

Verification and certification report form for GS project activities

(Version 03.0)

Complete this form in accordance with the instructions attached at the end of this form.					
BASIC	BASIC INFORMATION				
Title and GS reference number of the project activity	Title: Household Biogas plants installed in rural areas of Maharashtra GS reference no.: GS 2519				
Scale of the project activity	Large-scale Small-scale Micro-scale				
Version number of the verification and certification report	1.2				
Completion date of the verification and certification report	24/08/2022				
Monitoring period number and duration of this monitoring period	9 th monitoring period. Duration: 09/05/2021 to 08/05/2022 (including both days)				
Version number of the monitoring report to which this report applies	2.1 of 22/08/2022				
Crediting period of the project activity corresponding to this monitoring period	09/05/2012 to 08/05/2022				
Project participants	Value Network Ventures Advisory Services Pte. Ltd.				
Host Party	India				
Applied methodologies and standardized baselines	AMS-I.E: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user -Version 5.0				
Mandatory sectoral scopes	1				
Conditional sectoral scopes, if applicable	N/A				
Estimated amount of GHG emission reductions or GHG removals for this monitoring duration in the registered PDD	48,551 tCO ₂ e				
Certified amount of GHG emission reductions or GHG removals for this monitoring period	40,668 tCO ₂ e				
Name of the VVB	Carbon Check (India) Private Limited				
Name, position and signature of the approver of the verification and certification report	Vixash L. Sist				
	Vikash Kumar Singh, Compliance Officer				

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SECTION A. Executive summary

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Carbon Check (India) Private Ltd. (CCIPL) is performing the seventh periodic verification of the GS project "Household Biogas plants installed in rural areas of Maharashtra" (GS project id: GS 2519) for the period 09/05/2019 to 08/05/2020 (inclusive of both the dates). The project activity involves installation and use of household bio-digester units of various sized (2m³, 3m³, 4m³ and 6m³) which replaces non-renewable firewood used in the absence of bio-digesters. The bio-digesters are based on cattle dung and produced biogas is used for cooking purposes. The project involves 12,474 bio-gas units installed in rural areas of Maharashtra commissioned in between January 2009- Dec 2011. However, 84 bio-digesters were removed from the project since 09/05/2016 onwards and the effective number of digesters in the project is 12,390.

Verification methodology and process

The Verification team confirms the contractual relationship signed on the 13/05/2022 between the Carbon Check (India) Private Ltd. (hereafter the "VVB") and the project participant - Value Network Ventures Advisory Services Pte. Ltd. The team assigned to the verification meets the Carbon Check (India) Private Ltd's internal procedures including the UNFCCC requirements for the team composition and competence. CCIPL has conducted a thorough contract review as per UNFCCC and Carbon Check's procedures and requirements.

The verification has been performed as per the requirements described in the Gold Standard for the Global Goals Principles & Requirements (version 1.2) /5/; and CDM VVS for project activities (version 03.0) /9/ and constitutes the review and completion of the following steps:

- Review of the registered PDD (version 03; Dated: 19/05/2014) /2/, including the monitoring plan and the corresponding validation report /7/, the Sustainability Matrix and monitoring data;
- Desk review of the MR, emission reduction spreadsheet
- Review of the applied monitoring methodology "AMS-I.E 'Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user" (version 5.0) /4/;
- Review of any CMP and EB decisions, clarifications and guidance and the Gold Standard Secretariat;
- On-site assessment (11/06/2022 & 12/06/2022)
- Resolution of CARs and CLs raised during verification
- Issuance of Verification Report

In Carbon Check's opinion, the project activity was correctly implemented according to selected monitoring methodology monitoring plan and the registered PDD /02/. The monitoring data allowed for the verification of the amount of achieved GHG emission reductions. Through document review, on-site assessment and interview with project participant, the verification team confirms that the project has resulted 40,668 tCO₂e emission reductions during this 9th monitoring period. The GHG emission reductions and non-GHG parameters were correctly calculated/monitored based on the approved monitoring methodology "AMS-I.E, "Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user", (version 5) /04/ and the monitoring plan contained in the registered PDD (version 03; Dated: 19/05/2014) /02/.

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SECTION B. Verification team, technical reviewer and approver

B.1. Verification team member

No.	Role		Last name	First name	Affiliation	l	nvolve	ment i	n
		Type of resource			(e.g. name of central or other office of VVB or outsourced entity)	Desk/document review	On-site inspection	Interviews	Verification findings
1.	Team Leader/ Technical Expert/ Verifier	IR	Anand	Amit	CCIPL	1	1	1	V

B.2. Technical reviewer and approver of the verification and certification report

No.	Role	Type of resource	Last name	First name	Affiliation (e.g. name of central or other
		.=			office of VVB or outsourced entity)
1.	Technical reviewer	IR	C.	Indumathi	CCIPL
2.	Approver	IR	Singh	Vikash Kumar	CCIPL

SECTION C. Application of materiality

The threshold of materiality was evaluated based on "Guideline: Application of materiality in verifications" (version 02.0) /13/. It was concluded that the materiality threshold applicable to the project activity based on actual emission reductions achieved is 5% of 40,668 tCO₂e which is equal to 2,033 tCO2e.

In planning the verification, verification team took cognizance of §11 and §12 of the "Guideline: Application of materiality in verifications" (version 02.0) /13/ and a materiality threshold of 2,033 tCO $_2$ e is determined for the current verification of the project activity.

