

TEMPLATE

PRELIMINARY REVIEW FORM

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Summary

The Preliminary Review Form is required to provide necessary information about a proposed Project/Programme of Activities/Voluntary Project Activity(ies) (henceforth 'Project' for short) for listing on the Gold Standard Impact Registry.

The project developer/CME shall refer to paragraphs 5.1.3 to 5.1.12 of [Principles and Requirements](#) for information relating to preliminary review. Along with this template, please review the [Rule Update](#) regarding the revised process for preliminary review.

1 | SCOPE, APPLICABILITY AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

- 1.1.1 | To list a proposed project, PoA and VPAs¹ with Gold Standard, the project developer/CME shall submit the preliminary review form in its most updated version with supporting documents in Microsoft word document format.
 - 1.1.2 | The following project documents shall also be submitted with the Preliminary Review Form;
 - a. [Stakeholder Consultation Report](#) (draft report)
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¹ In case of regular VPAs, exemptions may apply, refer to the [Programme of Activity Requirements](#) for further details.

If multiple VPAs are submitted together then the report shall be submitted for each VPA except if a grouped stakeholder consultation is conducted. For details please refer to section 4.9 of [Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements](#))

- b. [PoA Design Consultation Report](#) (draft report for PoAs only)
- c. Signed [Cover Letter](#)
- d. Signed [Terms and Conditions](#)
- e. Signed [Terms of Use](#)
- f. Draft PDD/PoA-DD/VPA-DD is only needed when
 - no other project applying the same methodology and/or product is listed on the [Gold Standard Impacts Registry](#), or
 - the project is applying [Land Use and Forests \(including Agriculture\) Activity Requirements](#)

The draft PDD may include a summary of demonstration of the financial additionality approach and a draft monitoring plan at the preliminary review stage.

- 1.1.3 | As noted under Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) [Principles & Requirements](#) paragraph 5.1.9, the preliminary review is intended as a guide to the project developer. It does not represent a certification review or results in certification. It does not guarantee that a Project shall be successful in validation or design review or ongoing verification and performance review. Neither does it guarantee that further issues or alternative interpretations will not arise during validation or design review.
- 1.1.4 | All projects, PoAs and VPAs submitted for preliminary review:
 - may use this or the most up-to-date version of the *Preliminary Review Form* from 05/09/2022.
 - shall use this or the most up-to-date version of the *Preliminary Review Form* on or after **08/12/2022**.
- 1.1.5 | All projects, PoAs and VPAs transitioning from CDM or other Standards to Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) shall use a [Transition Request Form](#) instead of this Preliminary Review Form.

2 | DECISION SUMMARY

To be completed by Gold Standard or its Certification Body

Date of the first submission ²	19/12/2023
Date of decision/listing	19/01/2024
Preliminary review pathway	☒ Pathway 1 – Completeness Check Pathway (fast track review) ☐ Pathway 2 – Detailed Preliminary Review (standard 4-week review)
Decision	☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved <i>(please include the reason below)</i> Reason for rejection -
FARs raised for <u>Project Developer</u>	List the FARs raised for Project Developer/CME here. FAR 1. CME shall invite stakeholders from category B as per the "Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements" guidelines. VVB shall check and verify and provide its opinion in the validation report. FAR 2. A grievance mechanism shall be established and made available for each VPA of a PoA. CME shall check and VVB shall provide its assessment in the validation report. FAR 3. CME shall make efforts to solicit input from women and marginalized groups during LSC and SFR. VVB shall assess and provide its assessment in the validation report.

² The date when the Project Developer has finished:

- (a) signing and submitting the Terms and Conditions,
- (b) submitting the Preliminary review form and required project documentation AND
- (c) payment of applicable Preliminary Review fee.

