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Introduction

The project activity involves the distribution of the solar cookers in Bolivia. The availability of high incidence of solar light and high altitude in Bolivia makes the solar energy as one of the alternative source of fuel. The solar cook-stove can cover most of the cooking energy needs of the beneficiaries and can also be used for other purposes such as pasteurization of water.

The purpose of the project is also to improve the living conditions of the Bolivian households, by promoting the use of clean and cost-free energy source for their daily cooking needs, and simultaneously, fight against global warming by reducing deforestation and use of fossil fuels in the country. The project promotes sustainable development activities through saving considerable time from the collection of firewood, income-savings occurring from less consumption of LPG (some people have to travel for more than 2 hours to purchase their LPG tank), health improvement due to the avoidance of the smoke emissions from firewood, which is the potential cause for lung infections. The solar cook-stove can be used to pasteurize water as well. And finally, the solar cook-stoves also preserve the food nutrients with slow and gradual cooking process.

Implementation of the project:

The project is being locally implemented by the Inti-Ilumini (II) & Bolivia Inti Sud Soliel (BISS). The project implementation is carried out for groups of beneficiaries. Each group consists of maximum 25 beneficiaries. The II team arranges a construction workshop in the same villages/areas of the beneficiaries and preferably carried out in the village community hall or in an open public space. These workshops usually last for 4-5 days, where the beneficiaries are trained to construct their solar cookers under the guidance of the technical experts of II. The material required for the construction is provided to each of the beneficiary by the II team. Similar kinds of workshops are carried out as per the demand for the solar cookers by any group of (minimum 20) beneficiaries in Bolivia. Due to the increasing demand of the solar cookers, these workshops are carried out throughout the year with an advanced planning. The II team follows up each of these groups on a regular basis to be assured that the beneficiaries are using the solar cookers and have not face any technical problems for these cookers.



One of the workshops carried out for a group by the II technical experts and the project coordinators.

Monitoring surveys/ Field tests/Follow-up meetings:

a) Kitchen Survey:

The Kitchen surveys have been carried out as per the guidelines given in the GS cookstove methodology. Since the implementation of the project activity is carried out continuously throughout the year, the kitchen survey is carried out during each of the workshops. A group of at least 5 beneficiaries out of the total 20 beneficiaries are asked the survey questions before the use of the solar cookers and the same 5 beneficiaries are followed up after the construction course along with the remaining beneficiaries. The kitchen survey data is collected and updated regularly by the II team members. As per the kitchen survey data, the clusters are accordingly revised for the project activity. There has been no change in the clusters as mentioned in the PDD: 1) LPG cluster and 2) LPG & firewood cluster. All the survey data have been submitted to the Gold Standard for further verification.

Table 1: Number of Solar Cookers distributed

Year	LPG	LPG Fw	Others	Total
2007	235	161	5	401
2008	233	171	16	420
2009	235	111	54	400
2010	386	137	59	582
2011	242	116	17	375
Total	1089	591	134	2178

A total of 2178 solar stoves have been implemented since 2007. For the ER calculations, a total of 1620 stoves have been taken into account after considering the usage rate per year.

As per the KS report already submitted to the Gold Standard, the pattern of clusters have not changed with the evolving baseline surveys. The following table gives the clusters:

		Project Scenario							
		Solar CS and LPG		Solar CS, LPG and Fw		Others		Total	
Baseline Scenario	LPG	222	58%	3	1%	4	1%	60%	229
	LPG and Fw	96	25%	50	13%	1	0%	38%	147
	Other	8	2%	0	0%	0	0%	2%	8
	Total	326	85%	53	14%	5	1%	100%	384

b) Kitchen Tests:

The Kitchen tests have been carried out for each of the mentioned clusters as per the guidelines given in the GS methodology. Kitchen tests have been carried out for both the clusters LPG and LPG Firewood, between the months of February and April 2010.

