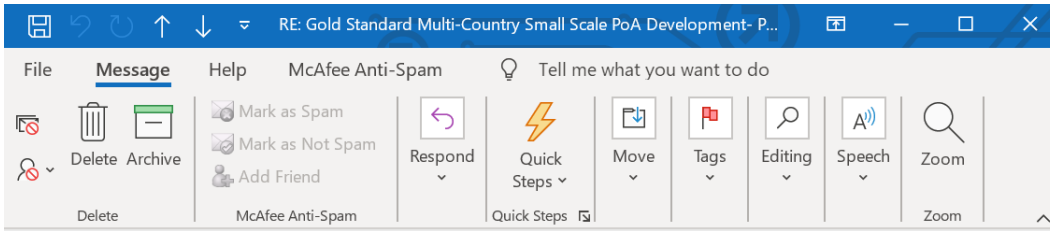
All feedback is welcomed and is very valuable for the programme development process.

Thank you for also expressing your interest in working with us. For the purposes of this programme we currently have a field team in Uganda that will carry out the implementation. If we consider expanding the programme in future we will bear Transform Africa in mind.

However, if you are interested in expanding your current projects in Uganda and Sierra Leone and the possibility of linking these to carbon credits, this is something that we could also look at under our existing micro-scale programme which also covers safe water and improved cookstove projects. If so- please let us know and we can discuss this in more detail.

Kind regards,

Emma
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RE: Gold Standard Multi-Country Small Scale PoA Development- PoA Design C...


Charles Kazibwe <charles@transformafrica.org>
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 Tue 10/09/2019 17:00

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Dear Emma,

Thank you very much for your email.

We have read with interest your proposed projects and their design. They are all well prepared and suitable for addressing energy saving issues especially in Uganda and Sierra Leone where we are working.

However, our main feedback is on the design of the water pump. We are currently supporting communities to construct boreholes using the Indian Mark 2 pumps. From our experience, the main challenges we have is the constant breakdowns brought about by the breaking of the handle and the wearing down of the washers. Since we have not physically tested the new pump you have designed, we only hope that these challenges have been addressed in designing your pump.

We are happy to know that if you consider expanding the programme in future you will bear Transform Africa in mind.

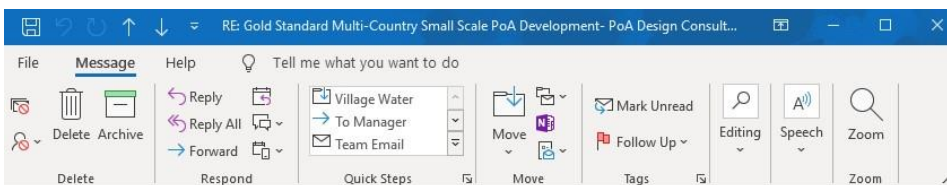
However, we are interested in expanding our current projects in Uganda and Sierra Leone and would like to link them to carbon credits under your existing micro-scale programme including safe water and improved cook stove projects. We hope we can discuss this in more detail as you suggested.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Charles

Charles Kazibwe
CEO, Transform Africa



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 To: 'Charles Kazibwe'
 Wed 11/09/2019 11:42

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 CO2balance Efficient Cookstove Project Overview_2019.pdf 834 KB

Dear Charles,

Very many thanks for your feedback on the programme design- it is very appreciated.

In terms of the water pump design- we will be installing and rehabilitating existing hand pump models, including the India Mark II, Afri-dev, and U3 modified pumps. The programme is not limited to any particular hand-pump model, and the technology used in each project be based on local needs, as well as availability of spare parts.

As part of the programme, carbon finance will be used to provide funds for maintenance throughout the project lifetime to reduce the risk that the hand-pumps break down, and so that they can be fixed in case of failure. We also implement a WASH and maintenance training programme to ensure that minor maintenance and upkeep can be carried out by the communities themselves.

We would be very interested to hear more about your projects and the expansion that you are planning in Uganda and Sierra Leone so we can look at the possibility of including them in a carbon project. I have attached an overview of our cookstove and safe water projects which you might find interesting. It would be great if you could send us over further details on your planned projects and experience which I will pass on to my colleague who manages our projects in those countries.

Best wishes,


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S.No 9 – Action On Poverty Vietnam

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Reply Reply All Forward More

To: emma.donnachie@co2balance.com Fri 20/09/2019 10:14
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Dear Emma,

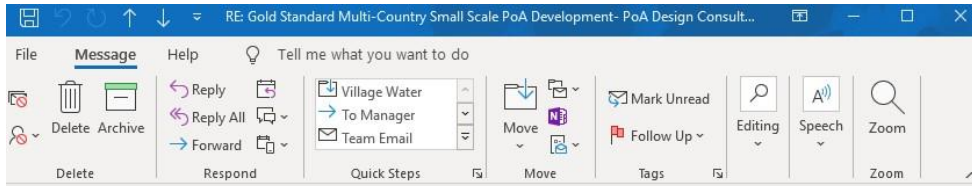
Thank you for your email. It has been a while since the last conversation between our two organisations. It is good to know that CO2balance is developing a programme of activities which includes Vietnam as a targeted area.

