



# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – 27/10/2023**

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The applied deviation is approved exclusively for this monitoring period due to the military situation in the country. However, the project developer shall:

- a) Ensure the subsequent verification of the involved VPAs shall mandatorily involve a physical onsite visit by the VVB.
- b) The remote audit shall be conducted as prescribed and/or suggested by section 4,5 and 6 of the [Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedures](#). The CME shall apply the requirements or guidance contained in the above-mentioned sections pragmatically to the PoA and VPA.
- c) Ensure that credits are claimed for the remotely verified monitoring period only, considering the ongoing violent protests in Myanmar during the mentioned MP only and most conservative values are used. The PD shall follow the regular verification cycles for all the subsequent verifications.

The PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide its opinion in the Verification Report.

For the purpose of current remote verification, the VVB shall follow requirements, procedures and guidelines stated in [Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedures](#).

SustainCert shall review both the PD's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

**1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?**

No.

**B. To be completed by the Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB requesting deviation**

**2| Background information**

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_550	
Date of decision	27/10/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	<a href="#">19/10/2023</a>	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS1729
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS6129, GS6338
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS1729 Myanmar Stoves Campaign	
Date of listing	NA	
GS Standard version applicable	2.0	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	NA	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	NA	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Republic of the Union of Myanmar	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1498">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1498</a>	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Seeking permission to re-do the monitoring survey for VPA007 and VPA008	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	The Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves, Version 01, February 2013.	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/02/2021    End date 31/01/2022
Submitted by	Contact person name: Shailendra Kewat
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	Organisation: Soneva Foundation
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  If yes; VVB name:  VVB Staff name(s):
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

Soneva Foundation, the CME of the Myanmar Stoves Campaign, in the light of COVID events and military coup resulted into movement restrictions, requested the following changes in conducting the household level annual monitoring surveys:

Instead of our earlier method, where we employed independent enumerators to go door-to-door and randomly select households for annual monitoring surveys, we plan to conduct this process with a change, by including the elements of 'remote monitoring' as mentioned under para 3.1.1 of the 'COVID 19: INTERIM MEASURES' published on 14/06/2022.

In our new proposed system, the local stove sale agents, who are already residing in our target villages, will conduct the household interviews by visiting the end users from their villages. They will ask all relevant questions as required by the methodology to the end-users and pass the answers to the implementation partner team via mobile phone call in real time. In this way, the team at the (home) office, is able to get all

relevant data, and engage further with end users for additional information, via the already stationed local sale agents in target villages.

The above proposed system was approved by the SC.

CME feels that we were not able to conduct the survey which was satisfactory and representative since there were movement restriction because of the military coup. But at the same time we have conducted the satisfactory survey for VPA009 in the adjoining region. We request SC allow us to use results from VPA 009 monitoring survey to stipulate the usage rate for VPA 007 and 008. We also propose that we will use lowest usage rate (conservative approach) we have monitored for the fourth-year operation of FES in the earlier monitoring surveys which were conducted before the military coup.

3.1.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

NA

### **3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:**

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

The alteration follows all important aspects of monitoring survey requirements. The villages and households are selected randomly, users are surveyed via door-to-door personal visit surveys (following safety measures), and real, credible, and verifiable data is passed on to our competent projects team via a phone call in real time. Instead of enumerators which we employed earlier, we are using the sales agents who are based in their respective villages already, as inter-village travel in most cases is highly restricted for any enumerators/outsideers as a COVID19 measure. The quality of data is not compromised here. Like the enumerators, our sales agents also have no conflict of interest in terms of collecting and transferring the data to our project team in real time via a call.

3.2.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

NA

### **3.3 | Impact of the deviation:**

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

In the current situation of restricted travel, the above arrangement is the best possible option to get credible data from end-users. This will not have any impact on the quality of data received, as the questionnaire/sample size/random selection of households at village level is not affected. The medium for data collection is altered, and this does not

pose any significant impact on ensuring completeness and conservativeness of the monitored parameters.

3.3.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable ):

NA

**3.4 | Documents:**

*List of documents provided*

N.A.

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> </ul> Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption