

## **TEMPLATE**

# STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION REPORT

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This is a report template to be used for filling the information pertaining to Local Stakeholder Consultation and Stakeholder Feedback Round conducted in line with the Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements.

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## **KEY PROJECT INFORMATION**

GS ID of Project	GS12629
Title of Project	Healthy Kitchen for Refugees
Version number of this Report	01
Completion date of version	05/10/2023
Time of First Submission Date	13/02/2024
Start Date of the Project	10/08/2023
Date of Meeting (s)	31/07/2023
Project Cycle:	⊠ Regular
	☐ Retroactive

## **GROUPED CONSULTATION INFORMATION**

GS ID of Real Case VPA	NA
Title of Real Case VPA	NA
Geographical Boundary of Grouped Consultation	NA
Technology covered by the Grouped Consultation	NA
Validity Period	NA
Anticipated number of VPAs	NA

### SECTION A. INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO STAKEHOLDERS

### A.1. Preliminary agenda for the meeting

>> Project developer (PD) planned the stakeholder consultation pursuant to the Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements (version 1.2). The project developer ensured availability of the information to the stakeholders pursuant to paragraph 5.1.1 of the requirement. This version of the requirement did not mandatorily required sharing the preliminary agenda for the meeting with the stakeholders. PD consulted with the Mayor, ward president and other elected local representative of Damak Municipality to decide on tentative meeting agenda. Although the LSC meeting was conducted informally, the following agenda for the meeting was discussed and agreed with the local representatives.

Box 1: Preliminary Meeting Agenda

## Stakeholder Consultation for Healthy Kitchen for Refugees PROGRAM SCHEDULE

31st July 2023

S.N.	Activities	Time Schedule	Participation
1.	Registration and networking	01:00-01:15 AM	All
2.	Welcome, introduction and	01:15-01:30 AM	EPC Nepal
	highlighting program objectives,		
	project developers' work in the		
	country and region.		
3.	Highlight on the existing cooking	01:30 AM-02:00 PM	EPC Nepal
	practices and its potential effects		
	(Poster demonstration)		
4.	Interactive discussion with	02:00-02:30 PM	VNV Advisory
	participants on the nature of the		
	carbon project, project financing		
	approach project and requirements		
	related to SDG contribution and		
	safeguards, post installation services		
	and grievance mechanism.		
5.	Experience sharing by the users	02:30-02:45 PM	EPC Nepal
	regarding the use of the project		
6.	Feedback, Q&A session	02:45-03:30 PM	Users
7.	Closing remarks by EPC Nepal	03:30-03:45 PM	EPC Nepal
8.	Hi-tea	03:45-04:00 PM	All

### A.2. A non-technical summary of the project

>> The nexus of consumption of solid biomass with the indoor air pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission is well established. Specifically, the firewood sourced from Nepalese forest does not entirely come from the forest area that is renewable. Therefore, the firewood consumed is fossil in origin that results in irreversible emissions of GHGs. By use of ICS the firewood consumption will be reduced which in a way improve the indoor air pollution and therefore health of family members. In comparison to traditional cookstove, forced draft ICS has efficiency of 38.02% against 10% efficiency of traditional cook stoves. This improvement in efficiency from 10% to 38.02% results in reduction of consumption of solid biomass resulting into multiple social, economic and environmental benefits.

In this context, PD intends to promote the aforementioned technology to the targeted households of the Bhutanese Refugees communities has demonstrated need to promote ICS. The Value Network Ventures (VNV) Advisory Services, Singapore and the Environment Protection Center Nepal has planned for implementation targeting the households of Bhutanese refugees communities of the Province no. 1, Jhapa of Nepal. The project will install maximum of 2,500 ICS in the targeted households.

## A.3. Contact details to get further technical detail and project information

>> Further details of the project can be accessed by contacting the project participants at the following addresses:

Box 2: Contact Details of the PP

Environment Protection Centre Nepal

Chandrapur-1, Rautahat

Contact Person: Mr. Ram Prabesh Rauniyar

Contact: +977 055-540201

E-mail: epcnepal2071@gmail.com

Value Network Ventures Advisory Services

10, Anson Road, #29-07, International Plaza, Singapore 079903

Contact: +91 9845017165

Email: contact@vnvadvisory.com

**A.4.** Summary of economic, social and environmental impacts of the Project >> The project doesn't carry any significant negative economic, social or environmental impacts. Moreover, the project is likely to benefit the users and local enterprises with the following:

## a) Economic impacts

The project will install improved cooking stoves in households that use firewood burnt in a traditional stoves in the baseline. The economic impacts of the project are expected in the following forms:

- **Employment opportunity:** PD shall appoint a local partner for the ICS installation activity. While executing the installation of the ICS, employment will be created. Further, this project will also appoint the local people for the troubleshooting and maintenance of ICS that will create the employment opportunities.
- **Job creation:** At the community level, the project will capacitate the local partner for the implementation of ICS. The project also plans training local people from the beneficiary community for the general troubleshooting of the ICS promoted. Creation of such trained people within the community will create opportunity for additional income when it comes to repairing of the ICS.
- Household saving: At the household or beneficiary level the project aims to reach the base-of-pyramid households who rely on solid biomass fired over the traditional cooking stoves to meeting their cooking energy requirement. The project will support households with a better cooking solution by partly covering the expenses incurred towards stove. As such the project aims to enhance the affordability of the cooking solutions. Installation of ICS will further help the households to minimize their costs against firewood and other health related expenses.

#### b) Social impacts

The project is expected to contribute benefits towards community development. Since the initiative will be executed with facilitation of the local governments, the project will effectively mobilize the public and private resources such as municipalities, rural municipalities, NGOs, saving groups, clubs etc. The project embeds elements of public awareness and behavior change activities that will, over the time, support in building community that spontaneously use the cleaner form of fuel for cooking. In addition to this, few immediate social benefits are envisaged from the project which are highlighted below:

- Use of ICS will reduce workload related to the collection of the firewood and optimize the cooking time in the kitchen which can be used for other productive activities.
- Reduction in demand for a common resource like firewood is expected to be helpful in minimizing the resource related conflicts in the future.

#### c) Environmental impacts

The project will not result in incremental negative environmental consequences. Moreover the project will impart positive impact in environment; both indoor and outdoor.

- **Indoor Environment:** This project will significantly contribute to improve indoor environment. The use of ICS reduces the emission of the gaseous pollutants and the particulate matters thereby contributing for a cleaner indoor environment. Since the project promoted devices has better efficiency compared to the traditional cooking stoves, it will also help to reduce deposition of soot in the kitchen walls and other utensils. Similarly, the project is also likely to minimize the risk of fire hazard.
- **Outdoor Environment:** At the outdoor environment, the project will contribute for forest conservation by reducing the demand of firewood. There are numerous advantages of forest conservation such as ecological balance and maintenance of the watershed. However, the direct benefit realized would be in terms of the reduced forest exploitation for the firewood.

## A.5. Other relevant information to help stakeholders understand the project

>>The project has planned to deploy improved cookstove technology to cater the cooking needs of the households covered by the project. The ICS planned by the project for the implementation is tier-3 force draft metallic ICS with side loading feature. The forced draft ICS requires electric power supply to operate. The ICS promoted by the project shall use electricity from solar photovoltaic system to operate. Figure below shows the outlook of the project device that will be installed under the project:

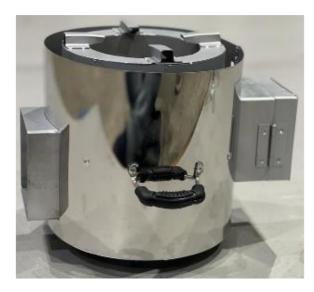




Figure 1: Front and side views of the project ICS

Key features of the technology to be implemented by the project are presented in table below:

**Table 1: Specification of project device** 

SN	Particulars	Description
1	Brand Name	NEPSTAR4
2	Stove type	Forced draft
3	Fuel type	Biomass based (Suitable for firewood)
4	Secondary Air Supply	Yes
5	Pot hole	1
6	Electrical Component (only for forced draft)	Fan: 12 V, 0.25 A, 10W, heat resistant and replaceable Wire: Heat resistant
7	Material	External Body: Stainless steel with 1.2 mm thickness Combustion Chamber: Stainless steel with 2 mm thickness Top Plate: Stainless Steel, 2 mm thickness
8	Dimensions and Weight	External diameter: 26 cm Internal diameter: 13 cm Weight of stove: 6.4 kg
9	Design Life	7-10 years (subject to usage)
10	Thermal Efficiency	At least 38.2%

11 Other Features/User friendliness Sleek design, easy to use and use of side feeding fuel magazine offers convenience for the existing traditional cookstove users (TCS) to use the stove with minimum change in their cooking practice thereby ensuring better adoption compared to the ICS with top feeding option.