All KT's have been done with a conservative approach and according to the recommendations of the qualitative survey (KS). The KT for the cluster LPG, can be done at any time of the year as explained in the PDD Pg. 14 and 15, step 1.1. Therefore the LPG KT conducted in May 2010 could have been done at any time. All KT's carried out for LPG-Fw cluster have been done during the rainy season according with KS recommendations.

The results are as follows:

Cluster	LPG consumption without SC kg/day/hh	Fw consumption without SC kg/day/hh	LPG consumption with SC kg/day/hh	Fw consumption with SC kg/day/hh
Average LPG	0.415		0.286	
Low IC LPG	0.359		0.230	
Average LPG Fw	0.394	7.375	0.394	0.777
Low IC LPG Fw	0.333	6.137	0.333	0.011

Selection of the sample for the Kitchen tests:

Following considerations have been taken into account for KT:

Paired samples have been taken to compare pre- and post-installation consumption in the same houses. The selection of beneficiaries groups have been randomly chosen however practical aspects for carrying out the tests have been taken into account:

- a. The user's availability and motivation to participate in the required tests,
- b. Dispersion of the households in the communities and ease of accessibility the areas,
- c. Distance between households of the same clusters located in different villages.
- d. The seasonal variations (to assure conservative approach while calculating the fuel consumption).

The period over which the tests have been carried out is one week of pre- and one week of post-installation to avoid risk of heterogeneity cooking habits and to include weekend cooking in the correct annual ratio to week day cooking. For the emission reduction calculations, the most conservative value has been taken into account.

c) Follow-up meetings with the beneficiaries:

The Inti Illimani team follows up with the group of beneficiaries after each construction workshop. The first follow-up meeting is carried out after 2 weeks from the end of the workshops. These follow-ups are carried out to ensure that the beneficiaries have started using the solar cookers and are following the instructions given by the II team experts to use/maintain the solar cookers during the training programs. The follow-up meetings are carried out by the local coordinator from the village and the Inti Illimani team member, where the beneficiaries are asked to discuss about the various problems they might have come across while using the cookers during the first 2 weeks and/or discuss also some new food recipes that they might have tried to cook during this period. These follow-up meetings are carried out for 4 months with each group. After completion of the 4 month follow-up meetings, the Inti Illimani team gives a gift to the beneficiary who has regularly completed all the activities/training/improvements proposed during the previous follow-up meetings. The gifts are usually in the form of plates/cooking pots/cups etc. as recognition of their proactive participation in the project activity.

One of the follow-up meeting photos are shown below



The follow-up meetings are carried out by the BISS team member along with the help of the local coordinator of the village. The meeting includes a individual basis consultation with each of the beneficiaries and is concluded with the records/collection of the required information.

Sustainable Development Parameters:

Data / Parameter:	Access to affordable and clean energy services
Data unit:	1620 households
Description:	<p>It has been evaluated by the number of solar cook stoves distributed since 2007 after considering the usage factor. In total since 2007, 2178, solar stoves have been distributed till August 2011.</p> <p>Out of these 2178 stoves –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A total of 1922 solar stoves were defined into clusters. Out of which, total of 1620 stoves taken into account for ER calculations after considering the usage factor. - And the remaining total 137 solar stoves in ‘other clusters’ were not taken into account.
Source of data used:	Project data base.
Monitoring frequency	Continuous throughout the year.
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	The total number of households is determined by collecting the complete information of each beneficiary and recording them in a systematic database, which is maintained and regularly updated by the Inti Illimani team.
Any comment:	As third party verification, the GoodPlanet team (GPF) visited the project areas and cross-checked the database maintained by the II team members.

