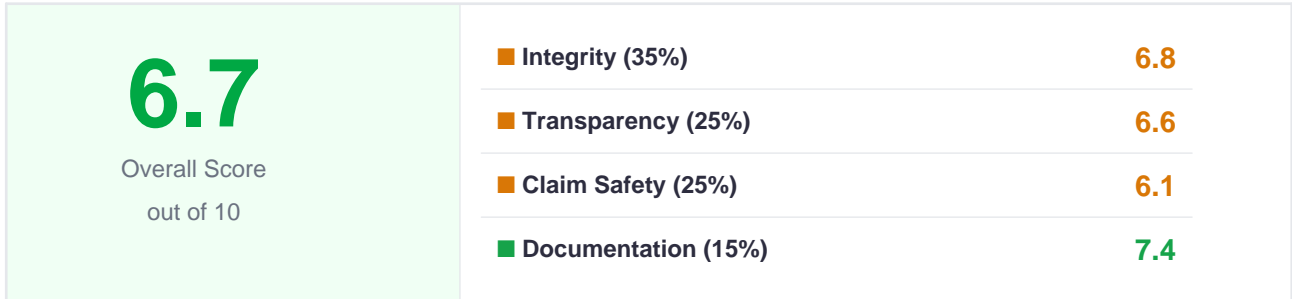


QUALITY REPORT

Livelihoods Chitetezo Mbaula Project

VCS-3262 · VCS · Malawi

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Weights: Integrity 35% · Transparency 25% · Claim Safety 25% · Documentation 15%

Assessment Summary

This VCS clean-cooking project shows reasonably strong core integrity signals, including VVB-confirmed additionality and a quantified leakage deduction. However, key parameters and narrative elements are inconsistent across documents (notably the FNRB method and whether leakage is addressed), which increases over-crediting and claims risk despite otherwise solid documentation coverage.

Project Details

Registry	Verra (VCS)
Registry ID	VCS-3262
Sector	other
Country	Malawi
Vintage	Aging
Project Methodology	VMR0006 1.1
Crediting Period	2021 — 2031
VVB	CarbonCheck (CC IPL)
Verified ERs	100,959 tCO ₂ e
Monitoring Period	2021 — 2022
Confidence	High
Documents Reviewed	12 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-07

Red Flags

- Contradictory statements on the FNRB method between the monitoring report and validation report, which affects the emissions reduction calculation basis.
- Leakage treatment is inconsistent across documents (quantified in the monitoring report but shown as not addressed in issuance), raising reliability concerns.

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 6.8 / 10

+ Additionality is confirmed by the VVB using an investment test (monitoring report, 2023).

- Baseline is project-specific and the timing of any baseline reassessment is not stated in the extracted record.

The monitoring report (2023) indicates additionality was confirmed by the VVB using an investment test, supporting additionality robustness. Leakage is treated via a quantified approach with a 5% deduction in the monitoring report (2023), which is a positive integrity signal for clean-cooking projects where leakage can be material. The baseline is described as project-specific, and the timing of any baseline reassessment is not stated in the extracted record, which weakens baseline robustness over time. No reversal events are reported (monitoring report, 2023), but a buffer pool contribution is not stated in the extracted record (less relevant for this non-land-use project type).

Transparency — 6.6 / 10

+ Claimed and verified ERs match at 100,959 tCO₂e for the monitoring period (monitoring report, 2023).

- Usage monitoring is described as annual surveys, but no verified usage rate is provided in the extracted record (monitoring report, 2023).

The monitoring report (2023) provides a clear monitoring period (2021-03-26 to 2022-09-30) and shows the same total emission reductions claimed and verified (100,959 tCO₂e), which supports MRV consistency. The VVB is identified as CarbonCheck (CC IPL) in the extracted record, improving audit traceability. However, while usage monitoring is described as annual surveys (monitoring report, 2023), the verified usage rate is not stated in the extracted record, limiting transparency on a key driver of cookstove ERs. Registry-level eligibility flags (e.g., CORSIA) are not stated in the extracted record, reducing clarity for downstream buyers.

Claim Safety — 6.1 / 10

+ Leakage is quantified with a 5% deduction, which reduces over-crediting risk if consistently applied (monitoring report, 2023).

- CORSIA eligibility and CCP status are not stated in the extracted record, and key accounting elements are contradictory across documents.

Over-crediting risk is moderated by the presence of a quantified leakage approach and a 5% leakage deduction in the monitoring report (2023). Claim safety is weakened by uncertainty around the FNRB basis: the monitoring report (2023) indicates a national-default approach, while the validation report (2023) indicates a local-field approach, and this methodological choice can materially affect credited ERs. CORSIA eligibility and CCP status are not stated in the extracted record, so buyers cannot easily determine alignment with higher-integrity claim frameworks. The presence of corrective action and multiple clarification requests also suggests heightened diligence is needed when making public claims (monitoring report, 2023).

Documentation — 7.4 / 10

+ Multiple core documents are evidenced (PDD, monitoring report, validation report, issuance) with high extraction confidence.

- The verification/issuance cycle includes corrective action and numerous clarification requests, indicating documentation/QA friction (monitoring report, 2023).

The extracted record indicates a relatively complete document set (PDD, monitoring report, validation report, issuance) and a substantial number of documents used (12), with high extraction confidence. The monitoring report is recent (dated 2023-05-30) relative to the monitoring period end (2022-09-30), supporting recency. However, the monitoring/verification process included a corrective action request and 11 clarification requests (monitoring report, 2023), which signals that some elements required follow-up to reach final assurance. Some important fields remain unspecified in the extracted record (e.g., baseline reassessment timing, verified usage rate, CORSIA/CCP status).

Risk Indicators

● Additionality	VVB-confirmed investment test
● Permanence	No reversals reported (non-land-use)
● Leakage	Quantified but inconsistently recorded
● Baseline	Project-specific; reassessment timing unclear
● Safeguards	FPIC and grievance mechanism documented
● Double-claim	CORSIA/CCP status not stated

What Would Improve This Score

→ Resolve and publicly clarify the FNRB method actually applied (national default vs local field) and provide the supporting calculation sheets and parameter sources in the monitoring/verification package.

→ Ensure leakage treatment is consistently documented across monitoring, verification, and issuance records (explicitly stating the 5% deduction and the quantification approach), and publish the verified usage rate results from the annual surveys.

Documents Reviewed

- Issuance Representation
- Registration and Issuance Review Report
- Monitoring Report
- Listing Representation
- Communications Agreement
- Registration Representation
- Draft Project Description
- Project Description
- Validation Representation
- Verification Representation
- Validation Report
- Verification Report

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