## SECTION B. INVITATIONS MADE TO STAKEHOLDERS

## **B.1.** Invitation tracking table

Category Code	Stakeholder Type/Organisation (if relevant)	Name of invitee	Male/ Female	Method of invitation	Date of invitation (>30 days before Meeting)
A	Local people		-	Word of mouth/telep hone	July 21, 2023
С	Damak Municipality Office			Telephone/ Invitation Letter	July 21, 2023
С	Damak Municipality, Ward office			Telephone/ Invitation Letter	July 21, 2023
С	Settlement Management Committee Beldangi			Telephone/ Invitation Letter	July 21, 2023
С	Community Forest Users Group			Telephone/ Invitation Letter	July 21, 2023
D	Ministry of Forests and Environment			Email	June 30, 2023
D	Ministry of Forests and Environment	Maheshwar Dhakal	М	Email	June 30, 2023
D	Alternative Energy Promotion Centre			Email	June 30, 2023
F	Global Offset Research	Siddharth Yadav	М	Email	June 30, 2023
F	CEDESOL	David Whitfield	М	Email	June 30, 2023
F	SustainCERT	Neha Rao	F	Email	June 30, 2023
F	NCMA India	Bholendra Singh	М	Email	June 30, 2023
G	Gold Standard representative	help@goldstandar d.org	N/A	Email	June 30, 2023
G	Gold Standard representative	Keith Black	М	Email	June 30, 2023

#### **B.1.1.** Appropriateness of methods

>> The attendees to the LSC were invited pursuant to the Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Guidelines V 1.2. The proposed project has targeted to the households using firewood in the traditional cooking stoves in of refugee camps of Jhapa, Nepal. Considering that the project would encompass the households of Bhutanese Refugee Camp of Jhapa district, Province no.1, the public invitation was published in a local newspaper to appropriately inform the local stakeholders.

The newspaper notice was published on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for a meeting scheduled on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The date was rescheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, all the invitees were notified about the changes and the LSC was conducted accordingly. Similarly, all the relevant institutional stakeholders were invited through email. In order to ensure that the invitation has reached to all the invitees and that they participate in the program, the PD followed-up with all the invitees. The local NGOs invited were requested to float invitations using word-of-mouth approach such that the notice would reach the maximum number of potential beneficiary. The method for inviting the local stakeholders therefore involved announcement in the local newspapers, over email, as well as telephonic and word of mouth. This was to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are aware of the consultation planned.

#### **B.1.2. Gender Sensitivity**

>> Gender disintegration at the invitees' level was not considered while inviting the stakeholders. Similarly, separate gender disintegrated consultation was not deemed necessary for project.

#### B.1.3. Evidence proving invites took place as stated

>> The evidences of the invitations are shown below:

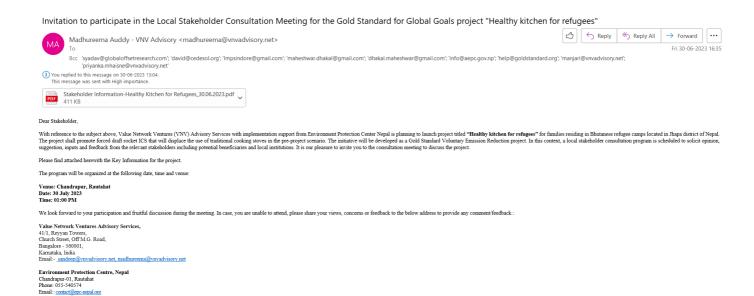


Figure 2: Screenshot of the email invitation sent to the stakeholders

## सुधारिएको चुलो जडान गर्ने सम्बन्धमा सार्वजनिक छलफल सम्बन्धी सूचना

Value Network Venture (VNV) Advisory Services, Singapore तथा Environmental Protection Centre Nepal को पहलमा नेपालको कोशी प्रदेश, भापामा अवस्थित शरणार्थी परिवारहरूका लागि सुधारिएको चुलो जडान गर्ने सम्बन्धी "Healthy kitchen for refugees" कार्यक्रम सञ्चालन गर्न लागिएको छ। यस कार्यक्रमलाई Gold Standard स्वैच्छिक उत्सर्जन न्युनीकरण कार्यक्रमको रूपमा विकास गर्ने लक्ष्य लिइएको छ। यस सन्दर्भमा सम्बन्धित शरणार्थी शिविरका बासीन्दा, शरणार्थी सम्बन्धि कार्य गर्ने संघ-सस्था लगायत अन्य स्थानीय सरोकारवालाहरूलाई आयोजनाबारे जानकारी गराइ सो विषयमा सरोकारवालाहरूको राय, सल्लाह, सुभाव तथा प्रतिक्रिया लिनका लागि निम्न मिति, समय र स्थानमा स्थानीय सरोकारवालाहरूसँग छलफल गर्ने कार्यक्रम तय गरिएकोले उक्त कार्यक्रममा उपस्थित भई आफ्नो सुभाव तथा प्रतिक्रिया दिनु हुन यो सूचना प्रकाशित गरिएको छ।