Data / Parameter:	Human and institutional capacity
Data unit:	90 workshops carried out from 2007 to 2010 and a total of 2178 solar cookers.
Description:	<p>It has been evaluated by the number of solar cook stoves distributed since 2007. In total since 2007, 2178, solar stoves have been distributed till August 2011. During the construction workshop, apart from training given to construct the solar stoves on their own, the beneficiaries also get a special training from the Inti Illimani staff on nutrition, environment and health benefits due to the use of the solar cook-stoves. After the training workshops, the Inti Illimani team also visits the households as a part of the continuous monitoring of the project.</p>
Source of data to be used:	Trainings programs database.
Monitoring frequency	Continuous throughout the year.
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	The total number of households is determined by collecting the complete information of each beneficiary and recording them in the database maintained by the Inti Illimani team. This database also includes the details of the training programs carried out during the year.
Any comment:	As third party verification, the GoodPlanet team (GPF) visited the project areas and has also checked the database with the details of the total number of training workshops carried out during the year.

Data / Parameter:	Quantitative employment and income generation
Data unit:	-
Description:	Some of the beneficiaries have shown additional usage of the cookstove for income generating activities like selling peanuts, api, corn, etc. The % of the beneficiaries making an extra economic activity data has not been recorded earlier by the Inti Illimani team. This information will be further updated in the next verification period. There has been no change in the total number of Inti Illimani staff. There are 6 members.
Source of data to be used:	Survey among the beneficiaries
Monitoring frequency	Continuous survey
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	A separate survey sheet has been prepared by the II team to get the data on this parameter.
Any comment:	This parameter will be updated in the next verification period

Data / Parameter:	Technology transfer and technological self-reliance
Data unit:	2178 households
Description:	It has been evaluated by the number of solar cook stoves distributed since 2007, as solar cook-stoves are diffused through the workshops where beneficiaries are trained to carry out the construction of the cookers and also trained on the maintenance of the solar cookers. In total since 2007, 2178, solar stoves have been distributed till August 2011.
Source of data to be used:	Beneficiaries database managed by BISS
Monitoring frequency	Continuous throughout the year
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	The total number of households is determined by collecting the complete information of each beneficiary and recording them in a systematic database maintained by the Inti Illimani team. The cook-stoves are constructed by the beneficiaries themselves under the technical guidance of the Inti Illimani experts. In these workshops the technical experts also train the beneficiaries on the maintenance of the stoves. A total of 90 workshops have been carried out till 2010. This shows that there is a direct transfer of technology
Any comment:	As third party verification, the GoodPlanet team (GPF) has also checked the database of the total number of beneficiaries and also visited some of the workshops where the beneficiaries constructed their own cookstoves.

Data / Parameter:	Biodiversity
Data unit:	61% 6 kg/day/hh.
Description:	There have been no large deforestation or reforestation initiatives observed in the project areas. Therefore the NRB rate is constant.
Source of data to be used:	NRB study. Kitchen tests (Cluster- LPG Fw).
Monitoring frequency	-
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	-
Any comment:	The change in the consumption of firewood among the beneficiaries is about 6 kg/day/hh.

Data / Parameter:	Soil condition
Data unit:	61% 6 kg/day/hh
Description:	The project allows the people to use less firewood, which leads to the reduction in the deforestation rate in the project areas and which also helps conserves the soil as there are less possibilities of soil-erosion in the areas. There has been no large deforestation or reforestation initiative in the project areas. Therefore the NRB rate has been constant.
Source of data to be used:	NRB study. Kitchen tests (Cluster- LPG Fw).
Monitoring frequency	Biennially
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	KT has been carried out as per the guidelines given in the GS methodology.
Any comment:	The change in the consumption of firewood among the beneficiaries is about 6 kg per day.

Data / Parameter:	Air quality
Data unit:	-
Description:	From the present KT we can see that there has been a reduction on firewood consumption of about 6 kg/day/hh for the daily cooking needs of the beneficiaries, therefore there has been a gradual decrease in air pollution in the kitchens due to continuous use of solar cookers. The % of the beneficiaries which find improvement of air quality since they have their solar cook stoves data has not been recorded earlier by the Inti Illimani team, this information will be further in the next verification period. There has been no change in the total number of Inti Illimani staff. There are 6 members.
Source of data to be used:	KT studies.
Monitoring frequency	
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	KT has been carried out as per the guidelines given in the GS methodology.

Data / Parameter:	Livelihood of the poor
Data unit:	-
Description:	There has been a saving on fuel consumption both LPG and firewood. The total amount that has been saved by the beneficiaries has not been recorded/documented by the Inti Illimani team. Therefore this parameter will be updated in the next verification period.
Source of data to be used:	Following up survey
Monitoring frequency	Continuously
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	
Any comment:	This parameter will be updated in the next verification period.

Emission reduction monitoring parameters:

Data / Parameter:	P.1 Number of Solar cookstoves (SCS)
Data unit:	1620 cookstoves considered for ER calculations.
Description:	Number of beneficiaries by cluster and community since 2007, after considering the usage factor. In total since 2007, 2178, solar stoves have been distributed till August 2011. Out of these 2178 stoves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A total of 1922 solar stoves were defined into clusters. - The remaining total 137 solar stoves in 'other clusters' were not taken into account. - After considering the usage factor, a total of 1620 stoves taken into account for ER calculations.
Source of data to be used:	Project database
Monitoring frequency	Measured every month according to the planning of the workshops
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and GoodPlanet
Any comment:	The project database has been established from the beginning of the project activity, giving all the all the details of each beneficiary. This database is updated regularly by the Inti Illimani team members.

Data / Parameter:	P.2 LPG consumption by cluster in the project scenario
Data unit:	LPG cluster: 689 Kg/month/household LPG + FW cluster: 999 Kg/month/household
Description:	Amount of LPG consumed by beneficiaries having solar cookstoves
Source of data to be used:	Kitchen Tests
Monitoring frequency	Study led biennially on a representative sample of beneficiaries
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and GoodPlanet
Any comment:	KT has been done according with guidelines given in the GS methodology.

Data / Parameter:	P.3 firewood consumption by cluster in the project scenario
Data unit:	LPG + Fw cluster: 0.32 Kg/month/household
Description:	Amount of firewood consumed by beneficiaries having solar cookstoves
Source of data to be used:	Kitchen Tests
Monitoring frequency	Study led biennially on a representative sample of beneficiaries
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and GoodPlanet
Any comment:	KT has been done according with guidelines given in the GS methodology.

Data / Parameter:	P.4 - X_{NRB}
Data unit:	61%
Description:	Non-renewable fraction of biomass
Source of data to be used:	NRB study
Monitoring frequency	The NRB fraction may be updated if there any afforestation/deforestation activities are observed in the project areas.
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and GoodPlanet
Any comment:	

Data / Parameter:	P.5 - Usage in year 2009, 2010
Data unit:	2009: 85% people who got their solar cookstove in 2007 90% people who got their solar cookstove in 2008 2010: 80% people who got their solar cookstove in 2007 85 % people who got their solar cookstove in 2008 90 % people who got their solar cookstove in 2009 2011: 75% people who got their solar cookstove in 2007 80 % people who got their solar cookstove in 2008 85 % people who got their solar cookstove in 2009 90 % people who got their solar cookstove in 2010
Description:	Percentage of stoves of age x remaining in use in year y
Source of data to be used:	A study carried out by third party for the solar cookers implemented in Bolivia.
Monitoring frequency	Survey led once a year on a representative sample of beneficiaries
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and BISS
Any comment:	A survey will be taken up in the next verification period to get the use of stoves data more precisely.

