

GOLD STANDARD VERIFICATION REPORT

For: Carbonsink Group S.r.l (Carbonsink)

REPORT NO.: GS6752, GS7311, GS7567,
GS7566, GS10657, GS10658, GS10659,
GS10783, GS10784



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Abbreviations used in this Report

CAR	Corrective Action Request
CL	Clarification request
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
CO ₂ e	Carbon dioxide equivalent
DR	Document Review
EF	Emission Factor
ER	Emission Reductions
FAR	Forward Action Request
GWP	Global Warming Potential
GS	Gold Standard
GHG	Greenhouse gas(es)
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
NC	Non-Conformity
NCV	Net Calorific Value
NGO	Non-governmental Organisation
ODA	Official Development Assistance
PDD	Project Design Document
PD	Project Developer
tCO ₂ e	Tonnes of CO ₂ equivalents
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
BH	Borehole
GS4GG	Gold Standard for the Global Goals
CH ₄	Methane
MR	Monitoring Report
N ₂ O	Nitrous Oxide
POA	Programme of Activity
SGP	Safeguarding Principles
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SC	SustainCERT
TPDDTE	Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy
C	Consumption
UN	United Nations
VVB	Validation and Verification Body
VER	Verified Emission Reduction
VPA	Voluntary Project Activity

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1 OBJECTIVE AND CRITERIA

1.1 Objective

Gold Standard projects must undergo independent validation/verification of emission reductions and overall compliance with Gold Standard rules as the basis for issuance of Gold Standard Voluntary Emission Reductions (GS VERs).

The objectives of this verification are to determine if the GHG statement and other reporting information is accurate and conforms with the criteria defined in Gold Standard rules.

This report details the objectives, scope, criteria, methodology and findings of this process and a final opinion.

The Gold Standard requires that the final version of this report is published in the public domain. The client to whom this report is addressed therefore acknowledges that the final version of this report will be published unless SustainCERT (SC) are informed in writing within 1 business day following issuance of the final version to the client.

1.2 SCOPE

GHG related activity	Verification
Project Title (s)	GS5658 VPA 7: Water is Life, Madagascar GS5658 VPA 9: Water is Life - Phase II, Madagascar GS5658 VPA 13: Water is Life, Madagascar GS5658 VPA 14: Water is Life, Madagascar GS5658 VPA 16: Water is Life, Madagascar GS5658 VPA 17: Water is Life, Madagascar GS5658 VPA 18: Water is Life, Madagascar GS5658 VPA 23: Water is Life, Madagascar GS5658 VPA 24: Water is Life, Madagascar
Project ID (s) (i.e.: GS-ID)	GS5658 VPA 7: Water is Life, Madagascar (GS6752) GS5658 VPA 9: Water is Life - Phase II, Madagascar (GS7311) GS5658 VPA 13: Water is Life, Madagascar (GS7567) GS5658 VPA 14: Water is Life, Madagascar (GS7566) GS5658 VPA 16: Water is Life, Madagascar (GS10657) GS5658 VPA 17: Water is Life, Madagascar (GS10658) GS5658 VPA 18: Water is Life, Madagascar (GS10659) GS5658 VPA 23: Water is Life, Madagascar (GS10783)

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	GS5658 VPA 24: Water is Life, Madagascar (GS10784)
GS Project Type	CSA - SWS
PoA Title (if applicable)	PoA – Climate Finance for Sustainable Development
POA ID (if applicable)	GS5658
Responsible Party	Carbonsink Group S.r.l (Carbonsink)

The scope of verification covers the emissions reductions project in that is prepared in accordance with the Monitoring Report of the GS ID (s) listed above.

Consistent with Gold Standard requirements, only the following GHGs are considered within the scope of the assessment: CO₂ CH₄ N₂O.

2 TEAM COMPOSITION

Validation/Verification Team

Name	Qualification	Coverage of sectoral/technical area	Host country experience	Conducted Site visit / Remote Audit
Nayan Jyoti Deka	TL	☒ (All)	☒	☒
Sandeep Kanda	Expert	☒ (Energy)		

Independent Review team and approver

Name	Role	Coverage of technical area
Shivraj Sharma	Independent R	☒ (All)
Shivraj Sharma	Approver	N/A

3 PROJECT INFORMATION

3.1 Monitoring Period

Start of Monitoring Period	31/08/2021
End of Monitoring period	30/08/2022
Total Emission Reductions	GS6752: 1,957 GS7311: 1,638 GS7566: 7,765 GS7567: 7,760 GS10657: 7,933 GS10658: 6,529 GS10659: 7,760 GS10783: 8,766

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	GS10784: 8,045
Total SDG 3	GS6752: 1,188 GS7311: 950 GS7566: 4,762 GS7567: 4,759 GS10657: 4,766 GS10658: 3,833 GS10659: 4,759 GS10783: 5,376 GS10784: 4,809
Total SDG 6	GS6752: 1,250 GS7311: 1,000 GS7566: 5,013 GS7567: 5,009 GS10657: 5,017 GS10658: 4,259 GS10659: 5,009 GS10783: 5,659 GS10784: 5,062
Total SDG 12	GS6752: 1 GS7311: 1 GS7566: 1 GS7567: 1 GS10657: 1 GS10658: 1 GS10659: 1 GS10783: 1 GS10784: 1
Date of MR Report	17/04/2023
Version of MR Report	4.0