स्थानः बेलडाँगी, दमक, भगपा

मितिः साउन १४, २०८०, श्क्रबार (30 July 2023)

समयः अपरान्ह १:00 बजे

## Notice for the Local Stakeholders' Consultation

With initiative from the Value Network Ventures (VNV) Advisory Services, Singapore and the Environment Protection Center Nepal "Healthy kitchen for refugees" is planned for implementation targeting families residing in Bhutanese refugee camps in Jhapa district, Koshi Province of Nepal. The initiative will be developed as a Voluntary Emission Reduction project. In this context, a local stakeholder consultation program has been scheduled to solicit opinion, suggestion, inputs and feedback from the relevant stakeholders including residents of the camps, organizations working in the areas for refugees and local institutions and hence this notice is published to inform stakeholders to provide their inputs and feedback on the proposed project which will be conducted at the following place, date and time.

Place: Beldangi, Damak, Jhapa Date: 30 July 2023 (Sunday)

Time: 1:00 PM

Figure 3: LSC notice in local newspaper (29th June 2023)

PAN No:- 601882571 Reg. No: 123252/070/071 vironment Protection Center, Nepal (EPC, Nepal) Date: Ref No. विपयः स्थानीय सरोकारवालासँगको छलफल कार्यक्रममा सहभागिता सम्बन्धमा । प्रस्तुत विषयमा Environmental Protection Centre Nepal (EPC, Nepal) सँगको कार्यान्वयन साझेदारीमा Value Network Venture (VNV) Advisory Services, Singapore ले नेपालको कोशी प्रदेश झापामा अवस्थीत सरणार्थी परिवारहरुका लागि सुधारिएको चुलो जडान गर्ने सम्बन्धि "Healthy kitchen for refugees" आयोजना सम्बन्धि स्थानीय सरोकारवालाहरू सँगको छलफल कार्यक्रम तय गरिएको जानकारी गराउँदछौं । उक्त आयोजनालाई कार्यक्रमगत Gold Standard स्वैच्छिक उत्सर्जन न्यूनीकरण आयोजनाको रूपमा विकास गर्ने तयारी गरिएको छ । यस आयोजनाको सञ्चालनबाट प्रयोगकर्ता घरका सदस्यहरुमा, घरभित्रको धुँबाका कारण हुने स्वास्थ्य सम्बन्धी जोखिम न्यूनिकरण भई हरितगृह ग्याँसको उत्सर्जनमा समेत कमी आउने अपेक्षा गरिएको छ । साथै आयोजनाले वन विनाश, नविन खोज लगायतका दिगो विकास सम्बन्धी विभिन्न लक्ष्यहरूको प्राप्तीको लागि मद्दत पुर्याउनेछ । यस सन्दर्भमा नेपालका विभिन्न क्षेत्रमा रहेका सम्भावित लाभान्वितका साथै, स्थानीय सरकार, स्थानीय संघ-सस्था, निजी तथा गैहसरकारी संस्था लगाएतका सरोकारवालाहरूको राय, सल्लाह, सुझाव तथा प्रतिक्रिया संकलनको लागि निम्न मिति, समय र स्थानमा छलफल गर्ने कार्यक्रम तय गरिएकोले उक्त कार्यक्रममा सहभागी भई आफ्ना राय, सुझाव तथा प्रतिक्रिया दिनुहुन सादर अनुरोध छ। स्थानः वेलडाँगी दमक, झापा मिति: ११साउन २०८०, आङ्त<del>बार</del> (३१ July 2023) समयः दिउसो १:०० वजे रोप्रवार सम्पर्क न. ९८१७९८९३२९, ९८०१४४४९७२

Figure 4: Invitation Letter format for different local authorities

Contract Address: - Phone No. 055-540574, P.O.Box-21131, Email: epcnepal 2071@gmail.com

### **B.1.4. Sample content of invites (for each Method above)**

>> Subject: Invitation to participate in the Local Stakeholder Consultation Meeting for the project "Healthy Kitchen for Refugees".