Data / Parameter:	P.6 – Age
Data unit:	2009 Efficiency of solar cookstoves built in 2007: 100 % Efficiency of solar cookstoves built in 2008: 100 % 2010: Efficiency of solar cookstoves built in 2007: 100 % Efficiency of solar cookstoves built in 2008: 100 % Efficiency of solar cookstoves built in 2009: 100 %
Description:	Efficiency compared with a new Solar Cooker
Source of data to be used:	Monitoring Survey
Monitoring frequency	Survey led once every two years on a representative sample of Solar Cookers well maintained.
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and GoodPlanet
Any comment:	All tests results show that older solar cookers are more efficient than new ones.

	consider that efficiency of old solar cookers is the same that new ones.
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Data / Parameter:	P.7 Money savings
Data unit:	LPG cluster: 10 Bs/hh/month
Description:	Amount of money saved by the beneficiaries thanks to the solar cooker
Source of data to be used:	Monitoring survey (scanned copy of the KS with the parameter has been provided)
Monitoring frequency	Calculated from KS data and from price of LPG.
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Crosschecked by Inti Illimani, BISS and GoodPlanet.
Any comment:	Money savings come from fuel savings. Only money savings coming from LPG savings has been taken into account. Money savings for LPG + Fw cluster will be precisely given in the next verification period.

Data / Parameter:	P.8 Time savings
Data unit:	44%
Description:	% of people who consider that time savings is one of the main benefits of the solar cooker.
Source of data to be used:	Monitoring survey (scanned copy of the KS with the parameter has been provided)
Monitoring frequency	Continuously done by the Inti Illimani team members
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and BISS
Any comment:	Questions have been asked to the beneficiaries to have a quantitative information about time saved due to the use of the solar cookers, but it was misunderstood by the beneficiaries and the available data does not gives us coherent references, however, they also say that they have more time for other activities. This data will be obtained in the next verification period.

Data / Parameter:	P.9 Share of the solar energy in the total energy mix
Data unit:	LPG cluster: 31% is solar energy LPG and Fw cluster: 77% is solar energy
Description:	% of solar energy used along with others fuel mix
Source of data to be used:	Monitoring survey
Monitoring frequency	Biennially during the KT studies.
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and GoodPlanet
Any comment:	Calculated from fuel consumption reduction (KT) and its energy equivalence.

Data / Parameter:	P.10 Distance
Data unit:	2009: 5102 Km/year 2010: 8043 Km/year

Source of data to be used:	Monitoring survey
Monitoring frequency	Annually.
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and BISS
Any comment:	As the project is carried out throughout the year, this parameter is calculated from distance per course and it is included in the reports from each course.

Data / Parameter:	P.11 Fraction of the distance using common transport
Data unit:	100 %
Description:	Fraction of the distance using common transport (bus)
Source of data to be used:	Monitoring survey
Monitoring frequency	Calculated from distance per course and kind of transport used included in the reports from each course.
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and BISS
Any comment:	As Inti Illimani doesn't have their own vehicle, the team uses the public transports during the travel.

Data / Parameter:	P.12
Data unit:	2009: 100% 2010: 100%
Description:	Fraction of the courses where measures have been taken to ensure that not damage to soil is being caused by the paint
Source of data to be used:	Monitoring survey
Monitoring frequency	Final evaluation course questionnaire made by beneficiaries
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Parameter double-checked by Inti Illimani and BISS
Any comment:	During the courses the instructors make sure that during painting soil is protected by a plastic sheet or the activity is carried out in a large community hall. This parameter will also be separately documented during the courses in the next verification period.

Conclusion:

A total of 2178 solar stoves have been implemented from 2007 till August 2011. The emission reduction calculations have been considered for the year 2009 till august 2011. The project activity not only promotes sustainable development but also reduces the demand for firewood and LPG in the project areas. The following table summarizes the emission reductions for the respective year.

Emission reduction for the year 2009	: 349 tCO₂/yr
Emission reduction for the year 2010	: 949 tCO₂/yr
Emission reduction for the year 2011	: 638 tCO₂/yr
Total emission reductions	: 1936 tCO₂/yr

Annexe 1

Kitchen survey scanned copies from the project database have been uploaded on the Gold Registry for further verification.