C.1. Consideration of materiality in planning the verification

No.	Risk that could lead to	As	ssessment of the risk	Response to the risk in the
	material errors, omissions or misstatements	Risk level	Justification	verification plan and/or sampling plan
1.	Human error in the quantification of emissions (which may be more likely to occur if personnel are unfamiliar with, or not well trained regarding, emissions processes or data recording).	Low	Being 9 th verification, the project proponent is familiar with monitoring procedures and data reporting in line with the registered PDD and previous verification and certification reports. The monitoring period is only one year. Hence, the risk level is low.	During on-site audit, the VT will interview the staffs of the monitoring team and check all records to confirm whether the monitoring plan has been well implemented. The recording of monitoring parameters used for determining the project's baseline emissions are used from third party survey report, statistically approved sampling
2.	Undue reliance on a poorly designed	Low	The project proponent has already established a well-	plan and project installation database. The verification

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information system,	organized monitoring team,	team shall review the whole
which may have few	monitoring plan, including	data set of records, and
effective quality controls.	data collection procedure	crosschecked against relevant
	and QA/QC procedure	options.
	consistent with registered	The verification team shall
	monitoring plan. The main	interview the staffs of the
	data parameter to be	monitoring team and check the
	monitored is operation	relevant records to confirm
	status of biogas systems	whether the data collection
	which is done through	procedure and QA/QC
	sampling by third party. In	procedure have been well
	addition, PP manages,	implemented.
		implemented.
	entire project database to	
	locate and monitor as in	
	when required. Therefore,	
	less likelihood that poor	
	flow of required data can	
	be witnessed.	
	Hence, the risk level is low.	
3. Manual adjustment of	N/A There is no data parameter	
otherwise automatically	which needs to adjust	
recorded activity levels	manually. Therefore, no	
	risk identified.	

C.2. Consideration of materiality in conducting the verification

In line with Guidelines for Application of materiality in verifications /13/, a reasonable level of assurance is defined for the verification of the project by complete verification of all the monitoring records was done by the verification team and compared with the values indicated in the emission reduction spread-sheet.

Some inconsistencies were identified and subsequently finding was raised. These findings are detailed in Appendix 4 and they were successfully closed. Therefore, related identified mistakes as listed in findings in Appendix 4 to this report have been determined to be immaterial. And thus, it is confirmed that there are no material errors, omissions or misstatements and a reasonable level of assurance is established

SECTION D. Means of verification

D.1. Desk/document review

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The verification was performed primarily based on the review of the Monitoring report /01/, emission reduction worksheet /03/ and supporting documentation. This process included review of data and information presented to verify their completeness and review of the monitoring plan and monitoring methodology. Documents reviewed or referenced during the verification are listed in Appendix 3 below.

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D.2. On-site inspection

	Duration of on-site insp	ection: 11/06/2022	2 to 12/06/2022	
No.	Activity performed on-site	Site location	Date	Team member
1.	Verify actual implementation of the project, management structure, project participant		11/06/2022 to 12/06/2022	Amit Anand
2.	Physically checking the project technology, end user details, identification of project biogas systems, whether the pre-project fuel is in use, whether the project biogas systems are in operational			
3.	Management and operational system: Documentation, allocation of responsibilities, qualification and training, data recording & archiving, internal audit and management review and emergency procedures			
4.	Interviews with end user and other stakeholders			

D.3. Interviews

No.		Interviewee	wee Date Subject			Auditor
	Last name	First name	Affiliation		·	
1.	Pardhi	Rameswaran	AKKPS	11/06/2022- 12/06/2022	Project Design, ownership details, carbon credit sharing arrangements, monitoring and reporting arrangements, QA/QC procedures, baseline assessment, project technology	Amit Anand
2.	Garg	Shivani	Representative of VNV	11/06/2022- 12/06/2022	PDD development, GS requirements, Emission reduction calculations, methodology applicability, start date justification etc.	
3.	Nandgauli	B.T.	Field co- ordinator- Maharashtra	11/06/2022- 12/06/2022	Maintenance, grievance system, field visit etc.	
4.	Prasad	Sanjay	Gramodyog Sansthan	11/06/2022	Details of survey, methodology, survey results, QA/QC procedure etc.	
5.	End users			11/06/2022 & 12/06/2022	Commissioning details, Agreement with project developers,	

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	Functioning of	
	biogas systems,	
	sustainability	
	issues, baseline	
	fuel. Post project	
	benefits,	
	Impact on health and livelihood.	

D.4. Sampling approach

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PP's sampling approach:

PP has proposed simple random sampling plan using 90/10 as confidence / precision. This is in line with the applied methodology /4/. The sample size for each parameter is determined following guidelines for Sampling and Surveys for CDM Project activities and Programme of Activities Ver. 4.0 (EB86, Annex 4) /10/.