#### Dear Stakeholders,

With reference to the subject above Value Network Ventures Advisory Services (VNV), Singapore with implementation support from Environment Protection Center Nepal (EPC, Nepal) is planning implementation of a project titled "Healthy Kitchen for Refugees" for families residing in Bhutanese refugee camps located in Jhapa district in Nepal. This project shall promote forced draft improved cooking stoves that will displace the use of traditional cooking stoves in the pre-project scenario. The initiative will be developed as a Gold Standard for Global Goals Voluntary Emission Reduction project. In this context, a local stakeholder consultation program is scheduled to solicit opinion, suggestion, inputs and feedback from the relevant stakeholders including potential beneficiaries and local institutions. It is our pleasure to invite you to the consultation meeting to discuss the project. Please find attached herewith the key project information. The program will be organized at the following date, time and venue:

Date: 31 July 2023 (Monday)

Time: 01:00 PM

Venue: Beldangi, Damak Municipality, Jhapa

We look forward for your participation and fruitful discussion during the meeting. In case, you are unable to attend, please share your views, concerns or feedback to the below address. Attached to this email is the key information for your reference.

Environment Protection Centre, Nepal

Chandrapur-01, Rautahat

Phone: 055-540574

## **B.1.5.** Description of other Means and methods to provide feedback for those who are not able to join the consultation meeting

>> Invitations to participate in the LSC was sent to the participants through invitation letters, email, telephone and word of mouth means. Local leaders were highly supportive in conducting the LSC meeting and were in forefront for the selection of

participants and coordinating with the stakeholders. Therefore, PD had a privilege utilizing the local resources at maximum when sending out the invitations. As such all the relevant stakeholders were appropriately invited. For those who were not able to join the consultation meeting, the project developer uploaded a non-technical summary of the project in its website for the interested stakeholders to provide their feedback on the project.

### SECTION C. REPORT OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

## C.1. Date of Meeting

>> 31/07/2023

## C.1.1. Justification of why consultation took place after the project start date (retroactive projects only)

>> Not applicable, as this project is regular.

## C.1.2. List of participants

Date an	d Time 31/07/2023 01:00	PM Loca	tion Beldar	ngi, Damak Municipality,
			Jhapa	
Catego ry Code	Name of the participant, job / position in the community	Male / Female	Contact details	Organisation Signa (if relevant) ture
E	Buddha Hang Rai	Male	9827996626	BRWF (Social Incharge )
Е	Santosh Chaudhari	Male	9842191035	C.M.C
Е	Hom Adhikari	Male		C.M.C
Е	Vesh Maya Chapagain	Female	9814915292	C.M.C
Е	Kabita Rai	Female	9804963018	C.M.C
Е	Purna B. Subba	Male		
Е	Aita Maya	Female	9806028631	C.M.C
А	Guna Raj Rai	Male	9826909332	C/2/159
А	Bidur Singh Rai	Male	9817087099	C/2/160
С	Ram K. Thapa	Male	9852632444	Damak Municipality President
С	Rudra Karki	Male		Municipal Police
	Sandeep K. Kanth	Male	9851120128	EPC Nepal Head

Catego ry Code	Name of the participant, job / position in the community	Male / Female	Contact details		gna re
А	Kaje B. Rai	Male	9817080917		
Α	Rishika Thapa Magar	Female	9824055201	Bel/2/C/3/282	
А	Amrita Bhujel	Female	9806047992	Bel/2/351	
А	Rija Thapa Magar	Female	9824085592	Bel/2/C/4/505	
А	Bhawana Bhujel	Female	9806047992	Bel/2/347	
А	Bom Bdr. Rai	Male	9807996789	Bel/2/43349	
А	Pramila Gajmer	Female	9816045535	Bel-2	
Α	Bina Thakuri	Female	9813838752	Bel-2	
Α	Man Maya Rai	Female	9824923492	Bel-2	
А	Maya Gurung	Female		Bel-2	
Α	Kabi Maya Rai	Female	9810087434	Bel-2	
Α	Khushi Gurung	Female	9827985888	Bel-2	
Α	Sancha Maya Rai	Female	9817091134	C/3-358	
Α	Mangali Maya Rai	Female	9816052198	Bel-2	
А	Run Maya Bhujel	Female		Bel-2	
А	Budhi Maya Gurung	Female	9824952048	Bel-2	
А	Lachi Maya Rai	Female	9804939870	Bel-3 A1/16	
Α	Dilli Ram Subedi	Male	9814925057	Bel-3 B3/270	
Α	Samikshya Phuyal	Female	9814915292	Bel-3 A1/33	
А	Ameera Tamang	Female	9824041524	Bel-3-B4/423	
А	San Maya Tamang	Female	9814071251	D1-5	
А	Gobin Rijal	Male	9811357676	D2-169	
Α	Ratan Maya Chuwan	Female		C3-336	
А	Pabitra Dhakal	Female		C7-49	
А	Santu Tamang	Male	9817994700	156	
А	Lal Maya Gurung	Female	9806064842	C/2 - 201	
A	Dil Maya Limbhu	Female		C3	
A	Sumitra Rai	Female		B4	
A	Sita Maya Gurung	Female	9813242825	B3- B2- 188	
А	Tula Ram Magar	Male	9807936171	C2 - 178	

Catego ry Code	Name of the participant, job / position in the community	Male / Female	Contact details	Organisation (if relevant)	Signa ture
А	Hake B. Subba	Male	9825980363	B3- 2507	
А	Anil Rai	Male	9816916474	D2- 167	
А	Buddhamaya Rai	Male		B1- 94	
А	Damala P. Adhikari	Female	9804908711	B3- 314	
Α	Aash B. Rai	Male	9702038092	B4- 369	
Α	Daya Lal	Male	9855033045		
	Amar Meche	Male	9817989329	EPC Nepal	
	Ram Prabesh Shah	Male	9855029588	EPC Nepal	
	Suraj Chhetri	Male	9851342124	EPC Nepal	
Α	Dhan Kumari Subba	Female		Bel- C/1- 10	
А	Lachhi Maya Rai	Female		Bel- C/2- 218	
Α	Anita Subba	Female		Bel-C/2- 197	
А	Amrita Sunuwar	Female		Bel-C/2- 209	
А	Rupa Magar	Female		Bel-C/2- 234	
Α	Layllm Hangma Rai	Female		Bel-C/1- 69	
Α	Mon Maya Magar	Female		Bel-C/1- 96	
А	Laxmi Magar	Female		Bel-C/1- 70	
А	Tula Ram Magar	Male		Bel-C/2- 178	
А	Tika Ram Rai	Male		Bel-B/4- 351	
А	Lachhi Maya Gurung	Female		Bel-B/4- 361	
А	Chandra Kumari Tamang	Female		Bel-B/4- 372	
А	Chabal Rai	Male		Bel-B/4- 309	
Α	Raj Man Rai	Male		Bel-B/4- 398	
А	Suk Raj Subha	Male		Bel-C/4- 115	
А	Leo Gurung	Male	9804940474	Bel-A1- 054	
Α	Kamal Hang Subba	Male	9827936538	Bel-C/3- 325	
Α	Milan Magar	Male	9814052339	Bel-D/1- 130	

## C.1.3. Pictures from the physical meeting(s) (best practice)

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## C.2. Minutes of physical meeting(s)

>> The planned meeting date and venue was informed to all the stakeholders through appropriate means; the telephonic calls, invitation letters and emails. Local

stakeholders were followed-up through telephone to remind them about the meeting while other stakeholders were followed-up via email. The LSC meeting was conducted on July 31, 2023 at Beldangi, Damak Municipality, Jhapa. The meeting was expected to last for 5 hours which however was completed in around 3 hours. Program started with introduction session. Most of the participants attending the meeting were from the refugee camp. The program was also significantly represented by the members from the local municipal council; including, the Mayor, Ward Presidents and municipality staffs. Program schedule of the LSC meeting is presented in above in section A.1. Proceedings of all these sessions are briefly discussed below:

#### Introduction

Mr. Sandeep Kanth, from EPC Nepal opened the meeting by welcoming the participants followed by a brief introduction of EPC Nepal and VNV Advisory. He informed participants on how the project will start, the project's target and achievement goals, and stated PD's contribution to the beneficiaries and their expectations. He also briefly highlighted the PD's other projects in the country.

In order to contextualize the discussion and make participant understand about the ill effects of using traditional cooking stoves, Mr. Kanth demonstrated posters. The posters depicted various difficulties associated with using TCS, such as toil for firewood collection, drudgery for women and children, indoor air pollution, environmental degradation and so on. He also pointed out advantages of tier-3 metallic ICS in the area. In the meantime he also thanked the local representative for their participation.