FARs raised for validating/verifying VVB	List the FARs raised for validating/verifying VVB here. FAR 1. VVB shall confirm that the project is not being submitted/or will be submitted/registered under any other carbon credit mechanism (domestic/international/compliance/voluntary etc.,). FAR 2. VVB shall confirm that the Project Area does not overlap with that of another Gold Standard or other voluntary or compliance standard program of a similar nature, is there a demonstration of no potential for double counting/misestimation of impacts. FAR 3. VVB shall confirm that the host country, region, locality, or state does not either: Have an emission reduction cap enforced or have the possibility to trade emissions that include the scope of the proposed project.
Further comments	List any other relevant OBs/CLs, as needed here. CL#1: The CME shall conduct the Safeguarding Principles Assessment at VPA level in accordance with modalities in corresponding real case VPA. All the safeguarding principles assessment shall be supported with evidence/references/expert's opinion. The VVB shall validate the assessment of all the safeguarding principles and include their opinion in the validation report. CL#2: CME shall take and include an expert stakeholder the expert opinion on the following SGPs: Principle 4.1 Sites of Cultural and Historical Heritage Principle 4.2 Forced Eviction and Displacement Principle 4.3 Land Tenure and Other Rights Principle 4.4 Indigenous Peoples Principle 8.1 Impact on Natural Water Patterns/Flows Principle 8.2 - Erosion and/or Water Body Instability Principle 9.10 - High Conservation Value Areas and Critical Habitats Principle 9.11 - Endangered Species. VVB shall check and provide its assessment in the validation report. CL#3: CME shall conduct stakeholder feedback round lasting for at least 30 days and modify project design, where reasonable. All stakeholders invited to participate in the physical meeting(s) shall be invited to provide feedback during the stakeholder feedback round. VVB shall check all the supporting evidence and provide its assessment in the validation report.

NOTE:

- The CARs, OBs and FARs, raised at the Preliminary review stage are indicative only; further matters may be raised or interpreted differently by the VVB and/or Gold Standard or appointed Certification body, SustainCERT, during the Project Certification Cycle.
- The validating/verifying VVB shall validate FARs (both for PDs & VVBs) and provide its opinion in the validation/verification report as applicable.

3 | PROJECT INFORMATION

This section is to be completed by the Project Developer/CME

3.1 | Key Project Information

Table 1 Key project information – All projects

GS ID and Title of the PA/PoA/VPA <i>If multiple VPAs are submitted together for listing, the CME shall include the title and GS ID of all VPAs submitted in the batch. Add new rows as needed.</i>	GS ID - Project/ PoA/ VPA	Title	
	VPA – GS 12488	GS12487 VPA-1 SMG - Access to Clean Cooking in Himalayas	
Type of project	☐ Project Activity (PA) <i>(standalone project)</i> ☐ Programme of Activity (PoA) ☒ Voluntary Project Activity (VPA(s)) <i>(project part of a PoA)</i>		
Host Country (ies) <i>For a multi-country PoA, include the names of all the countries here</i>	Nepal		
Location of the project implementation	Country	State, region/ province	City or Village
<i>Provide as precise information about the project location as known to the project developer at the time of submission of this form.</i>	Nepal	All states in Nepal	All villages in Nepal
Geo-coordinates of the project implementation site	GS ID	Latitude	Longitude
<i>Please provide geo-coordinates in Degrees, minutes, and seconds (DMS) format e.g. 41°24'12.2"N and 2°10'26.5"E.</i> <i>A map may be included in section 3.2 for additional information below.</i>	GS 12488	26° to 31°N	80° to 89° E
Technology/ measures to be implemented <i>e.g. improved cookstove, solar PV, waste management etc.</i>	Improved Cookstove		

The scale of the activity Refer to the applicable Activity Requirements to confirm the scale of the projects.	☐ Micro-scale ☐ Small-scale ☒ Large-scale ☐ Others				
Activity Requirements applied	☐ Renewable Energy Activity Requirements ☒ Community Services Activity Requirements ☐ Land-Use & Forests Activity Requirements ☐ Agriculture Activity Requirements ☐ New project types ☐ Others (rules and requirements available in Principles and Requirements apply)				
Applied methodology (ies) Refer to the approved Impact quantification methodologies and eligible CDM methodologies. Any additional GS applicability criteria for the selected CDM methodology(ies) as stated in the list, applies for GS4GG certification.	☒ Gold Standard approved methodology, including any specific Gold Standard applicability criteria ☐ A project-specific methodology (Applicable to Microscale Project/PoA only) ☐ Proposing a new methodology				
Product Requirements applied	☒ GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration ☐ Renewable Energy Label ☐ Others For all other Certification Statements, Certified SDG Impact Statements or Products. Please specify:				
	<i>Title(s) of methodology (ies)</i> <i>REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM COOKING AND HEATING: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC)</i> <i>The version number of the methodology (ies)</i> <i>4.0</i>				
Project cycle Refer to Principles and requirements paragraphs 4.1.39 to 4.1.42 and Activity requirements, where applicable. For A/R and AGR activity – refer to Terms and Definitions, LUF activity	☐ Regular cycle ☒ Retroactive cycle				
	<i>Project Start Date (if known)</i>	<i>01/01/2023</i>			
	<i>Stakeholder consultation physical meeting date</i>	<i>09/12/2023</i>			
	<i>Crediting period (expected)</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><i>Start date</i></td> <td><i>01/01/2023</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>End date</i></td> <td><i>31/12/2027</i></td> </tr> </table>	<i>Start date</i>	<i>01/01/2023</i>	<i>End date</i>
<i>Start date</i>	<i>01/01/2023</i>				
<i>End date</i>	<i>31/12/2027</i>				