CCIPL's verification sampling approach:

CCIPL has considered para 39 (a) of "Standard for Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities, Version 09.0" for determining the sampling size for VVB /11 /. In case of the current verification, the verification team determined the sample size for acceptance sampling by evaluating the following, using its own professional judgment and guidance in the Standard 'Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities' version 09.0 /11/: Considering Acceptable Quality Level (AQL): 0.5%, Unacceptable Quality Level (UQL): 20% and producer risk of 5% and consumer risk of 20% a sample size of 8 was required as per Table 2 in the referred Standard /11/. Acceptance number (c) thus determined for the sample size is 0. CCIPL considered 12 samples from PP's sample record to verify the project activity. The verification team selected random samples from the list of PP's sample bio-digesters. The verification team visited random 12 biodigesters (user) to ascertain monitoring results provided by PP. The biogas system details (unique serial number, date of commissioning, type of biogas system, technology, name of user and address) were checked and found to be consistent with that reported in the installation database. No inconsistency was observed for any of the 12 samples with respect to the observations seen during onsite visit. This assessment of the selected samples was done to ascertain the implementation status of the project activity w.r.t. the biogas system types, serial number, location etc.

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D.5. Clarification requests (CLs), corrective action requests (CARs) and forward action requests (FARs) raised

Areas of verification findings	No. of CL	No. of CAR	No. of FAR
Compliance of the monitoring report with the monitoring report form		01	
Compliance of the project implementation and operation with the registered PDD	01		
Post-registration changes			
Compliance of the registered monitoring plan with the methodologies including applicable tools and standardized baselines			
Compliance of monitoring activities with the registered monitoring plan		01	
Compliance with the calibration frequency requirements for measuring instruments			
Assessment of data and calculation of emission reductions or net removals			
Assessment of reported sustainable development co- benefits			
Global stakeholder consultation			
Others (Supporting documents)			
Other (Sustainability Monitoring)			
Total	01	02	0

SECTION E. Verification findings

E.1. Compliance of the monitoring report with the monitoring report form

Means of verification	Comparing the monitoring report /01/ with the monitoring report form provided by
	GS
Findings	N/A
Conclusion	CCIPL confirms that the monitoring report version 1.0 of 14/05/2022 and later versions are prepared using GS monitoring report template version 1.1 of 14/10/2020 which is the latest available template and completed with relevant information as per the template requirement.

E.2. Remaining forward action requests from validation and/or previous verifications

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No FAR remaining to be addressed during this verification.

E.3. Compliance of the project implementation and operation with the registered project design document

Means of verification	As verified during on-site audit and third party survey report, the audit team confirm
	the project implementation and operation complies with the project design
	document and transition annex /02/. All the bio-digesters are commissioned
	between the year 2009 and 2011 which is confirmed from the validation and
	previous verification report /14/. The project activity involves 12,390 household bio-
	digesters of different sizes (2 m³, 3 m³, 4 m³ and 6 m³) in the state of Maharashtra.
	The project is bundled and managed by AKKPS through its network of RETs. The
	project boundary in the registered PDD /02/ is in line with the actual project
	1''
	boundary.
	CCIPL has considered 12 bio-digesters more than the required 8 samples as
	explained in section D.4 above to ascertain accuracy of information. CCIPL
	confirms the project biogas systems are operating in all samples verified through
	telephonic interview and video call with end users, each biogas system has unique
	identification number which has been provided in the end user agreement and are
	correct as per project database. The unique identification is also marked at each
	biogas plant physically. Along with the serial number, the biogas technology, end
	user name, address, commissioning date etc. had also been noted which were
	Tuser name, address, commissioning date etc. had also been noted which were j

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	found to be consistent on ground. It is noted that no changes have been observed or identified which may impact the additionality, no addition of component nor extension of technology, no addition nor removal of project sites, no change of values of the actual operational parameter relevant to determination of emission reductions which are within the control of the PP; no change has been observed or identified that may impact the scale of the project activity or applicability of baseline and monitoring methodology AMS-I.E version 5 /04/. The operational status of all project bio-digesters, impact on identified SDGs from 09/05/2021 to 08/05/2022 has been taken into consideration.
Findings	N/A
Conclusion	It is Carbon Check's opinion that the project implementation and operation complies with the project design document.

E.4. Post-registration changes

E.4.1. Temporary deviations from the registered monitoring plan, applied methodologies, standardized baselines or other methodological regulatory documents¹

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Not Applicable

E.4.2. Corrections

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Not Applicable

E.4.3. Changes to the start date of the crediting period

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Not Applicable

E.4.4. Inclusion of a monitoring plan

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Not Applicable

E.4.5. Permanent changes from registered monitoring plan, or permanent deviation of monitoring from the applied methodologies, standardized baselines or other methodological regulatory documents

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Not Applicable

E.4.6. Changes to the project design

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Not Applicable

E.4.7. Changes specific to afforestation and reforestation project activities

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Not Applicable

E.5. Compliance of the registered monitoring plan with applied methodologies, applied standardized baselines, and other applied methodological regulatory documents

Means of verification	During this monitoring period, the validated and registered monitoring plan was
	found to be in accordance with the applied methodology /02/, /04/.
Findings	N/A
Conclusion	All monitoring parameters, monitoring procedures follow the methodology

¹ Other standards, methodologies, methodological tools and guidelines (to be) applied in accordance with the applied(selected) methodologies are collectively referred to as the other (applied) methodological regulatory documents).