3.2 Annual projections

Annual Average Emission Reductions (SDG 13)	GS6752: 9,646 tCO ₂ e GS7311: 7,717 tCO ₂ e GS7566: 8,307 tCO ₂ e
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	GS7567: 8,307 tCO ₂ e GS10657: 8,307 tCO ₂ e GS10658: 8,307 tCO ₂ e GS10659: 7,442 tCO ₂ e GS10783: 7,891 tCO ₂ e GS10784: 8,307 tCO ₂ e
Total SDG 3	GS6752: Less people suffering of diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases in the project scenario compared to the baseline scenario GS7311: : Less people suffering of diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases in the project scenario compared to the baseline scenario GS7566: 4,503 GS7567: 4,503 GS10657: 4,503 GS10658: 4,503 GS10659: 4,503 GS10783: 4,503 GS10784: 4,503
Total SDG 6	GS6752: Persons having access to the safe and clean water provided by the project: 4,250 persons GS7311: Persons having access to the safe and clean water provided by the project: 3,400 persons GS7566: 5,004 GS7567: 5,004 GS10657: 5,004 GS10658: 5,004 GS10659: 5,004 GS10783: 5,004 GS10784: 5,004
Total SDG 12	GS6752: One hygiene campaign within the first 12 months for each VPA GS7311: One hygiene campaign within the first 12 months for each VPA GS7566: One hygiene campaign within the first 12 months for each VPA GS7567: One hygiene campaign within the first 12 months for each VPA



	GS10657: One hygiene campaign within the first 12 months for each VPA
	GS10658: One hygiene campaign within the first 12 months for each VPA
	GS10659: One hygiene campaign within the first 12 months for each VPA
	GS10783: One hygiene campaign within the first 12 months for each VPA
	GS10784: One hygiene campaign within the first 12 months for each VPA

4 VERIFICATION/VALIDATION OPINION

Unmodified Opinion	☒
Modified Opinion (see reasons below)	☐
Adverse Opinion (see reasons below)	☐
Disclaimer of Opinion	☐

The project representative to whom this report is addressed is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of GHG and other reporting information in accordance with Gold Standard rules.

SustainCERT is responsible for expressing this verification opinion on the GHG and other reporting information based on the evidence gathering procedures documented in this report. The GHG verification was planned and carried out in accordance with ISO 14064-3 (Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements) to provide a reasonable level of assurance that the information is accurate.

Reason for Modified Opinion (if applicable)	N/A
Reason for Adverse Opinion (if applicable)	N/A
Reason for Disclaimer (not issuing) of Opinion (if applicable)	N/A

Conclusion:

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Considering the following information and the one provided in this report:

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Responsible Party	Carbonsink Group S.r.l (Carbonsink)
Start of Monitoring Period	31/08/2021
End of Monitoring period	30/08/2022
Date of MR Report/PDD	17/04/2023
Version of MR Report/PDD	4.0

Verification period is equal to the monitoring start and end dates mentioned above.

SustainCERT (SC) concludes that:

Verification

The GHG emission reductions are calculated without material misstatements for the aforementioned monitoring period and has been prepared in accordance with the verification criteria and is a materially correct and fair representation of GHG other reporting information. Our opinion refers to reported project's information on GHG emissions and resulting reductions, which were determined using the valid and certified baseline, monitoring plan and other relevant documents.

Based on the information we have assessed; we can confirm that the implementation of the project resulted in the aforementioned emission reductions during the corresponding monitoring period

Verified GHG emission reductions and removals in the above verification period:

GS6752

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
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Year 31/08/2021- 31/12/2021	659	-	-	659
Year 01/01/2022 - 30/08/2022	1,298	-	-	1,298
Total	1,957	-	-	1,957

GS7311

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
Year 31/08/2021- 31/12/2021	552	-	-	552
Year 01/01/2022 - 30/08/2022	1,086	-	-	1,086
Total	1638	-	-	1638

GS7566

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
Year 31/08/2021- 31/12/2021	2,617	-	-	2,617
Year 01/01/2022 - 30/08/2022	5,148	-	-	5,148
Total	7,765	-	-	7,765

GS7567

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Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
Year 31/08/2021-31/12/2021	2,615	-	-	2,615
Year 01/01/2022 - 30/08/2022	5,145	-	-	5,145
Total	7,760	-	-	7,760

GS10657

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
Year 31/08/2021-31/12/2021	2,673	-	-	2,673
Year 01/01/2022 - 30/08/2022	5,260	-	-	5,260
Total	7,933	-	-	7,933

GS10658

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
Year 31/08/2021-31/12/2021	2,200	-	-	2,200
Year 01/01/2022 -	4,329	-	-	4,329

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30/08/2022				
Total	6,529	-	-	6,529

GS10659

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
Year 31/08/2021-31/12/2021	2,615	-	-	2,615
Year 01/01/2022 - 30/08/2022	5,145	-	-	5,145
Total	7,760	-	-	7,760