#### **Information on Project Impacts**

Mr. Kanth's session was followed by that of Mr. Neelam Sharma Rijal from VNV Advisory. He informed participants on how carbon project works and how the PD will be able to support the ICS to the beneficiaries with the carbon project. He reiterated that there is only one expectation from the beneficiary and it is that they use the ICS uninterruptedly.

Mr. Rijal narrated the climate change effects in Nepal. He also discussed that Nepal has only minimum share in global pollution and is paying disproportionate environmental and social costs. He explained that Nepal's energy consumption has been dominated by traditional fuels and that more 68% of total energy consumption is supplied from traditional resources. He rationalized the project intervention in light of

indoor air pollution and associated health consequences. Similarly, he also discussed the national policy framework and targets, and the available technologies for clean cooking in Nepal.

He also discussed about the conceptual framework of a carbon program and a typical Gold Standard project cycle. He highlighted the importance of surrendering the carbon rights to the PD by the individual households and explained the participants that it was done during the installation of project device. He discussed with the stakeholders the GS safeguarding principles and told the participants that they were no assessed to have serious implication on the project.

Finally, Mr. Rijal informed about the project's contribution to the SDGs and told participants that ICS proposed in their house for daily cooking will contribute to a larger global goal to combat climate change. He added the SDG targets and indicators for a period from 2015-2030 set by Government of Nepal and informed that the project achievements would contribute to the targets set by the Government. He also briefed the meeting participants about the envisaged Grievance Redress Mechanism and sought inputs from the stakeholders if anything needs to be added as part of the project design, safeguarding assessment and the grievance mechanism.

SN	Discussion Remarks	Response by PP
1.	Do we need to pay when repairing? - Ms. Aita Maya	The PD will ensure that the manpower for repair and maintenance is available locally. Any costs incurred towards repair and maintenance will be borne by the users. At least that is the plan until now.
2.	Will the cooking stove consume more electricity? Electricity connection will be risky or not while using the stove?  - Ms. Amrita Bhujel	The power required for the fan of this cooking stoves of this project is very low or insignificant. So, this cooking stove will not consume that much electricity. Charging the fan while using the cooking stove won't be risky as the potential difference of this charger is very low and cannot create any strong current carrying path through human body.
3.	What are the process to be followed to install the Improved Cooking Stove? -Mr. Khusi Gurung	PP answered that one can register their name in their Settlement Management Committee Beldangi for the installation of ICS.
4.	When will the project start and where will it begin from? -Mrs Fulmaya B.K.	The project is expected to begin ICS installation starting within October 2023. However, this is not a firm date and installation may begin a bit earlier or later. PD is discussing with local government bodies and Settlement Management Committee Beldangi to initiate the project. Therefore, it can start soon.

#### Final remarks

In the closing session, Mr. Kanth again stated about the benefit of this project. He answered all the queries of the participants, also stated that the project is worth welcoming as this targets the households as it is more relevant to the poorest segment of society. In situation where firewood sources are shrinking, this project can be instrumental. Finally, he adjourned the meeting.

#### C.2.1. Minutes of other consultations

>> Not applicable. Apart from the physical meeting conducted, no other consultation was carried out.

### C.3. Assessment of comments from all consultations above

Gender of Stakehol der	Stakeholder comment	Was comment taken into account (Yes/ No)?	Explanation/ Justification (Why? How?)
F	The project should collaborate with the local bodies as well as refugee committee for implementation.		Collaboration with the local bodies and partnership with the local organizations are the central pieces of the project design. Comments are already part of the project design.
M	Will the cooking stove consume more electricity? Electricity connection will be risky or not while using the stove?		The power required for the fan of this cooking stoves of this project is very low or insignificant. So, this cooking stove will not consume that much electricity. Charging the fan while using the cooking stove won't be risky as the potential difference of this charger is very low and cannot create any strong current carrying path through human body.
F	It may be difficult to use the ICS during power cutoff. We may not reach the ICS company for troubleshoot of the ICs.		During the power cutoff one can open the backdoor to let the inflow of oxygen. PD will organise training project and appoint the local person from the beneficiary community for the general troubleshooting

			and provide the contact details of the implementing partner and PD will be printed on the user's card provided to the users while installing the ICS.
F	When will the project start and where will it begin from?	Yes	The project is expected to begin ICS installation starting within 2023. However, this is not a firm date and installation may begin a bit earlier or later. PD is discussing with local government bodies and refugee committee to initiate the project. Therefore, it can start from any date.

