

SUMMARY OF THE LOCAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING IN KENYA CONDUCTED BETWEEN 3rd AND 7th MARCH 2025 BY BURN MANUFACTURING

INTRODUCTION

Burn Manufacturing is inviting stakeholders to review the outcomes of the Local Stakeholder Consultations that took place from 3rd to 7th March 2025 in Nairobi, Meru and Kakamega - Kenya. During the stakeholder meetings, BURN introduced its clean cookstove Voluntary Carbon Project Activities which entails dissemination of highly efficient improved cookstoves in Federal Republic of Kenya. The Voluntary Project Activities (VPAs) are included under the Gold Standard Programme of Activities (PoA), 'ECOQ_BURN multi-country Clean Cooking Programme' (GS10789).

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS:

Registration:

Participants arrived and were asked to sign the attendance list. Participants attending through Zoom Link for the Meeting registered online to access the meeting.

Welcome Remarks:

Participants in person were welcomed by BURN's team leaders, for all the meetings. Introductions of the present participants were done for both the physical Meetings and the those who had joined online. The purpose of the meeting and the agenda were explained to the audience.

Project Presentation:

BURN's staff started the presentation by explaining the project in detail; they presented BURN Manufacturing, the main goals of the program and its benefits for the local communities, as well as the ICS technology involved in the project. They also took time to remind the stakeholders about climate change and its causes, and they briefly explained the theory of the carbon credits, carbon markets and the development of carbon projects. BURN team took some time to explain carefully to the stakeholders that the transfer of rights to the carbon credits generated using the stoves would be transferred to BURN as the Coordinating Management Entity of the entire project. The carbon waiver was demonstrated to be on the strap that wraps the stove box, and the Paper Strip, on the opening of the Stove Box and by the end user cutting this strap/strip, they would be waiving their claims to any Verified Emission reductions generated using that stove. The purpose for this and the way in which BURN would use the revenues from the sale of the carbon credits was explained clearly in the presentation during the LSC meeting.

Questions and answers session:

Stakeholders raised many questions about the price of the ICS, its quality and BURN grievance mechanism and, as well as the expected timeline for the project and the distribution plans. They expressed a lot of interest in the involvement of the communities and more on how the community will benefit from the sale of carbon credits. Stakeholders also highlighted the importance of ensuring the stoves reach the Rural Parts of Kenya at an affordable price and how to reach to organized Women Groups in the Rural Parts and how they can pay in small amounts on monthly basis. All these questions and comments were fully and satisfactorily answered by the project proponents.

Presentation of the Safeguarding Principles and Sustainability assessment of the project:

BURN's staff explained the project's Safeguarding Principles and their assessment. The stakeholders were continuously consulted for feedback and comments, as an open discussion. The meeting continued with a presentation of the SDGs, and on the positive impacts of the project on a few specific SDGs. Participants agreed with the assessment and did not have further comments. BURN's staff presented the grievance mechanism as well as how the sustainable development impacts will be monitored.

Closure of the meeting:

The evaluation forms were then distributed to the participants. The team expressed its appreciation to all participants who attended the meeting and who offered many constructive suggestions. The meeting closed with a demonstration with the Ecoa stoves.

COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Gender of Stakeholder	Stakeholder comment	Was comment taken into account (Yes/ No)?	Explanation (Why? How?)
F	Do you offer repairs, and will the customer pay for the repair services?	Yes	BURN stoves have 1 year warranty, if a stove is worn out while within warranty the customer gets a free repair and BURN offers low-cost repair to its customers if the stove is out of warranty.
M	What is the total carbon credit generated by a household and how do they benefit?	Yes	A single Household produces around 2-3 tCO ₂ per year depending on the efficiency of stove and stove usage. The End users benefits are accessing clean and efficient cookstove that cooks faster and thus users will save time which they can do other activities, uses little fuel and thus they will be able to save money they use to buy fuel. With Ecoa stove carbon emissions are reduced and thus the end users will not experience the allergy and respiratory diseases associated with use of inefficient cookstove.
F	What is the price of Ecoa Wood stove?	Yes	BURN is selling Ecoa wood stove at a subsidized price of KSH.500 under B2C channel.
F	Why can't you allow a household to buy more than one stove so that they can stove using baseline stoves?	Yes	BURN distributes one product per Household because these stoves are basically meant for household use only and research shows that in rural areas an average Household size is 7 Pax. Our stove can cook for upto 15 pax. This would mean 1 stove is sufficient to use even without