GS10783

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
Year 31/08/2021-31/12/2021	2,954	-	-	2,954
Year 01/01/2022 - 30/08/2022	5,812	-	-	5,812
Total	8,766	-	-	8,766

GS10784

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
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Year 31/08/2021- 31/12/2021	2,711	-	-	2,711
Year 01/01/2022 - 30/08/2022	5,045	-	-	5,045
Total	8,045	-	-	8,045

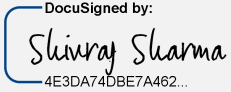
The conclusion is reached based on the following criteria:

The criteria for this verification are defined in the following documents stated in the Monitoring Report (MR)

- GS4GG Principles & Requirements
- GS4GG Stakeholder Consultation Requirements & Guidelines
- GS4GG Safeguarding Principles & Requirements
- GS4GG GHG-Emissions-Reduction-Sequestration-Product-Requirements
- Design Certified PDD (s) version GS6752: Ver 05, GS7311: Ver 04, GS7567: Ver 08, GS7566: Ver 08 ,GS10657: Ver 05, GS10658: Ver 05, GS10659: Ver 05, GS10783: Ver 04, GS10784: Ver 04.

Optional Requirements

- 100-GS4GG-Programme-of-Activity-Requirements-
- Applied methodology Technologies and practices to displace decentralized thermal energy consumption (TPDDTEC), version 3.1

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The verification / validation of the GHG statement was conducted in accordance with ISO 14064-3 and corresponding GHG scheme.

The responsible party is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the GHG statement in accordance with the criteria.

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5 METHODOLOGY

5.1 Desk Review

An initial verification documentary review was conducted by SustainCERT involving

- A review of the data and information presented in the MR to verify their completeness.
- A review of the approved monitoring plan and monitoring methodology
- An evaluation of data management and quality control system used in the generation and reporting of data and information

A Protocol was used to assess each requirement during the execution of assessment activities and is explained below. The completed Protocol is available in section 5.5 below.

5.2 Example Protocol

The name/section of the reporting template is indicated in the top row					
Type	Ref	Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Conc.
V or I This indicates the type of assessment. V = validation/verification I = inclusion (a streamlined validation for VPAs)	Details the section and section number in the reporting template (PDD or MR)	Provides a reference to the GS rule	Question used to determine compliance with the rule, or if the rule is applicable	Used to track clarifications or corrective actions raised when the assessment question does not immediately lead to a conclusion.	Conclusion of each assessment question.

Whenever the assessment question does not immediately lead to a conclusion, clarifications (CLs) and corrective action requests (CARs) are issued as Findings/Comments against the relevant Rule and Assessment Question.

If a Findings is closed, it will result in a conclusion of either OK, a Forward Action Request (FAR) or an Observation (OBS). If a Finding cannot be closed and a requirement cannot be shown to be met, an NC (Non-conformity) is issued.

OK, CARs, CLs, FARs, OBS and NC are further explained below:

- OK - issued when a requirement has been met.
- CAR (Corrective Action Request) - issued if one of the following occurs:
 - There is a risk that emission reductions cannot be monitored or calculated
 - Mistakes have been made in applying assumptions, data or calculations of emission reductions that will impact the quantity of emission reductions
 - Gold Standard requirements have not been shown to be met
- Clarification request (CL) - issued if information is insufficient or not clear enough to determine whether a requirement has been met

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- Forward Action Requests (FARs) – issued to highlight issues related to implementation that require review at the next verification
- Observations (OBS) - issued where there may be a possible future non-conformity against a requirement.
- Non-Conformity (NC) – issued if a requirement has not been met and cannot be met.

To demonstrate transparency, all Findings (along with the relevant Rule and Assessment Question) are transferred to a separate Review Feedback table (shown below) to provide a written record of how they are discussed and how the conclusion was reached. A transcript of the Review Feedback is available as Appendix 1, which also includes a list of the Supporting Document (s) provided and Reviewed.

5.3 Example Review Feedback

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Developer Response
Copied from the Protocol	Copied from the Protocol	Copied from the Protocol, the nature (and number – e.g. CAR 1/CAR 2) of the Finding is included for traceability	The response should include an explanation of what evidence has been provided in response to the Finding

5.4 Site Visit

A site visit is chosen on the basis of risk assessment.

It was determined during our Risk Analysis that a site was required. A site visit was undertaken by an Objective Observer, in line with Gold Standard rules and following SustainCERT instruction. The Objective Observer was specially selected for their technical expertise, familiarity with the project location, local language and customs.

This visit was carried out on 05/12/2022 – 12/12/2022 to do the following:

1. Assess the design/operation of the Project
2. Interview personnel and stakeholders regarding the Project operation and data collection procedures.
3. Cross check reported information with evidence observed on site.

The site visit took place in locations chosen by the Objective Observer following instruction by SustainCERT on choosing a representative sample. The list of interviewees, locations and topics discussed are recorded in the accompanying Gold Standard Validation/Verification Appraisal Report.