<u>requirements</u> for the project start date.	The project Start Date and the stakeholder consultation date determine the project as – (a) <u>Regular cycle Projects</u>, for which the Stakeholder Consultation (1st round) has been conducted before the Project Start Date. (b) <u>Retroactive cycle Projects</u>, for which the Stakeholder Consultation (1st round) is conducted after the Project Start Date. Retroactive Projects submitted for preliminary review at a date later than one year (five years for LUF projects) from the project start date are not eligible for Gold Standard certification. Retroactive projects are required to provide evidence to demonstrate prior consideration at the time of validation (paragraph 7.1.3 of <u>GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration Product Requirements</u>)
Documents submitted with Preliminary Review form Refer to <u>Principles and requirements</u> paragraphs 5.1.7 & 5.1.8 along with the Rule update highlighting major changes to the preliminary review process for further details. Additionally, refer to para 1.1.2 of this document for completion of PDD/PoA -DD/ VPA - DD. Note: If any of the information in supporting documents is confidential, please indicate these here to ensure they are omitted from being published. Note that the Preliminary Review Form (this document), Stakeholder Consultation Report (draft) and Draft PDD (under Pathway 2) will be made publicly available on the Gold Standard Impact Registry. See <u>Rule Clarification on Public Disclosure</u>.	<u>Mandatory document</u> ☐ <u>Stakeholder Consultation Report</u> or ☒ <u>PoA Design Consultation Report and the Stakeholder Consultation Report for at least the first Real Case VPA.</u> ☒ Signed <u>Cover Letter</u> ☒ Signed <u>Terms and Conditions</u> ☒ Signed <u>Terms of Use</u> <u>Optional document</u> ☒ Draft <u>PDD/PoA-DD/VPA-DD</u> (if applicable, refer to Section 1 above) ☒ Draft <u>SDG Impact Tool</u> ☒ Others (<i>List the document below</i>) ☒ Other 1 – ODA Declaration form ☒ Other 2 – Emission Reduction Calculations ☒ Other 3 – Fnrb Calculations Nepal Are any of the optional documents or supporting documents confidential? ☒ No ☐ Yes, if yes specify the nature of confidential information in line with <u>Rule Clarification on Public Disclosure</u>. The project developer is expected to secure prior consent from stakeholders as per applicable host country regulations as applicable and follow best practices approaches for data privacy and management.
Project Developer The Registry account holder and authorized owner of the certified product(s). Refer to the <u>Cover Letter</u> for the definition and roles & responsibilities of the project developer. Name of the project developer must be the same as in the Cover letter.	Project developer NAME: SHRI MAA MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED

Project Representative <i>Indicate the official focal point(s) for the project - this may also be the Project Developer.</i> <i>Refer to the Cover Letter for the definition and roles & responsibilities of project representatives</i> <i>Name of the project representative must be the same as in the Cover letter.</i>	Project representative NAME: SHRI MAA MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED
Declaration	The Project Developer/CME and Project Representative acknowledge and affirm that: ☒ the preliminary review is intended as a guide to the project developer, is not a certification decision, and does not guarantee that a Project/PoA or VPA shall be successful in validation or design review or ongoing verification and performance review. ☒ the information provided in the Preliminary Review Form and supporting documents is correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and understanding of Gold Standard rules and requirements. ☒ the consequences of any change in applicable GS4GG rules and requirements or any information found incorrect during validation or design certification, is the sole responsibility of the project developer.
Contact details of the representative signing the declaration.	☒ Project Developer ☒ Project Representative Organisation: SHRI MAA MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED Position: Vice President – Carbon Business Development Full Name: Mr. Deep Gupta Email: deep.gupta@shrimaagroup.in

3.2 | Project Information

A. Purpose and general description of the project

The main purpose of this project activity is to enhance the livelihood of rural and tribal communities in the project area by providing them with improved cook stoves, employment opportunities, and increasing awareness on both climate changes and negative impact of GHG emissions. Through this community-engaging project, the CME plans to introduce and teach clean cooking practices, reduce Indoor Air Pollution caused due to mud stoves, thereby lowering health risks amongst rural and tribal households. The project cookstoves are manufactured in-house and are made available to the households through an efficient supply chain network.