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E.6. Compliance of monitoring activities with the registered monitoring plan

E.6.1. Data and parameters fixed ex ante or at renewal of crediting period

Means of	The following ex-ante parameters are considered in the calculation of the emission					
verification	reductions:					
	DATA/PARAMET ER Unit	Source of data	Reported value for the project period	Assessment/Observation		
	Total amount of biomass substituted (D _y)	Registered PDD /02 /	2m ³ = 230 kg/month 3m ³ = 334 kg/month 4m ³ = 434 kg/month 6m ³ = 650 kg/month	Since this is the baseline wood consumption taken from baseline survey, this will remain fixed during the crediting period. /02/		
	Fraction of Non-Renewable Biomass (fnrb, y)	Registered PDD /02/	93%	This value is calculated based on the values provided in the forest survey report released by Government of India and fixed during the crediting period.		
	Net Calorific Value of non-renewable biomass (NCVi)	IPCC / 02 /	0.015 TJ/tonne	This value has been taken from the IPCC default value as mentioned in the applied methodology /02, /04/.		
	Emission Factor (EFprojected_fossilfuel)	IPCC /02/	81.6 tCO ₂ /TJ	This value has been from the applied methodology /02/ /04/		
Findings	N/A					
Conclusion		CCIPL is able to confirm that the Data and parameters fixed ex ante have been implemented in full compliance with the registered monitoring plan.				

E.6.2. Data and parameters monitored

Means of verification	Data/Parameter	Displacement or substitution of the non-renewable woody biomass				
	Data Unit	kg				
	Description	Monitoring should confirm the displacement of substitution of the non-renewable woody biomass at each location. The survey confirms displacement of substitution of the non-renewable woody biomass at each location. There has been no switch over to any other renewable biomass. This is also consistent with site visit findings, hence accepted.				
	Source of data to be used	Survey /12/				
	Value of monitored parameter for the monitoring period	Size Before installation of Biogas plants (Dy)-kgs/month Before installation of Biogas plants (Py) - kgs/month Amount of firewood displaced (By) 2 230 30 207				

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			CDM	-VCR-FORM
	3	334	30	298
	4	434	30	391
	6	650	30	606.5
	rarely use or tempo a estimat in a mo	ers use firewood rarily when gast tion given by u onth. Therefore	ng on-site asset od, especially in s generation beconsers around 30 e, conservatively nsidered to calc	winter season omes low with kgs maximum the use of
Monitoring equipment	Not appli	cable as it is ba	ased on survey m	nethod.
Accuracy of the monitoring equipment	Not appli	cable		
Measuring/Reading/Recording frequency	Annual			
Calculation method (if applicable)	Not appli	cable		
Data/Parameter	Checking	of sampled bi	ogas plants	
Data Unit	%			
Description	sample, replaced	to ensure that by an equival	checking of biodigesters op lent in service a nality of biogas pl	erating or are ppliance. The
Source of data to be used	Survey /1	12/	<u> </u>	
Value of monitored parameter for the monitoring period	12 samp sampling plants we survey to	les (more that standard) an ere 100% funct confirm 97%	rvey. Verification the required so donfirm that tional. Therefore, plants are functioned, results are	ample as per all 12 biogas the results of onal is correct
Monitoring equipment	Not appli	cable as it is ba	ased on survey m	nethod.
Accuracy of the monitoring equipment	Not appli	cable		
Measuring/Reading/Recording frequency	Annual			
Calcualtion method (if applicable)	Not appli	cable		
Data/Parameter			ved under the pect households/u	
Data Unit	Tonne/ye	ear		
Description	paragrap include d under the	h 10 of AMS I lata on the am e project activi lds/users (who	he leakages sp E, version 05, m ount of woody b ity that is used b o previously use	onitoring shall iomass saved by non-project
Source of data to be used			nce PP adopte ot capture this par	

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	Value of monitored parameter for the monitoring period	During this monitoring period leakage is accounted considering default factor as per applied methodology. Hence, survey did not capture the parameter. This parameter is applicable for accounting leakage emissions which is accounted applying default leakage factor (0.95) during this monitoring parameter.	
	Monitoring equipment	Not applicable	
	Accuracy of the monitoring equipment	Not applicable	
	Measuring/Reading/Recording frequency	Annual	
	Calcualtion method (if applicable)	Not applicable	
Findings	CL 1 was raised to provided third party survey report and sample maintenance records along with employment records applicable for the monitoring period which PP has provided and found to be consistent with the MR. Hence, CL is closed.		
Conclusion		m that the monitoring has been implemented in full monitoring plan and all the parameters listed in the een completely monitored.	

E.6.3. Implementation of sampling plan

Means of verification

According to the standard for sampling and survey /11/ and related guidelines /10/ the sampling plan was determined at the time of project registration and applied during the monitoring.

- Sampling method: Simple random sampling method is adopted as the target population are of homogeneous. The sample size is determined by the requirement to achieve 90/10 in line with the methodology for annual survey. Sampling approaches may follow the Guideline "Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities" for calculation of sample size.
- Data to be collected: Number of project devices of type i and operating in year y.
- Implementation plan: Annual.

Actual implementation during the monitoring period:

- Sampling method: The sample size included all households and was randomly sampled from a list of all the project biogas system in the project. The target population is the 12,390 biogas systems. The sampling frame is homogenous within itself, with respect to service level, established ex-ante baseline and user characteristics. PP has first determined target sample number of 67 biogas systems as below:

The total sample size has been derived using equation para 12 of appendix 1, EB 86 Annex 4, Guidelines for Sampling and Surveys for CDM Project activites and Programme of Activities Ver. 4.0. /10/. The expected parameter values (mean, standard deviation and proportion) have been taken as per para 12 of appendix 1, EB 86 Annex 4 /10/.

$$n \ge \frac{1.645^2 N \times p(1-p)}{(N-1) \times 0.1^2 \times p^2 + 1.645^2 p(1-p)}$$

Total Population (N) is 12,390, expected proportion is taken 80% and accordingly, sample size (n) come out to be 67.