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5.5 ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL

The Protocol covers the key thematic areas in Gold Standard certification and is tailored to the review type and the mandatory reporting template (MR/PDD). The key thematic areas addressed in the Protocol are:

- GHG emission reductions (known as SDG 13 contributions)
- Other SDG contributions
- Compliance with Safeguarding Principles
- Compliance with Stakeholder Consultation (LSC) requirements

Monitoring Report - General/FARs & Key Project Information						
Type		Ref	Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Conc.
	P	Gen		Is the report prepared using the most up to date version of GS4GG template at time of submission	Report is prepared using v1.1 – which is the most up to date version of the GS4GG template	OK
				Does the responsible party own or have the right to claim emission reductions or removal enhancements expressed in the GHG statement?	Yes	OK
			•	Extent of the project's implementation. Is the installation of technology, equipment and measurement equipment in line with Project Design?	Yes	OK
	P	POA KPI		For POAs only, does the GS ID of the programme match the SustainCERT App?	The GS ID of the programme matches the SustainCERT App	OK
	P	MR KPI		Does/do the GS ID (s) of the project (s) match the SustainCERT App?	The GS ID (s) of the project/VPAs matches the SustainCERT App	OK
	P	MR KPI		For first monitoring periods only, is the date of design certification correctly stated?	Not applicable, this project has already completed the first monitoring period	OK

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Monitoring Report - General/FARs & Key Project Information						
Type	Ref	Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments		Conc.
	P	MR KPI	P&R 5.1.39	Was an annual report submitted or verification completed within the last 2 calendar years?	As per the SC App, the last verification was completed in 2022, which means an annual report was not required.	OK
		MR KPI	P&R 4.1.45	Does the version of Methodology (ies) applied match the PDD/VPA-dd?	The version of the methodology was checked and it matches the VPAdd	OK
		MR KPI	P&R 4.1.45	Have the correct product requirements been applied as per the PDD/VPA-dd?	This is a carbon offset project, GHG product requirements has been applied correctly as per the PDD/VPA-dd	OK
	P	MR KPI	GHG Reqs 10.5.2	If both Renewable Energy Activity and Renewable Energy Labels requirements are applied and the project is grid connected, have all relevant registries that could hold REACs from the project activity been checked for double counting?	Not applicable - both Renewable Energy Activity and Renewable Energy Labels are not applied.	OK
	P	T1		Do the 3 SDG Impacts achieved match E.4	Please correct the SDG 3 and SDG 6 contributions with the application of round down functions on the net benefit.	CAR-1
	P	T2	P&R 4.1.45	Is the vintage break calculated correctly (and has considered microscale projects whose cap on emission reductions must not be crossed either in a vintage <u>or</u> in a monitoring year.	The monitoring period includes 2 calendar years (vintages), these vintages are separated correctly and the emission reductions per vintages are calculated correctly. This is a microscale project and it is confirmed that no vintage, or monitoring year contains more than 10,000 VERs.	OK
	P			Suggestions		

Monitoring Report					
Type	Ref	Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Conc.
	A.1	P&R 4.1.19 (c)	Does the project information correlate with the PDD/VPA-dd? (small differences in numbers are ok, a perfect match is not required)?	Section A in the VPA-dd matches the monitoring report, confirming that the reported project is the same as the design certified project.	OK
	A.2	P&R 3.1.1 (c)	Does the project location match the PDD/VPA-dd?	The project location is the same as per the VPA-dd.	OK
V			Does the monitoring process cover the extent of the project's implementation? (Including the completeness of the installation of technology, equipment, and measurement equipment)	The technology, equipment and measurement equipment as per certified documents. The operation of the project as per the certified documents. There are no identified change to the monitoring plan, installed equipment or the baseline.	OK
	A.3		Does the methodology/tools/mandatory GS guidelines etc all match the PDD/VPA-DD, OR the entry into force date?	The methodology and tools applied in the PDD and match the versions applied in the monitoring report. All mandatory GS guidelines are applied in line with the entry into force date.	OK

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Type	Ref	Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments	Conc.	
	P	A.3	GS RU	If a project applies TPDDTEC/aDALYs/ Methodology for Improved Cook-stoves and Kitchen Regimes/ Black Carbon and Co-emitted Species and the project fuel is a solid or gas have the most up to date GS Usage Rate guidelines been referenced?	Not applicable	OK
	P	A.4	P&R 4.1.19 (c)	Does the crediting period match the PDD/VPA-dd?	The crediting period in the monitoring report matches the design certified version of the VPA-dd	OK
	P	B.2 .3.	P&R 5.1.37	If the project is retroactive, is the crediting period start date not more than 2 years before the date of design certification?	N.a	OK
	P	B.1 .1		Are any forward actions declared correctly and addressed?	Section B.1.1 of the monitoring report indicates: "Forward Action Request # 1 - During the next OO visit, the average number of people/households will be cross-checked by the OO. The OO site visit has been planned together with SC Team." Please clarify when this visit is being planned.	CL-1 Closed.
	P	B.2 .1	DC Reqs 3.1.4; 3.1.5	Are any temporary deviations beyond the control of the developer, demonstrably conservative and a declaration exists that they will last no longer than one monitoring period?	There were no temporary deviations reported	OK
	P	B.2 .2.		If corrections are present, have these been applied in calculations?	Not applicable - there were no corrections	OK
	P	B.2 .3.	DC Reqs 3.1.3	If the crediting period stated in the PDD/VPA-dd has been changed and it is between 1-2 years, has the project demonstrated that no changes have occurred to the project activity that would result in a less conservative baseline, or update the baseline using conservative data	Not applicable - the crediting period in the monitoring report matches the design certified version of the VPA-dd	OK
		B.2 .3.	DC Reqs 3.1.3	If the crediting period stated in the PDD/VPA-dd has been changed and it is between 2-4 years and the project is not in an LDC, LLDC and SIDC. has the project demonstrated that: - that the project activity remains additional. - that the original baseline scenario established in the registered PDD remains	Not applicable - the crediting period in the monitoring report matches the design certified version of the VPA-dd	OK

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			valid, or update the baseline scenario using the latest data, as appropriate. if the methodology version has been updated, the defaults for e.g., emission factors etc. shall be updated in line with the recent methodology version. that substantive progress has been made by the project participants to start the project activity			
	P	B.2 .4.		Have any approved design changes been referenced correctly, including with evidence of approval via a Design Change Approval form, or deviation request form?	It is indicated that the applied value for charcoal and wood fuel consumption is change from the registered VPA-DD (GS6752 and GS7311) to be in line with the latest GS Update and BAMG report. Please indicate the proper reference to the GS update [https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/ru-2022-application-of-tpddtec-methodology-to-safe-water-supply-projects/] and submit the BAMG report. It is also to be noted that either Option 1: Default value of 0.4 kg/l of biomass is considered and in case of Option 2 being applied, the the charcoal to wood conversion factor is to be taken as 4 instead of 6.	CAR-2 Closed.
	P	B.2 .4.	GS P&R 4.1.49 (c)	For design changes to include <u>new technology/measures</u>, was a request been submitted within one year to confirm eligibility of the design change? (distributed technology projects may increase technologies as compared to the PDD/VPA-dd without a design change, as long as the difference is beyond the control of the developer 3.1.5 (h))		

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		D.1 P&R 4.1.15	For other SDGs, do the fixed ex ante values match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	Fixed ex ante values have been checked and they match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	OK
P	D.1	GS RU	All <u>vintages</u> post 01/01/2021* must use AR5 Global Warming Potentials to calculate emission reductions and removals. AR4 to AR5 GWP summary: CH4 - 25 to 28 N2O - 298 to 265 All vintages pre 31/12/2020 must use AR4.	All vintages post 01/01/2021 in the supporting calculations use the correct GWPs for CH4/N2O, which are 28 and 265 respectively as per IPCC AR5.	OK
	D.2	Meth	For SDG 13, do the monitored parameter boxes match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	Monitored parameters have been checked and match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd, however, please clarify the basis of the values of 'Treatment capacity of the project technology/improved sources'. Also, clarify the basis of the number of persons considered for the parameter 'Py' noting that the values are different and slightly higher in few instances as compared to the previous verification.	CL-2 Closed.
	D.2 .	Meth	For SDG 13, has <u>verifiable</u> supporting evidence for each <u>high-risk</u> monitoring parameter been provided?	Please submit the WCFT Report 2021 and the usage survey.	CL-3 Closed.
P	D.2 .	GS RU	For projects applying the Usage Survey Requirements and Guidelines (TPDDTEC/aDALYs/ Methodology for Improved Cook-stoves and Kitchen Regimes/ Black Carbon and Co-emitted Species) are usage rates reported for each age group, inclusive of the cap (where required) at each age group?	The rule update from 30/06/2022 has not been applied fully. Please correct the monitoring report and associated ER sheets too.	CAR-5 Closed.
P	D.2	GS RU	For projects applying the Usage Survey Requirements and Guidelines is the weighted Usage rate reported as Upy?	Not applicable, this project does not apply the Usage Survey Requirements and Guidelines	OK
P	D.2		If values are measured and capped by a methodology, are both the measured and capped values used for calculations reported. Measured values must be reported in brackets.	The WCFT report is requested to confirm whether the results are reported correctly and transparently as both measured and capped values	CL-4 Closed.
P	D.2	P&R 4.1.15	For Other SDGs, do the monitored parameter boxes match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	Monitored parameters have been checked and they match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	OK
	D.2 .	P&R 4.1.15	For Other SDGs, has supporting evidence been provided?	N.A	OK
P	D.3 .		For >2 nd MP of Community Service Activities only, have any increases in <u>key</u> parameters ideally in tabular form (e.g. usage, fuel	No increases in key parameters (water consumption) have been reported	OK

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			savings) been justified? (noting that numbers of distributed technologies commonly differ from projections in the PDD/VPA-DD and this is beyond PD control)			
	P	D.4	For any parameters that were sampled, has the following been demonstrated: (a) Description of implemented sampling design; (b) Collected data; (c) Analysis of the collected data; (d) Demonstration that the required confidence/precision level has been met; (e) Demonstration that the samples were randomly selected and are representative of the population	Refer CL above for documents requested	CL-4 Closed.	
		E.1	Meth	For SDG 13, Is the baseline calculated correctly to match the PDD/VPA-DD? (some methodology equations calculate a net benefit without elaborating a separate baseline and project situation, this should be marked clearly where this is the case).	CAR-6 Closed.	
	P	E.1	P&R 4.1.1.5	For Other SDGs, Is the baseline calculated correctly to match the PDD/VPA-DD?	The baseline calculation has been checked and is in line with the VPA-DD, however please refer CAR above.	CAR-6 Closed.
			Meth	For SDG 13, Is the project scenario calculated correctly to match the PDD/VPA-DD? (some methodology equations calculate a net benefit without elaborating a separate baseline and project situation, this should be marked clearly where this is the case).	OK	
		E.2.	P&R 4.1.1.5	For Other SDGs, Is the project scenario calculated correctly to match the PDD/VPA-DD?	OK	
		E.3.	Meth	SDG 13 only, is leakage calculated correctly as per the PDD/VPA-DD?	The calculation of leakage is in line with the VPA-DD OK	
	P	E.4.	Meth	For SDG 13, Is the net benefit calculated correctly as per the PDD/VPA-DD?	The net benefit calculation is to be corrected for the update in baseline emissions computations.	CAR-7 Closed.
	P	E.4.	P&R 4.1.1.5	For Other SDGs, is the net benefit calculated correctly as per the PDD/VPA-DD?	The net benefit calculation is to be corrected with the application of round down function.	CAR-8 Closed.

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	P	E.4.		Has the net benefit been transferred to Table 1 correctly for each SDG impact (table 1 includes the units and full name of the SDG as per the PDD/VPA-DD)?	The net benefit has been transferred to Table 1. The units and full name of each SDG impact matches the PDD/VPA-DD.	OK
		E.4	MS Reqs 2.1.1 (c)	For microscale projects, are the annual emission reductions achieved (SDG 13 net benefit) capped to a maximum of 10,000 tonnes of CO2eq per calendar year/vintage?	Each calendar year/vintage 2021/2022 issues no more than 10,000 tCO2e.	OK
	P	E.4	GHG Reqs 5.1.4	For small scale VER projects, has the energy or co2 (60MWh/180 GWhth/60KTco2) cap been complied with? (CDM Type i/ii/iii projects)	Not applicable – this is a microscale project	OK
		E.5.	P&R 1.2.6	Has a like for like comparison of ex ante (estimated) and achieved SDG Impacts been provided?	A comparison of ex ante (estimated) and achieved SDG Impacts has been provided in the monitoring report. Please indicate the original and capped values in section E.6 of the monitoring report for transparency	CAR-9 Closed.
		E.5. 1	P&R 1.2.6	Has the explanation of any different assumptions been clearly stated?	The assumptions used to compare ex ante estimate calculations with monitored data have been clearly explained.	OK
	P	E.6.	P&R 1.2.6	Are any increases adequately justified/seem reasonable? (noting that numbers of technologies and parameters may naturally vary and this is beyond PD control)	An Increase was reported compared to the ex ante estimate, this increase is no more than around 10% and has been adequately justified by the project developer.	OK
	P	F.	SGP Reqs 2.1.1 C	Are mitigation measures part of the monitoring plan reported on in a manner matching the PDD/VPA-DD and met correctly?	Not applicable – there were no mitigation measures added to the monitoring plan	OK
	P	G.1 .	P&R 4.1.43 C	Are all comments from the CIGM reported?	Comments from the CIGM have been reported transparently.	OK
	P	G.1 .	P&R 4.1.43 C	Are comments from the CIGM that are not fully addressed declared and an appropriate follow on action stated?	Not applicable – there were no comments that were not adequately addressed.	OK
	P	G.2	SC Reqs 9.1.1 (a)	Were any mitigation measures agreed to be monitored in the PDD/VPA-DD (section E.1 /or different section in old versions)?	Not applicable – there were no mitigation measures agreed to be monitored	OK
	P	G.3 .	P&R 3.1.1 (d)	In cases where a project has not reported on legal challenges, is there a formal declaration that no legal challenges have arisen during the monitoring period?	Please submit a formal declaration that no legal challenges arose during the monitoring period.	CL-5 Closed.
	P	G.3 .	P&R 3.1.1 (d)	In cases where a project has reported on legal challenges, has the full extent been described?	Refer above	CL-5 Closed.

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	P	G.3	P&R 3.1.1 (d)	In cases where a project has reported on legal challenges, is the project in compliance with the Host Country's legal, environmental, ecological and social regulations?	Refer above	CL-5 Closed.
				Suggestions		

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Appendix: 1- CLARIFICATION REQUESTS, CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUESTS

Review Feedback Round:	iii
Supporting Document (s) provided and Reviewed	• Gold Standard Monitoring Report (Monitoring-Report_ver01(2).docx) • Emission Reduction Calculation Excel File - o GS6752 - Ex post ER calculation_ver01(1).xlsx - o GS7311 - Ex post ER calculation_ver01.xlsx - o GS7567_Ex post ER calculations_ver01(1).xlsx - o GS10657_Ex post ER calculation_ver01(1).xlsx - o GS10658_Ex post ER calculation_ver01(1).xlsx - o GS10659_Ex post ER calculation_ver01(1).xlsx - o GS10783_Ex post ER calculation_ver01(1).xlsx - o GS10784_Ex post ER calculation_ver01(1).xlsx
Supporting Document (s) provided and Reviewed	• Gold Standard Monitoring Report (Monitoring-Report_ver03(1).docx) • Emission Reduction Calculation Excel File - o GS10657_Ex post ER calculation_ver03.xlsx - o GS10658_Ex post ER calculation_ver03.xlsx - o GS10659_Ex post ER calculation_ver03.xlsx - o GS10783_Ex post ER calculation_ver03.xlsx - o GS10784_Ex post ER calculation_ver03.xlsx - o GS7311 - Ex post ER calculation_ver03.xlsx - o GS7566_Ex post ER calculation_ver03.xlsx - o GS7567_Ex post ER calculations_ver03.xlsx - o GS6752 - Ex post ER calculation_ver03.xlsx • Monitoring-Report_ver04.pdf

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Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#01	Developer Response
	Do the 3 SDG Impacts achieved match E.4	Please correct the SDG 3 and SDG 6 contributions with the application of round down functions on the net benefit.	Relative sections have been corrected on the MR ver 02.
	Rd 2	GS Response (Round II) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CL#01	Developer Response
	Are any forward actions declared correctly and addressed?	Section B.1.1 of the monitoring report indicates: "Forward Action Request # 1 - During the next OO visit, the average number of people/households will be cross-checked by the OO. The OO site visit has been planned together with SC Team." Please clarify when this visit is being planned.	The OO site visit was conducted from December 5 to 9, 2022. Please refer to "Microscale-Verification-Appraisal-Report_20122022" uploaded to SC app.
	Rd 2	GS Response (Round II) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#02	Developer Response
	Have any approved design changes been referenced correctly, including with evidence of approval via a Design Change Approval form, or deviation request form?	Refer Section B.2.5 It is indicated that the applied value for charcoal and wood fuel consumption is change from the registered VPA-DD (GS6752 and GS7311) to be in line with the latest GS Update and BAMG report. Please indicate the proper reference to the GS update [https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/ru-2022-application-of-tpddtec-methodology-to-safe-water-supply-projects/] and submit the BAMG report. It is also to be noted that either Option 1: Default value of 0.4 kg/l of biomass is considered and in case of Option 2 being applied, the charcoal to wood conversion factor is to be taken as 4 instead of 6.	Please refer to section 2.1.3 "Option 2: field test" of the rule update: https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/ru-2022-application-of-tpddtec-methodology-to-safe-water-supply-projects/ BAMG report: "An investigation was initiated, led by Berkeley Air Monitoring Group (BAMG) and overseen by an independent working group comprised of Gold Standard TAC members with no conflict of interest." https://www.goldstandard.org/sites/default/files/swsgrivance_tacinvstigatioreport_final2711.pdf The applied conversion factor is to be considered in line with the socio-economic and environmental conditions of the project area. The project is located in the southern part of Madagascar where the charcoal supply chain involves mainly small local producers using inefficient kilns. It has been estimated that the efficiency of this system is between 8

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Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#02	Developer Response
			to 15%. Hence, the amount of wood needed to produce 1 kg of charcoal is between 8 to 12 (even higher than 6). Please refer to the separate document: "Wood-to-charcoal conversion factor" uploaded to SC app. In this document, PD provides reliable field evidence supported by relative peer review. The value of 6 has been applied also for the last Internal Verifications and PD does not deem it necessary to update the value since the consumption and the production of charcoal are increasing due to the socio-economic situation of the project area. Please provide the relevant conversion factor requirement.
	Rd 2	The wood to charcoal ratio is to be corrected 4 instead of 6. The submitted document 'Wood-to-charcoal conversion factor' has old data-sets and references. Open. GS Response (Round II) This comment is open.	The wood to charcoal ratio has been updated to 4.
	Rd3	GS Response (Round III) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#03	Developer Response
	Does the monitoring system and the monitoring plan match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd?	Section C. The monitoring system and plan matches the Design Certified VPA-dd. However, please correct section C pertaining to Baseline water boiling test (BWBT). Please also submit the Water consumption field test (WCFT), water quality test reports, hygiene survey and hygiene campaign document too.	A separate baseline water boiling test (BWBT) for charcoal fuel consumption has been conducted in Spring 202, please refer to "REPORT IEST" uploaded to SC App. Furthermore, the following documents are already present on SC app under the project: "GS5658 VPA 7: Water is Life, Madagascar". • Water_Quality_Tests • Hygiene campaigns 2022 • WCFT 2021 raw data and analysis • WCFT 2021 Report
	Rd 2	GS Response (Round II) This comment/request is closed	

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Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#04	Developer Response
	For SDG 13, do the fixed ex ante values match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	Fixed ex ante values have been checked and they match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd except for 'EFp,non-co2' cited as 8.692 whereas 'EFb,non co2' is presented as 9.46 in section D.1 of the monitoring report. Further, for GS7311, the values of specific fuel consumption too is to be corrected in the monitoring report and made consistent with the ER sheet too.	Section D.1 on the MR has been updated. The value of specific consumption has been corrected, and relative sections of the MR have been updated.
	Rd 2	The ER sheet still has reference to and uses 8.692 as the factor for calculations. Open. GS Response (Round II) This comment is open.	The ER sheet has been corrected.
	Rd 3	GS Response (Round III) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CL#02	Developer Response
	For SDG 13, do the monitored parameter boxes match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd	Section D.2 & D.3 of MR – Monitored parameters have been checked and match the Design Certified PDD/VPA-dd, however, please clarify the basis of the values of 'Treatment capacity of the project technology/improved sources'. Also, clarify the basis of the number of persons considered for the parameter 'Py' noting that the values are different and slightly higher in few instances as compared to the previous verification.	The water supply systems of the projects GS6752 and GS 7311 are equipped with manual pumps and all the other projects involve boreholes with solar-powered pumps (GS7567, GS7566, GS10657, GS10658, GS10659, GS10783, and GS10784). The average daily capacity of the systems is in line with the technical specification of the technologies and specific field tests carried out per each safe water system. The total number of persons using each water system is monitored on annual basis. Hence, values can be updated to be in line with the data collected in the field.
	Rd 2	GS Response (Round II) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CL#03	Developer Response
	For SDG 13, has <u>verifiable</u> supporting evidence for each <u>high-risk</u> monitoring parameter been provided?	Please submit the WCFT Report 2021 and the usage survey.	The documents "WCFT 2021 Report" and "Sample Selection_Usage Survey 2022" are already present on SC app under the project: "GS5658 VPA 7: Water is Life, Madagascar".

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Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CL#03	Developer Response
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Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#05	Developer Response
RU	For projects applying the Usage Survey Requirements and Guidelines (TPDDTEC/aDALYs/ Methodology for Improved Cook-stoves and Kitchen Regimes/ Black Carbon and Co-emitted Species) are usage rates reported for each age group, inclusive of the cap (where required) at each age group?	The rule update from 30/06/2022 has not been applied fully. Please correct the monitoring report and associated ER sheets too.	Please refer to the response above.
	Rd 2	GS Response (Round II) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CL#04	Developer Response
	If values are measured and capped by a methodology, are both the measured and capped values used for calculations reported. Measured values must be reported in brackets.	The WCFT report is requested to confirm whether the results are reported correctly and transparently as both measured and capped values	Please refer to "WCFT 2021 Report" already present on SC app under the project: "GS5658 VPA 7: Water is Life, Madagascar".
	Rd 2	GS Response (Round II) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#06	Developer Response
	For SDG 13, Is the baseline calculated correctly to match the PDD/VPA-DD? (some methodology equations calculate a net benefit without elaborating a separate baseline and project situation,	Section E.1.– The baseline calculation is to be corrected for the derivation of fuel consumed for water boiling.	Please refer to the response above.

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Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#06	Developer Response
	this should be marked clearly where this is the case).		
	Rd 2	The wood to charcoal ratio is to be corrected 4 instead of 6. The submitted document 'Wood-to-charcoal conversion factor' has old data-sets and references. Open. GS Response (Round II) This comment is open.	The wood to charcoal ratio has been updated to 4.
	Rd3	GS Response (Round III) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#07	Developer Response
	For SDG 13, is the net benefit calculated correctly as per the PDD/VPA-DD?	Section E.4. - The net benefit calculation is to be corrected for the update in baseline emissions computations.	Please refer to the response above.
	Rd 2	The wood to charcoal ratio is to be corrected 4 instead of 6. The submitted document 'Wood-to-charcoal conversion factor' has old data-sets and references. Also, the ER sheet still has reference to and uses 8.692 as the factor for calculations instead of 9.46. Open. GS Response (Round II) This comment is open.	The wood to charcoal ratio has been updated to 4. The ER sheet has been corrected.
	Rd3	GS Response (Round III) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#08	Developer Response
P&R	For Other SDGs, is the net benefit calculated correctly as per the PDD/VPA-DD?	Section E.4. - The net benefit calculation is to be corrected with the application of round down function.	The relative section has been updated accordingly.
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Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CAR#09	Developer Response
P&R	Has a like for like comparison of ex ante (estimated) and achieved SDG Impacts been provided?	A comparison of ex ante (estimated) and achieved SDG Impacts has been provided in the monitoring report. Please indicate the original and capped values in section E.6 of the monitoring report for transparency	Please refer to Section E.5.
	Rd 2	GS Response (Round II) This comment/request is closed	

Rule	Assessment Question	Findings/Comments CL#05	Developer Response
P&R	In cases where a project has not reported on legal challenges, is there a formal declaration that no legal challenges have arisen during the monitoring period?	Section G.1. - Please submit a formal declaration that no legal challenges arose during the monitoring period. Please also submit the copy of grievance book.	Copy of grievance book have been uploaded to the folder: https://ice.southpole.com/index.php/s/qYbSKZYRTZffqiz
	Rd 2	GS Response (Round II) This comment/request is closed	

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