Objective

- The proposed project activity replaces traditional, high GHG emitting and low efficient mud stoves used in rural parts of the project area with Improved Cookstoves (ICS), which have higher thermal efficiency (35.4%) and cause lesser air pollution. The project not only aims to reduce greenhouse gases, but also intends to create a domino effect in the communities by:
- Providing employment opportunities through distribution & maintenance of cookstoves,
- Reducing time spent collecting firewood
- And improving overall health of families who suffer due to the Indoor Air Pollution caused by the usage of mud cook stoves

The location of the project is Nepal.

The technology responsible for primarily avoiding emissions is the Improved Cookstove (referred to as Shri Stove (or Shri Chulha) further on). The Shri Stove (or Shri Chulha) is a natural draft improved cook stove that uses woody biomass to help rural communities meet their daily cooking needs. It is designed with keeping in mind the requirements of communities that who are currently dependent on traditional three-stone or mud cook stoves that are inefficient.

Summaries the project, applied technology(ies) and its purpose in no more than 800 words.

B. GHGs included

Select the GHGs that are included in the project

- ☒ CO₂
- ☐ CH₄
- ☐ N₂O
- ☐ Others (please specify in the box below)

Add text here

C. Expected GHGs emissions reduction/removal

Table 2 – Summary of expected emission reduction/removal

Crediting period (1st) Start year	01/01/2023	2023
Crediting period (1st) End year	31/12/2027	2027
Annual average	62,638	tCO ₂ eq per year
Total emission reductions (tCO ₂ eq)	313,190	tCO ₂ eq

3.3 | Project Eligibility Assessment

The assessment questions below are intended to gather key information on the Project and to provide relevant information on applicable requirements for ease of reference. The project developer/CME is expected to go through the detailed requirements referring to relevant GS4GG standard documents, as applicable, for further details.

The project developer/CME shall answer all assessment questions below.

To be completed by Project Developer/CME for all projects/PoAs/VPAs

Table 3 - Project Eligibility Assessment

1 | General eligibility assessment

1.1 Is the project eligible project type under Gold Standard for the Global Goals? Refer to Section 4a, ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES, Principles and Requirements	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.2 Does the project/VPA/PoA involve any technology/measure related to - geoengineering - energy generated from fossil fuels - nuclear energy, - fossil fuel switch, or in any way support, enhance or prolong such energy generation?	☐ Yes ☒ No
1.3 In case the technology/measure is related to "energy generated from fossil fuels" (for example, LPG stoves), is exception made and captured in the relevant Activity Requirements, Approved Methodology and/or Product Requirements?	☐ Yes ☒ No
1.4 Is the proposed activity also registered or pursuing certification under any other voluntary or compliance standards programme?	☐ Yes ☒ No
1.5 If the proposed Project, PoA, or VPA is a part of another standard, voluntary or compliance standards programme, confirm the name(s) below. Otherwise, select 'Not Applicable'. ☒ Not Applicable ☐ CDM ☐ VCS/VERRA ☐ ACR ☐ CAR ☐ Plan Vivo ☐ Other (<i>Insert the name here</i>)	
<i>Note – If the project is transitioning from CDM or other Standards to Gold Standard for Global Goals (GS4GG) shall use a Transition Request Form instead of this Preliminary Review form.</i>	
1.6 Does the Project have an overlapping Project Area with that of another Gold Standard or other voluntary or compliance standard programme of a similar nature? <i>If "Yes", take note of paragraph 3.1.1.(c) Principles and Requirements.</i>	☐ Yes ☒ No
1.7 Is the proposed PA/PoA/VPA or any component of it required by an existing legally binding mandate of a host country?	☐ Yes ☒ No
1.8 Does the project involve legal ownership transfer of any Products that are generated under Gold Standard Certification (for example carbon credits) from project beneficiaries? <i>If "yes", take note of paragraph 3.1.1.(f) Principles and Requirements.</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No