Regarding the design framework of the PoA, we have some comments as below. For further development of the design, we recommend a market study to get a good grasp of the product demand.

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Let us know if we can be of any help.

Warm regards,
Thai Ha



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 Fri 20/09/2019 17:22

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Dear Thai,

Many thanks for your email- your feedback on the programme design is very much appreciated.

I have included feedback on your comments below:

DESIGN FRAMEWORK	COMMENT	CO2balance Feedback
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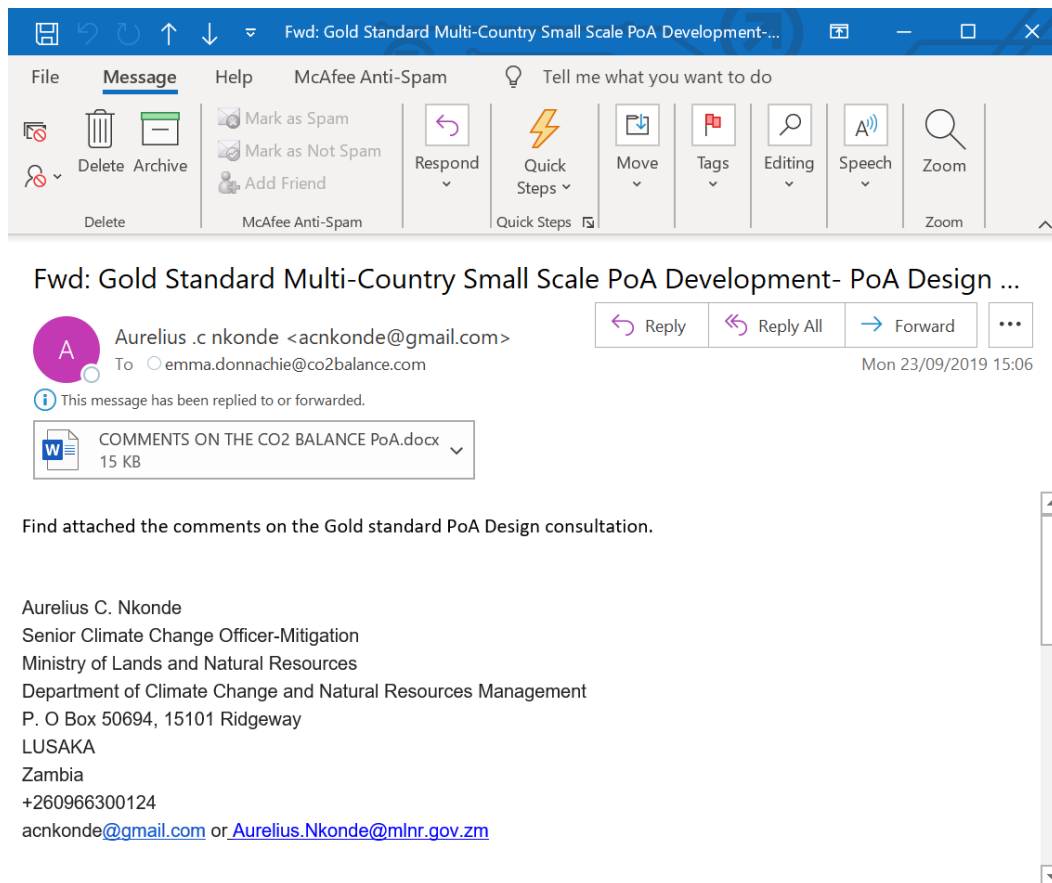
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Please do get in touch if there is any more clarifications that you need.

Best wishes,

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S.No 3 - Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources
 Department of Climate Change and Natural Resources Management – Zambia



Fwd: Gold Standard Multi-Country Small Scale PoA Development- PoA Design ...

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Find attached the comments on the Gold standard PoA Design consultation.

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COMMENTS ON THE CO2 BALANCE PoA

The following observations were made on the PoA:

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5. The PoA needs to provide the targeted level of emission reduction and also state the crediting period.

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From emma.donnachie@co2balance.com
 To Aurelius .c nkonde
 Copy lucas.emmerson@co2balance.com, thomas.urry@co2balance.com
 Date 2019-10-02 13:37
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Dear Mr. Nkonde,

Many thanks for your email. Your feedback on the programme design is very much appreciated.

I have included feedback on your comments in the document attached.

Please feel free to get in touch if there are any more clarifications that you need.

Kind regards,

Emma



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C.2. Summary of changes to the Programme design based on the stakeholder feedback received. This should include details of potential synergies and conflicts identified with similar programmes being implemented by other entities in overlapping geographical boundary.

Based on the comments, the programme design is not going to be altered. No potential synergies or conflicts with similar programmes being implemented in overlapping geographical boundaries were identified.

Comments received were constructive and helpful, re-affirming the approach adopted by the programme.