For the mean value parameter (average firewood consumption in continuation to biogas use), sample size was calculated as per equation given in para 51 of appendix 1, EB 86 Annex 4, Guidelines for Sampling and Surveys for CDM Project activities and Programme of Activities Ver. 4.0. The calculated sample size was 25.

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Therefore,	PD	considered	77	biogas	systems	for	all	sample	parameters	for	the
survey.											

The 77 sample are divided as per below structure:

Sizes	No. of Biogas plants	Proportion	No. of samples	Actual Sample number
2 m3	5198	42%	28	30
3 m3	7026	57%	38	40
4 m3	143	1%	1	5
6 m3	23	0.19%	0.12	2

The list of project biogas plants are segregated respective to its size and a random number is assigned for each biogas plant. Then random sample number generator (https://stattrek.com/statistics/random-number-generator.aspx) is used to get the required samples for each of the biogas size as per above table. The selection of samples are random and representative of the entire population. It is also noted the survey result shows 97% operational status of biogas plants.

The achieved precision for proportional parameter is 0.8% and for mean value

The achieved precision for proportional parameter is 0.8% and for mean value parameter it is 1% which is below the desired precision of 10%.

	parameter it is 1% which is below the desired precision of 10%.
Findings	CAR 1 was raised and closed as discussed in Appendix 4 of this report.
Conclusion	Carbon Check confirms that the sampling size and the method of on-site
	assessment was in line with the requirements of the sampling standard.

E.7. Compliance with the calibration frequency requirements for measuring instruments

Means of verification	There is no monitoring equipment involved in monitoring of the required
	parameters. Hence, no calibration requirement applicable for the project activity.
Findings	N/A
Conclusion	N/A

E.8. Assessment of data and calculation of emission reductions or net removals

E.8.1. Calculation of baseline GHG emissions or baseline net GHG removals by sinks

Means of verification	As per the registered PDD /02/ and the Methodology applied /04/ emission reductions are calculated as per equation 1 of the methodology as below:
	ERy = By * fNRB, y * NCVbiomass * EFprojected_fossilfuel
	Where,
	By = is the quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced in tonnes
	$f_{NRB, y}$ = is the fraction of woody biomass used in the absence of the project activity in year y that can be established as non-renewable biomass using survey methods or government data or approved default country specific fraction of non-renewable woody biomass (fNRB) values available on the CDM website. In this case $f_{NRB, y}$ is fixed ex-ante to be 93% as verified from registered PDD and validation report /02/,/07/.
	NCV _{biomass} = is the Net calorific value of the non-renewable woody biomass that is substituted (IPCC default for wood fuel, 0.015 TJ/tonne)
	EF _{projected_fossilfuel} = is the emission factor for the substitution of non-renewable woody biomass by similar consumers. Use a value of 81.6 tCO ₂ /TJ.
	'B _y ' is calculated by multiplying the number of appliances with the estimated average annual consumption of woody biomass per appliance (tonnes/year). The average annual consumption of woody biomass is estimated by survey methods as explained in section E.6.2 above. This is found to be in-line with the applied methodology /04/ and registered PDD /02/.

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	Accordingly, the baseline emissions for project activity for the monitoring period from 09/05/2021 to 08/05/2022 is calculated to be 42,809 tCO _{2e}
Findings	CAR 2 was raised and closed as discussed in Appendix 4 of this report.
Conclusion	CCIPL confirms that baseline emissions have been appropriately calculated and are consistent with site visit observations, the applied methodology, registered
	PDD and the previous verification reports /01/, /02/, /04/, /07/.

E.8.2. Calculation of project GHG emissions or actual net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks

Means of verification	Project emissions are already discussed in above section E.8.1.
Findings	N/A
Conclusion	CCIPL confirms that project emissions have been appropriately calculated and are
	consistent with on-site assessment, the applied methodology and registered PDD
	/02/, /03/, /04/.

E.8.3. Calculation of leakage GHG emissions

Means of verification	saved by the project activity shall be assessed based on ex post surveys of users and the areas from which this woody biomass is sourced (using 90/30 precision fo a selection of samples). The following potential source of leakage shall be considered:	
	'The use/diversion of non-renewable woody biomass saved under the project activity by non-project households/users that previously used renewable energy sources. If this leakage assessment quantifies an increase in the use of non-renewable woody biomass used by the non-project households/users, that is attributable to the project activity, then By is adjusted to account for the quantified leakage. Alternatively, By is multiplied by a net to gross adjustment factor of 0.95 to account for leakages, in which case surveys are not required.	
	Accordingly, PP has multiplied By with 0.95 to account leakage which results leakage to be 2,141 tCO ₂ e.	
Findings	N/A	
Conclusion	CCIPL confirms that leakage emissions are accounted corrected in the estimation of emission reduction as per the applied methodology.	

E.8.4. Summary calculation of GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks

Means of verification	Emission Reductions:
	The emission reductions in this monitoring period are:
	ERy = BEy - PEy - Ly
	Where,
	ER_y is the total emission reductions of the project activity during the year y in $tCO_{2e};$
	BE _y is the baseline emissions for the project activity during the year y in tCO _{2e} ;
	PE_y is the emissions for the project activity during the year y in tCO_{2e} ; LE_y is the leakage emissions for the project activity during the year y in tCO_{2e} .
	As explained in section E.8.1 above, the resulted Baseline emissions (BEy) for the monitoring period is 42,809 tCO ₂ . Similarly as explained in section E.8.2 and section E.8.3 project emission is zero for the monitoring period and leakage emissions are accounted to be 2,141 CO ₂ for the monitoring period. Hence, resulted emission reduction for the monitoring period is 40,668 tCO ₂ (roundown value).
Findings	N/A
Conclusion	The data presented in the monitoring report /01/ and emission reduction worksheet /03/ were assessed by reviewing in detail project documentation, collection of monitored data, observation of established monitoring and reporting practices and

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assessment of the reliability of monitoring equipment. Sufficient evidences were
presented and verified by CCIPL for the reported emission reductions as listed
above.

E.8.5. Comparison of actual GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks with estimates in registered PDD

Means of verification	The emission reductions from the project for the monitoring period as reported in the monitoring report revision 2.1 of $22/08/2022/01$ / is equivalent to $40,668 \text{ tCO}_{2e}$. The reported emission reductions are 16.24% lower than the estimated emission reduction of $48,551 \text{ tCO}_{2e}$ for the period as per the registered PDD /03/.
Findings	N/A
Conclusion	The emission reduction calculations provided in the spreadsheet /03/ have been verified to be correct and in line with the registered PDD /02/.

E.8.6. Remarks on difference from estimated value in registered PDD

Means of verification	Cross checking calculation and monitored results and comparing the achieved emissions with estimated ex-ante.
Findings	N/A
Conclusion	Since, there are still some firewood consumption by project bio-digester users, the same is accounted as leakage emissions as per the applied methodology. Hence, achieved emission reduction is 16.24% less

E.8.7. Actual GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks during the first commitment period and the period from 1 January 2013 onwards

Means of verification	GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals by sinks reported up to 31 December 2012	GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals by sinks reported from 1 January 2013 onwards	
	NA	40,668 tCO₂e	
	Year-wise break-up of emission reduction	ns:	
	Year	Emission Reductions (tCO _{2e})	
	09/05/2021 to 31/12/2021	26,406 tCO ₂ e	
	01/01/2022 to 08/05/2022	14,262 tCO ₂ e	
Findings	N/A		
Conclusion	The emission reduction calculations provided in the spreadsheet /03/ have been verified to be correct and in line with the registered PDD /02/, also the values are consistently reported in the MR for this monitoring period.		

E.9. Assessment of reported sustainable development co-benefits

Means of verification	Data variable	Source of Data	Reported value for the project period
	Air Quality	Results of ambient air quality measurements as detailed in the third party survey report /12/	96% positively responded for improved air quality. 94% positively responded for improved health from diseases related to smoke.
	Assessment		
	whether biogas pl confirm the air q confirmed 97% s period. Further, 90 improvement and related to smoke.	y was conducted by Gramodyog ants were working and proper funct uality is improved compared to be ampled bidigesters were functioning 6% end users confirmed positively be 94% positively responded for improving addition, VVB's sample record alternations that all plants are functions	ioning of biodigester will aseline situation. Survey g during the monitoring benefited from air quality red health from diseases so showed all plants are

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period. Hence, it is confirmed that air quality is improved compared to baseline situation.

Data variable	Source of Data	Reported value for the project period
Livelihood of the poor	Third party survey report /12/	Effective utilization of cow dung by all 12,018 users of bio-digesteres. 100% users positively responded for improved livelihood.

Assessment

Cattle dung is primarily fed in biodigestors, hence reduction in open decay of cattle dung. Confirmed from third party survey report and consistent with site visit observations. In addition 100% end users positively confirmed improvement in livelihood due to implementation of the project activity.

Data variable	Source of Data	Reported value for the project period
Access to clean and affordable energy	Third party survey report /12/	12,018 biogas plants are working

Assessment

Biogas plant owners are not utilizing firewood to suffice their entire thermal needs. The minimum firewood as used has been accounted as project emissions in the emission reduction calculation. The third party survey confirms functioning of 97% surveyed biogas plants and also all sample plants considered during onsite assessment were found functioning. Hence the project activity is contributing to overall positive impact to the access of clean and affordable energy.

Data variable	Source of Data	Reported value for the project period
Quantitative employment and income generation	Salary vouchers /16/ issued to the project employees and AKKPS employee database /17/	20 persons have been employed and retained in different category (skilled/unskilled/temporary) by AKKPS for the project activity.

Assessment

Salary vouchers issued to the project employees /16/ and AKKPS employee list /17/ confirms employment generation by the project activity. Also, AKKPS has engaged site supervisors which is shown in the plant database list. Site supervisors along with supporting technicians are engaged for any operation and maintenance of bio-digesters under their jurisdiction. The records of employment by AKKPS, site supervisors, technicians and survey work order etc. reveals quantitative employment and income generation from the project activity. It is also noted that on an average employees are paid INR 10,000/- per month which is above the minimum wages determined for the state.

Continuous grievance/input mechanism:

As part of continuous grievance/input mechanism it is noted that PP has provided details of responsible person to contact at each site (site supervisors) and register to record any input. The same is confirmed during on-site assessment and interview with end users and they found aware of the mechanism. The verification team checked the records and found that only minor issues related to biogas performance recorded from users which were resolved proactively. Therefore, the continuous grievance/input mechanism found to be effective.

Findings	N/A
Conclusion	CCIPL confirms that monitoring of all the sustainable development monitoring

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parameters during this monitoring period is in line with registered PDD and
GS4GG transition annex and are consistent with off-site assessment and the
previous verification report /01/, /07/, /14/.

E.10. Global stakeholder consultation

Means of verification Not Applicable	
Findings	Not Applicable.
Conclusion	Not Applicable.

SECTION F. Internal quality control

>> The final verification report passed a technical review before being submitted to the client for forward submission to GS. A technical reviewer qualified in accordance with CCIPL's qualification scheme for CDM validation and verification performed the technical review.

SECTION G. Verification opinion

>> Carbon Check (India) Private Ltd. (CCIPL) has performed the 9th verification of the GS Project Activity "Household Biogas plants installed in rural areas of Maharashtra" in India having GS reference number GS 2519.

The verification team assigned by the VVB concludes that the project activity as described in the registered PDD (version 03; dated 19/05/2014) /02/ and the monitoring report (version 2.1 dated 22/08/2022) /01/, meets all relevant GS4GG requirements for project activity and UNFCCC requirements. The verification has been conducted in-line with the GS4GG requirements and requirements of VVS for CDM project activities (version 03.0) /09/.

Verification methodology and process:

The verification team confirms the contractual relationship signed on 13/05/2022 between the VVB, Carbon Check (India) Private Ltd. and Project Participants (Value Network Venture Advisory Services Pte. Ltd.). The team assigned to the verification meets the CCIPL's internal procedures including the UNFCCC requirements for the team composition and competence. The verification team has conducted thorough review as per GS4GG, UNFCCC and CCIPL's procedures and requirements.

The verification has been performed as per the requirements described in the GS4GG requirements /05/ and constitutes the review and completion of the following steps:

- Reviewing the registered PDD (version 03; dated 19/05/2014) /02/;
- Receipt of the MR (version 2.1 dated 22/08/2022) /01/;
- Desk review of the MR /01/ and other relevant documents;
- Review of the applied monitoring methodology (AMS-I.E, version 05) /04/;
- Review of any CMP and EB decisions, clarifications and guidance;
- On-site assessment (11/06/2022 & 12/06/2022);
- Resolution of CARs and CLs raised during verification;
- Issuance of Verification Report

The project activity was correctly implemented according to the selected monitoring methodology and registered PDD /02/. Through document review and on-site visit assessment, the verification team confirms that the project activity has resulted in 40,668 tCO₂e emission reductions during this ninth monitoring period.

The break-up of emission reduction up to 09/05/2021 and 08/05/2022 onwards as verified during the course of verification are as below:

Vintage	Emission reductions (tCO ₂ e)
09/05/2021 to 31/12/2021	26,406
01/01/2022 to 08/05/2022	14,262

CCIPL therefore pleased to issue a positive verification opinion expressed in the attached Certification statement.

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SECTION H. Certification statement

>> It is CCIPL's opinion that the GHG emission reductions stated in the monitoring report, version 2.1 dated 22/08/2022 for project activity, "Household Biogas plants installed in rural areas of Maharashtra" for period 09/05/2021 to 08/05/2022 (Inclusive of both the dates) are fairly stated. The GHG emission reductions were calculated correctly based on the approved monitoring methodology, AMS-I.E, version 05. Hence, CCIPL able to certify that the emission reductions from the project during the monitoring period 09/05/2021 to 08/05/2022 (Inclusive of both the dates) amount to 40,668 tCO₂e.

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Appendix 1. Abbreviations

Abbreviations	Full texts	
AKKPS	Aadivasi Khadi Avom Krishi Parishchan Sansthan	
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism	
CAR	Corrective Action Request	
CCIPL	Carbon Check (India) Private Ltd.	
CL	Clarification Request	
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide	
CO ₂ e	Carbon Dioxide Equivalent	
DR	Document review	
DOE	Designated Operational Entities	
DVR	Draft Validation Report	
EB	CDM Executive Board	
EF	Emission Factor	
El	External individual	
ER	Emission Reduction	
FA	Final Approval	
FAR	Forward Action Request	
FVR	Final validation Report	
FSR	Feasibility Study Report	
GHG	Greenhouse gas(es)	
GSF	Gold standard Foundation	
GS4GG	Gold standard for Global Goals	
I	Interview	
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on ClimateChange	
IR	Internal resource	
MH	Maharashtra	
MW	Mega Watt	
M Wh	Mega Watt hours	
PDD	Project Design Document	
PP	Project Participant	
OSV	On Site Visit	
QC/QA	Quality control /Quality assurance	
SS	Sectoral Scope	
TA	Technical Area	
TR	Technical Review	
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	
VER	Verified Emission Reduction	
VVB	Validation and Verification Body	
VVS	Validation and Verification Standard	
VT	Verification Team	

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Appendix 2. Competence of team members and technical reviewers

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Appendix 3. Documents reviewed or referenced