## C.3.1. Evaluation forms (best practice)

Name	Karn Maya Rai
Gender – Male/Female:	Female
What is your impression of the meeting?	Very nice
What do you like about the project?	Less time consumption while cooking,
	Reduction on smoke emission
What do you not like about the project?	Liked everything
Signature	

Name	Tika Ram Rai
Gender - Male/Female:	Male
What is your impression of the meeting?	Lsc was good
What do you like about the project?	Reduction on indoor pollution
What do you not like about the project?	Liked everything about this project.
Signature	

Name	Sanjana Chhetri
Gender - Male/Female:	Female
What is your impression of the meeting?	Very Fruitful and Useful

What do you like about the project?	Less firewood consumption
What do you not like about the project?	Liked everything about this project.
Signature	

Name	Laxmi Gurung
Gender – Male/Female:	Female
What is your impression of the meeting?	Meeting was very good
What do you like about the project?	Prevention in environmental pollution
What do you not like about the project?	ICS of large scale are not available in this
	project.
Signature	

## C.4. Summary of alterations based on comments

>> The comments from stakeholders were either already considered or they did not come under the purview of the PD. Therefore, no modifications was required merely based on the stakeholder comments.

## SECTION D. CONTINUOUS INPUT / GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

	Method Chosen (include all known details e.g. location of the book, phone, number, identity of mediator)	(best practice)
Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book (mandator	Environment Protection Center, Nepal Chandrapur-1, Rautahat	The project will be implemented by EPC, Nepal and it has access to the project beneficiary and project area.
GS Contact (mandatory)	help@goldstandard.org	
Telephone access (optional)	Telephone access: +9180 42429927	
Internet/email access (optional)	energy.projects2023@gmacom	
Nominated Independent Mediator (optional)	N/A	
Other	N/A	

## SECTION E. STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK ROUND

☐ Please check this box if the project is retroactive and has done only 1 consultation with a physical meeting integrated into the SFR.

## E.1. Length of the Feedback Round

Stakeholde	Planned	Actual	
Start Date	: 01/08/2023		$\boxtimes$
End Date	: 02/09/2023		$\boxtimes$

## E.2. Summarise how all stakeholders were/will be invited to provide feedback

>> Stakeholders had been invited to provide their feedback on the project and any other remarks with reference to the project. For this, the stakeholders were notified via the same email addresses to provide the feedback. Presented below is the screenshot of the email communicated to the stakeholder for feedback.

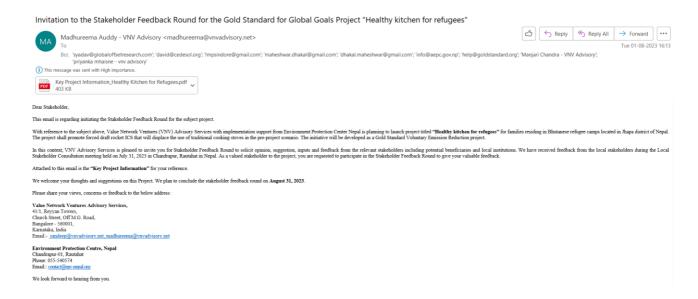


Figure 5: SFR Initiation mail (dated 01/08/2023)



Figure 6: SFR Reminder mail (dated 24/08/2023)



Figure 7: SFR ending mail (dated 02/09/2023)

## E.3. Summarise Feedback received, including if any changes in project design were made

>> The feedback round is over and no feedback were received from the stakeholders.

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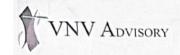
## Revision History

Version	Date	Remarks
1.2	5 May 2022	Addition of grouped consultation info, preliminary agenda and section to justify retroactive consultation took place. Minor edits to text.
1.1	14 October 2020	Inclusion of Key Project Information Restructure, new headings and reorder to better match the steps a developer will follow in consultations. Removal of some non-mandatory template tables (Blind Sustainable Development Assessment). Clarification of best practice steps that are non mandatory processes, clarification of mandatory discussion points. Clarification regarding publishing names and that original evaluation forms (optional) and attendance lists (mandatory) should be separate documents.  Improved clarity on Stakeholder Feedback round section and procedures for retroactive projects Provision of an accompanying Guide to help the user understand detailed rules and requirements
1.0	14 August 2017	Initial adoption

## **Annexes**



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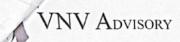


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