1.9 Is a relevant activity requirement available for the proposed project activity?	☒ Yes ☐ No
<i>If no, take note of paragraph 4.1.4, Principles and Requirements.</i>	
1.10 Is PA/PoA/VPAs located in conflict zones, refugee camps or areas that pose a high risk to life and/or health?	☐ Yes ☒ No
<i>If yes, take note of the provisions specified in Annex B Principles and Requirements.</i>	

2| Sustainable Development Assessment

1.11 Does the project positively contribute to a minimum of three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): SDG13 (mandatory) + two other SDGs?	☒ Yes ☐ No
<i>All projects shall demonstrate a clear, direct contribution to sustainable development, defined as making demonstrable, positive impacts on at least three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), one of which must be SDG 13 (Section 4. (c) of Principles and Requirements).</i> <i>Also, take note of the requirements of paragraph 4.1.30 of Principles and Requirements regarding the opinion and recommendations of Expert Stakeholders.</i>	
1.12 Select below the identified SDGs that the project will likely contribute to.	
☒ SDG 1: No Poverty	☒ SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
☐ SDG 2: Zero Hunger	☒ SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
☒ SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being	☐ SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
☐ SDG 4: Quality Education	☐ SDG 10: Reduced Inequality
☒ SDG 5: Gender Equality	☐ SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
☐ SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation	☒ SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
☒ SDG 13: Climate Action ☐ SDG 14: Life Below Water ☒ SDG 15: Life on Land ☐ SDG 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions ☐ SDG 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal	
1.13 Did you use the SDG tool for SDG impact assessment?	☒ Yes ☐ No
<i>You may use the SDG impact Tool to identify the relevant monitoring indicator, SDGs and corresponding SDG targets and design a monitoring plan for identified indicators. It is not required to submit the SDG tool for the project for preliminary review, however, it must be completed and submitted to VVB for validation.</i>	

3| Safeguarding Principles Assessment

1.14 Have you completed the assessment against the Gold Standard Safeguarding Principles and Requirements ?	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.15 Have you identified any relevant potential risks and adverse outcomes?	☐ Yes ☒ No
<i>If the answer to any of the assessment questions set out against Safeguarding principles is either "Yes" or "potentially", the answer to this question is "Yes". Take note of the procedure outlined in paragraph 2.1.4 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements.</i>	

1.16 If the answer to the previous question is "Yes," is the Project Developer aware that the project must comply with the requirements with regard to the relevant safeguarding principle through design, management or risk mitigation?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable
1.17 If the answer to the previous question is "Yes," is the Project Developer aware that the mitigation measures must be added to the Monitoring Plan (as required)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable

Safeguarding Principles Assessment must conform to the [Safeguarding Principles and Requirements](#). Also, take note of the requirements of paragraph 4.1.30 of [Principles and Requirements](#) regarding the opinion and recommendations of Expert Stakeholders.

4 | Stakeholder Consultation Summary

1.18 Did you conduct the physical stakeholder consultation for stand-alone project activity or VPAs before the project start date, or, for retroactive projects, before submission for preliminary review?	☒ Yes ☐ No
<i>Retroactive projects may combine their physical stakeholder consultation with the feedback round. The feedback round shall be completed before applying for preliminary review.</i>	
1.19 Did the CME conduct the PoA design consultation before the time of the first submission to Gold Standard for Preliminary Review?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable
<i>Applicable for PoA</i>	
1.20 If the Stakeholder Consultation is conducted after the start date of the project (retroactive project), is the Project Developer aware of the following requirements: a. provide clarification on why the stakeholder consultation is not conducted before the project start date, and b. conduct consultation with relevant stakeholders as early as possible, and c. provide further explanation of how comments received during the consultation were taken into account in the design and implementation of the project.	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable
<i>Not applicable for PoA</i>	
1.21 In case a grouped stakeholder consultation for multiple VPAs was conducted, is the Project Developer aware of the following requirements: a. The VPAs correspond to the same real case VPA(s), and b. The VPAs are to be implemented within the same host country, and c. The VPAs are to be implemented within the geographical boundary, applicable to the group defined for a single consultation. The applicable geographical boundary is defined at the time of the first physical meeting of the specific grouped consultation, and d. The VPAs are included in the PoA within two years of the first physical meeting conducted for grouped consultation	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable
<i>Applicable for VPAs only</i>	

1.22 Does the list of invited stakeholders cover all stakeholder groups (a) to (g) listed in section 3.3.1 (for stand-alone project activity or VPAs) or groups (a) to (e) listed in section 4.4.1 (for PoA) of Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.23 Did the invitation methods solicit input from women and marginalised groups, including women, youth, the poor, informal sector workers, ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples, disabled or elderly people, and members of the LGBTQ community?	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.24 Were the stakeholders invited at least 30 days before the physical stakeholder meeting?	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.25 Did you share information in a manner (format, medium, language(s), etc.) that allows local stakeholders to understand how the project is likely to affect them?	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.26 Did you discuss identified direct positive and negative impacts of the projects with stakeholders as assessed for SDG contributions and safeguarding assessment?	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.27 Was a gender lens applied to assessing comments? (For example, if only men provided comments on a household device project, was this taken into consideration when assessing the relevance of the comment?)	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.28 Were any serious, reasonable, and proportional concerns raised taken into account and satisfactorily addressed?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable
1.29 Did you provide feedback to Stakeholders on how their comments have been taken into account as part of the stakeholder feedback round?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable
1.30 Were any points that warrant mitigation measures marked as such and was their monitoring plan designed and included in the PDD?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable
1.31 Did you discuss the potential options for continuous input and grievance mechanism with stakeholders and agree on an appropriate method	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.32 Is the mandatory Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book's location clearly stated (and therefore usable)?	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.33 Have you documented the stakeholder consultation process and outcomes in a Stakeholder Consultation Report?	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.34 Is the Project Developer aware that the PDD must include a summary report of the comments received from local stakeholders?	☒ Yes ☐ No
<i>Section 4.1.25 of GS Principles and Requirements All Projects shall conduct Stakeholder Consultation and an ongoing engagement process. The Stakeholder Consultation shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements outlined in this section and Gold Standard Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Requirements.</i>	
1.35 Has the Project Developer conducted a Stakeholder Consultation in accordance with the requirements of Gold Standard Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Requirements ?	☒ Yes ☐ No

The questions from 1.18 | to 1.34 | act as a cross-check for question 1.35 |. If the answer to any of the questions from 1.18 | to 1.34 | above is "no" please specify the reason in the row below

Question(s) number answered "No" for Section D Stakeholder Consultation Summary	N/A
Please specify the reason	N/A

5| Compliance with relevant Activity Requirements

1.36 Does the project conform to the relevant Activity (CSA/RE / LUF)? In case of other activities follow the requirements specified in the GS Principles and Requirements .	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable
1.37 Do any specific eligibility criteria/requirements stipulated in the Activity requirements apply to the project? (See Annex A of CSA/RE).	☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference: Section 4.1.1 of [GHG Product Requirements](#)

FOR GSVERs/CERs - Typical eligible project types are [Renewable Energy Supply](#), [End-Use Energy Efficiency Improvement](#), [Waste Handling & Disposal](#), [Land Use and Forests](#) (A/R and AGR), and Sustainable Urban Development (contextual requirement). You may find the detailed eligibility requirements in the applicable [Activity requirements](#).

Also, take note of additional eligibility requirements outlined for specific technology types/measures. For example, RE projects - Hydropower · biomass resources · landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater, and other residues · Waste Heat/Gas recovery · Fossil co-generation · Waste incineration and gasification · Waste handling and disposal are required to demonstrate compliance with the specific eligibility requirements provided in Annex – A of [Renewable Energy Activity Requirements](#) for further details.

Similarly, for technologies under Community Services Activity Refer to Annex – A of [Community Services Activity Requirements](#) for further details.

[Land Use and Forests](#), for example, afforestation/ reforestation ([LUF Activity Requirements](#))

6| Applicability of the methodology/tool version

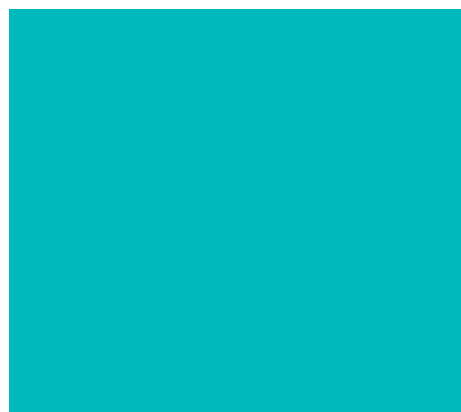
1.38 Does the project comply with all the applicability and eligibility criteria of the applied methodology/ies?	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.39 Does the project comply with any additional Gold Standard applicability criteria set for using the applied methodology? Refer to Impact quantification methodology .	☒ Yes ☐ No
1.40 Does the project apply the latest version of the methodology and applicable tools available at the time of the first submission of this form ?	☒ Yes ☐ No

7| Additional Information for LUF Activities

If applying the LAND-USE & FORESTS ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS answer the following questions:

1.41 Scope		☐ Afforestation and Reforestation ☐ Agriculture ☐ Mangroves	
1.42 Does the project/ PoA/VPA(s) intend to apply the Smallholder Requirements? Refer to <u>Smallholder definition and applicable requirements</u>		☐ Yes ☐ No	
1.43 Does the Project involve a Silvicultural system?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide details >>	☐ Conservation (no use of timber)	[Insert area (ha) here]
		☐ Rotation Forestry	[Insert area (ha) here]
		☐ Selective Harvesting	[Insert area (ha) here]
		☐ Other (please specify)	[Insert area (ha) here]
1.44 Project Area (ha) The project area is the sum of all eligible and non-eligible areas. Refer to the applicable <u>LUF activity requirements</u> for further details.		[Insert area (ha) here]	
1.45 Does the project documentation clearly distinguish the project area boundaries?		☐ Yes - please submit evidence with this Preliminary Review Request. ☐ No	
1.46 How much of the project area will be identified and used to protect or enhance the biological diversity following the High Conservation Value (HCV) approach? Refer to the applicable <u>LUF activity requirements</u> for further details.		[Insert area (ha) here]	
1.47 Eligible Area (ha) Refer to the applicable <u>LUF activity requirements</u> for further details.		[Insert area (ha) here]	

1.48 Does the Project Developer/CME have evidence(s) for the entire eligible area mentioned above to demonstrate compliance with the applicable guidelines for spatial analysis of land eligibility assessment of the applicable LUF requirements? <i>Please note that a full eligibility assessment shall be submitted at the time of preliminary review.</i>	☐ Yes - Please submit evidence for the entire eligible area with this Preliminary Review Request. ☐ No	
1.49 Deforestation assessment: Refer to the applicable <u>LUF activity requirements</u> - <i>In the case when the eligible area has been deforested during the 10 years prior to the project start date, the eligibility of the project shall be determined by Gold Standard as part of the Preliminary Review.</i>	Does the project developer/CME have evidence as per the applicable LUF activity requirements that the proposed eligible area was not partly or entirely deforested within the 10 years prior to the project start date? ☐ Yes – please submit evidence of no deforestation ☐ No – please request a waiver by submitting evidence that the deforestation activity has not taken place with an intention to implement project activities that generate Gold Standard Certified SDG Impact Statements and/or Products, such as GSVERs. 1) Submit a request to help@goldstandard.org before applying for Preliminary Review 2) Submit a waiver from Gold Standard with the PRR	
1.50 Will the project/PoA/VPA involve multiple Modelling Units (MUs) i.e., distinct parts of the eligible area where homogeneous characteristics to quantify a certain SDG Impact (growth patterns, management treatment and start date) exist?	☐ Yes - please state the number of MUs and the area (ha) of each MU in the draft PDD. ☐ No	
1.51 Does the draft PDD include relevant evidence on buffer zones around water bodies? <i>The Project Developer shall maintain a buffer zone of 15 meters on both sides of any permanent or temporary water bodies such as lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, etc. Irrigation channels are excluded from this requirement.</i>	The total area (ha) of the buffer?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	A map indicating the location of buffers?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Justification of how the project will comply with the limitations on activities in buffers?	☐ Yes ☐ No
1.52 Indicate any additional document submitted along with the Preliminary Review form for LUF activity	☐ Performance risk assessment (see Risks and Capacities template) Evidence (GIS Vector layers/Map) or, if not applicable, justification is included in the draft PDD for:	



- ☐ Project region
- ☐ Project area
- ☐ Eligible areas
- ☐ Buffer areas around water bodies
- ☐ Individual Modelling Units
- ☐ Infrastructure (roads, houses, etc.)
- ☐ Protected areas
- ☐ Biodiversity areas
- ☐ Where affected people are situated

Other (please specify):

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