No.	Author	Title	References to the document	Provider
1	VNV Advisory Services	Monitoring report for the project activity 'Household Biogas plants installed in rural areas of Maharashtra' covering period of 20/07/2022, version of 20/05/2021 to 08/05/2022		PP
2	VNV Advisory Services	a) Registered PDD for the project version 03 of activity 'Household Biogas plants installed in rural areas of Maharashtra' Feedback dated b) Transition review feedback 01/08/2018		PP
3	VNV Advisory Services	Emission reduction worksheet 'GS VER_2519_v1_MP9'	Version 01 of 14/05/2022, version 2 of 20/07/2022	PP
4	UNFCCC	Small-scale Methodology AMS-I.E 'Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user'	Version 05	Publicly available
5	Gold Standard	Gold Standard for the Global Goals Principles & Requirements	Version 1.2 of 23/10/2019	Publicly available
6	Gold Standard	Gold Standard for the Global Goals CS Activity Requirements	Version 1.1 of March 2018	Publicly available
7	DNV	Validation report "Household Biogas plants Revision 02 of installed in rural areas of Maharashtra" in 122/05/2014 India		PP
8	GS	Performance review covering monitoring period 09/05/2020 to 08/05/2021 for the project GS 2519		PP
9	UNFCCC	CDM validation and verification standard	Version 03	Publicly available
10	UNFCCC	Guidelines for Sampling and Surveys for CDM Project activities and Programme of Activities	Ver. 4.0 (EB86, Annex 4)	Publicly available
11	UNFCCC	Standard for Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities		Publicly available
12	Gramodyog Sansthan	Biogas Usage Survey Report in selected March 2022 districts of Maharashtra		PP
13	UNFCCC	Guideline: Application of materiality in Version 2 of 20/02/2015 verifications		Publicly available
14	Carbon Check			PP
15	Gold Standard	COVID-19: Interim Measures		Publicly available
16	AKKPS	Salary vouchers issued to the project employees during the period May 2021 to April 2022		PP
17	AKKPS	Employee list for the year 2021-2022	Employee list	PP

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Date: 20/07/2022

Appendix 4. Clarification requests, corrective action requests and forward action requests

Table 1. Remaining FAR from validation and/or previous verifications

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FAR ID	ID N/A Section no. Date:				
Description	Description of FAR				
N/A					
Project par	Project participant response Date:				
Documentation provided by project participant					
VVB assessment Date:			Date:		

Table 2. CL from this verification

01	Section no.	E.5	Date: 29/06/2022	
Description of CL				
. Kindly provide third party survey report and its supporting documents.				
2. Kindly provide sample maintenance records applicable for the monitoring period and grievance				
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Kindly provide employment	records applical	ole for the monitoring period.		
Project participant response Date: 20/07/2022				
 Third party survey report and supporting documents are submitted now. 				
2. Maintenance record/grievance register copy is submitted.				
3. Employment records with proof of payments are submitted now.				
Documentation provided by project participant				
Evidences as stated above				
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VVB assessment Date: 31/07/2022

The survey report, periodic maintenance records and employment records confirm PP's claim for the monitoring period to be correct. Hence, CL is closed.

Table 3. CAR from this verification

CAR ID 01 Section no. E.6.3 Date: 29/06/2022 Description of CAR 1. The sample parameter includes one mean value parameter in addition to proportional parameter for

- The sample parameter includes one mean value parameter in addition to proportional parameter for which sample size calculation is not provided.
- 2. The sampling method and its justification is not provided.
- 3. The survey method, QA/QC adopted for survey and achieved precision is not provided.

Project participant response

- 1. The sample size calculation for mean value parameter is provided in the MR and on conservative side a higher sample size which is resulted for the proportional parameter is considered for sample survey.
- 2. The sample method and other details are included in the revised MR.
- 3. The survey method, QA/QC adopted and achieved precision is now included in the updated MR.

Documentation provided by project participant

Updated MR and ER sheet.

VVB assessment Date: 31/07/2022

The updated MR correctly provides the calculation of sample size for mean value parameter and appropriate justification has been provided for considering the sample size for annual survey. The survey method and QA/QC are appropriately explained and found consistent with the survey report. The achieved precision found to be within 10% and hence sampling meets the 90/10 confidence precision. Hence, CAR is closed.

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Date: 20/07/2022

CAR ID 02 Section no. E.8.1 Date: 29/05/2021

Description of CAR

- 1. The MR is not explicit on how the firewood consumption in parallel to biogas used is captured considering different size of biogas systems.
- Under section E.4 of the MR, SDG 3 mention numbers such as 4, 5, 6 etc. PP is requested to clarify the relevance of these numbers if any.
- 3. SDG 7 impact in table1 and section E.4 of the MR is inconsistent. One place it is in percentage and in another place it is in absolute number.

Project participant response

- 1. Although the survey took sample of each capacity of biogas system, the results of entire population is used as one value for the project. The results of firewood consumption as reported by users are averaged and used for entire population on conservative side.
- 2. It was a typical mistake which is now corrected.
- SDG 7 impact during the monitoring period is corrected and made consistent throughout the MR.

Documentation provided by project participant

Updated MR and ER sheet

VVB assessment Date: 31/07/2022

VVB reviewed the survey raw date and found if capacity wise average firewood consumption is taken, the resulted emission reductions would be higher and considering a overall average value for entire population results in lower emission reductions. Hence, PD's justification is accepted. Other corrections as per comment found correctly done. Hence, CAR is closed.

Table 4. FAR from this verification

FAR ID	Section No.	Date: DD/MM/YYYY			
Description	Description of FAR				
No FAR raise	No FAR raised				
Project parti	Project participant response Date: DD/MM/YYYY				
Documentation provided by project participant					
VVB assessment Date: DD/MM/YYYY					

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