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			considering baseline stoves, On the other hand, BURN must adhere to regulations and avoid cases of double counting by ensuring we do not claim credits from one Household twice.
M	How will the Community benefit from the sale of Carbon Credits.	Yes	There are a number of community benefits from this project as discussed in the Sustainable development goals section of this meeting. The top 3 benefits would be but not limited to: (1) Savings on charcoal expenditure by use of a more fuel-efficient stove (2) more affordable cookstove (3) There are employment opportunities from the sales and marketing of the stoves
M	BURN Ecoa stoves uses charcoal and firewood which means that trees are cut down and this contributes to deforestation. How is Project different from other methods in terms of impacts on the environment?	Yes	The purpose of the project is to reduce the use of woody biomass for cooking. The Ecoa stoves were not designed to eliminate the use of woody biomass for cooking but meant to reduce the amount of woody biomass for cooking. This is still a big environmental benefit when you compare the highly inefficient charcoal stoves commonly used in Kenya (Traditional firewood stove and three stone fire) that consume a lot more firewood for similar cooking events as the Ecoa wood stove.

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F	Do you manufacture Commercial and institutional stoves and will they be part of the project, and if not why and they use a lot of firewood and Charcoal and cook for many	Yes	Although BURN produces and distribute these stoves, currently we are focusing on the Domestic stoves for Carbon project. Commercial and institutional stoves are currently not part of this project. If are introduced in future this will be communicated.
M	Ecoa stoves uses charcoal and firewood which means that trees are cut down and this contributes to deforestation. How is this project different from others in terms of impacts on the environment?	Yes	Ecoa Char uses at least 50% less than the traditional cookstoves, While Ecoa wood stove uses at least 50% less firewood then the traditional Cookstoves. It is not yet the perfect solution but a step forward, with the long-term goal to replace non-renewable biomass by renewable one. The use of Improved Ecoa char stoves means reduced deforestation and equally reduced Carbon Emissions in the atmosphere hence mitigating the impacts of climate change.
M	Apart from Distribution of Cookstoves, can BURN work on how to equally support the end users with reforestation activities which will help in fighting impacts of climate change	Yes	BURN is currently working on the development of side activities that could contribute to the restoration of forests, on which the community will be informed, once rolled out.

SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OF SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES

It was explained during the meeting that the aim of the project is to disseminate highly efficient clean cookstoves that would reduce the amount of charcoal and firewood used by households. By this, the project would have positive social, economic, and environmental impacts. The project will follow all safeguarding principles as described in the table below




Safeguarding Principle	Assessment
Human Rights	The Project respects internationally proclaimed human rights and is not complicit in violence or human rights abuses of any kind as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The project will not discriminate with regards to participation and inclusion.
Gender Equality and Women's Rights	The project activity does not endorse any form of discrimination based on gender. The project will take into account gender roles and the abilities of women and men to participate in the decision/design of the project activity. It will be ensured that both women/women association and men will be invited to the stakeholder consultation so that a representative number of stakeholders of both genders will be present at the local stakeholder consultation meeting.
Community Health, Safety and Working Conditions	The project will not expose the community to increased health risks and is not adversely affecting the health of the workers and the community.
Cultural Heritage, Indigenous Peoples, Displacement and Resettlement	The project activity will not have any negative impact on cultural heritage, indigenous people nor will it displace or resettle people.
Corruption	The Project doesn't involve, be complicit in or inadvertently contribute to or reinforce corruption or corrupt Projects.



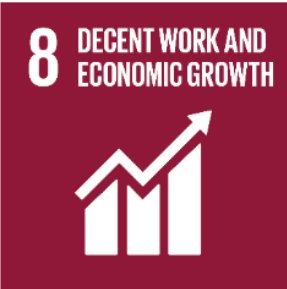
Economic Impacts	The project will respect all labour rights. No negative economic consequences are expected from the project activity. On the contrary, it is expected that the project contributes to sustainable economic growth.
Climate and Energy	The project will reduce GHG emissions as will be monitored and verified in line with the carbon standard requirements
Water	The project will not affect natural water patterns/flows or cause any additional erosion and/or water body instability.
Environment, ecology and land use	The project will not have any negative impact on the environment and ecology and will not involve the use of land and soil for production of crops or other products. The release of particulate matters and carbon monoxide are significantly reduced by the introduction of improved (more efficient) cookstoves.



The assessment process was interactive and participative. In the, stakeholders fully agreed with the assessment done by BURN.

SUMMARY OF SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

This Project is to contribute to different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the following way:

SDGs	Targets	Proposed monitoring Indicator
	<p>1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.</p>	<p>Monetary savings related to the purchase of charcoal</p> <p>Surveys will be carried out to check on the money spent for purchasing charcoal in the project scenario compared to the baseline scenario.</p>
	<p>3.9 By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination.</p>	<p>Perceived air quality</p> <p>Surveys will be carried out to check on the pollution-related inconveniences (such as smoke levels, itchy eyes and breathing problems) in the project scenario compared to the baseline scenario.</p>
	<p>4.3 By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable, and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes.</p>	<p>Number of people receiving skill development training</p>

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	<p>5.4 Ensure women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic, and public life.</p>	<p>The design efficiencies of improved cookstoves allow for shorter mealtimes and reduce the frequency of fuel purchases. This then creates time savings, particularly for women and girls, who provide unrecognized labor associated with fuel collection and meal preparation, creating time that can be used for constructive activities of this group of beneficences training, or community engagement.</p>
	<p>7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services. 7.B By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, least developed countries, small island developing States, and land-locked developing countries, in accordance with their respective programmes of support</p>	<p>Number of sold/distributed ICS in use The total number of ICS sold/distributed is summed up in the database</p>
	<p>8.5 By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.</p>	<p>Number of jobs created</p>

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	<p>13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.</p>	<p>CO2 emission reductions achieved by the project activity</p>
	<p>15.3 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests, and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally.</p>	<p>Reduction in firewood and charcoal. Surveys and monitoring of firewood consumption trends in project households compared to baseline households to assess impact on forest resources.</p>

Stakeholders' sustainable development assessment was fully in line with BURN's own assessment. In terms of the monitoring of the sustainable development indicators, the stakeholders did not have other comments or suggestions related to the monitoring of the sustainable development indicators. They agreed to proceed with the indicators selected by BURN.

CONTACT US:

If you wish to get in touch with the project for more information, please contact us at:

	Method Chosen (include all known details e.g. location of book, phone, number, identity of mediator)	Justification of Choice (best practice)
Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book (mandatory)	BURN Manufacturing New Horizons Industrial Park Go Downs 8-11, Ruiru KENYA	The stakeholders were pleased to have an input book opened at the head office of BURN. Complaints or any other concerns can be stated and will be filed directly at the head office.
GS Contact (mandatory)	help@goldstandard.org	Mandatory for Gold Standard Projects
Telephone access (optional)	BURN: +254 706 585629	The phone number of BURN Kenya office & will be made known to all project beneficiaries
Internet/email access (optional)	BURN: info@burnmfg.com	BURN's email address will be made known to all project beneficiaries

