

SUMMARY OF THE LOCAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA CONDUCTED BETWEEN 14TH APRIL 2025 AND 29TH APRIL 2025.

INTRODUCTION

Effective Climate Solutions 1 FZCO ("ECCS1") and its affiliates are inviting stakeholders to review the outcomes of the Local Stakeholder Consultations that took place from 14th April to 29th April 2025 in Nyeri, Nairobi and Mombasa counties - Kenya. During the stakeholder meetings, Effective Climate Solutions 1 FZCO ("ECCS1") and its affiliates introduced its clean cookstove Voluntary Carbon Project Activities which entails dissemination of highly efficient improved cookstoves in the Republic of Kenya. The Voluntary Project Activities (VPAs) are included under the Gold Standard Programme of Activities (PoA), "Effective Electric dMRV Cooking Solutions Program for Africa".

Registration

Participants arrived and were asked to sign the attendance list. Participants attending through Zoom were asked to register online to access the meeting.

Welcome Remarks

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

Project Presentation

Effective Climate Solutions 1 FZCO ("ECCS1") and its affiliates started the presentation by explaining the project in detail; they presented the program's main goals and its benefits for local communities, and 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 carbon credits, carbon markets, and the development of carbon projects. ECCS1

and its appointed affiliates took some time to explain carefully to the stakeholders that the transfer of the rights to the carbon credits generated using the stoves would be transferred to Effective Climate Solutions 1 FZCO ("ECCS1") and its affiliates as the Coordinating Management Entity of the entire project. The carbon waver was demonstrated. The end user would be waiving their claims to any Verified Emission reductions generated using that stove. The purpose for this and how Effective Climate Solutions 1 FZCO ("ECCS1") would use the revenues from the sale of the carbon credits was explained in the presentation during the LSC meeting.

Questions and answers session

Stakeholders raised many questions about the price of the ICS and its quality, 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 particularly the involvement of women. All the questions and comments were fully and satisfactorily answered by the project developer.

Presentation of the Safeguarding Principles and Sustainability assessment of the project

ECCS1 and its appointed affiliates 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. ECCS1 and its appointed affiliates presented the grievance mechanism and how sustainable development impacts will be monitored.

Discussion on continuous input and grievance mechanism

After the discussions on project sustainability, the project developer discussed with the stakeholders the best mechanism for continuous inputs and grievances throughout the project lifetime. No independent mediator was nominated, and no other form of continuous feedback considered.

Closure of the meeting

After the discussion of continuous input and grievance mechanisms, the stakeholders present at the meeting were informed about the implementation of Stakeholder Feedback Round (SFR), where additional inputs would be received from stakeholders for 30 days after the LSC. All participants were informed that project documentation (including non-technical summary, the draft Local Stakeholders Consultation Report and LSC Summary Report) would be shared by email for the reception of additional feedback regarding the project design and its implementation plans. The meeting closed with a cooking demonstration on the specifications and use of the Electric Induction Cooker. It was presented how to light the stove, how to cook with it and the required maintenance operations to increase the lifespan of the stoves.

COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Gender of Stakeholder	Stakeholder comment	Was comment taken into account (Yes/No)?	Explanation (Why? How?)
F	Will this project extend to rural communities with electricity access to ensure inclusive benefits?	Yes	The target group of the VPA are households that are connected to the electric grid, reside in the urban and peri-urban communities within the 47 counties of the Republic of Kenya who use a combination of non – renewable biomass & fossil fuel as their source of cooking in the pre-project scenario. This will also include households who use the induction cooker for light commercial use, such as restaurants operated in the domestic setting.
M	Can the induction stove be powered using solar energy to align	YES	No, the induction cooker only uses electricity.

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	with renewable energy goals?		
M	If a beneficiary relocates, can they take the project stove with them, or is it fixed to one location?	YES	Yes, a beneficiary can relocate with their stoves within Kenya in the urban and peri urban administrative boundaries of the 47 counties.
M	How does the local community benefit from this carbon project beyond just the stoves?	Yes	The community will experience a reduction in carbon monoxide emitted during combustion in households which in return reduce indoor air pollution and thereby decrease incidences of respiratory diseases, headaches, and itchy eyes, particularly for women and children who spend a lot of their time in cooking activities. Secondly the implementation of the VPA will create jobs for people in line with SDG 8 on creation of decent work for all. The fuel savings associated with the use of the improved cookstoves will have a collective benefit of reducing the demand for non-renewable biomass in Africa, which is associated with deforestation.
M	Is there an insurance or warranty	Yes	Yes, the induction cooker comes with a one-year warranty, which covers any damage resulting from manufacturer defects. In

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	covering the stoves in case of damage or malfunction?		addition, induction cookers being monitored under the carbon project will be eligible for free repairs as part of the program support. To ensure continued user satisfaction, a reliable after-sales service has also been established. End users can access assistance by contacting the company's customer care team through a toll-free number for prompt support.
F	What marketing strategies are being used to ensure nationwide awareness and participation in Kenya?	Yes	The company has a team of trained sales agents with demo units who will be visiting eligible households. Each household receiving an electric stove distributed through the project will be informed of the carbon project.
M	How is the collection of carbon credit monitored and collected?	Yes	The VPA will adopt the Gold Standard Methodology for Metered and Measured Energy Cooking Devices (Version 1.2), which offers a credible and efficient framework for quantifying emission reductions resulting from the use of metered clean cooking technologies. This methodology supports real-time emission reduction calculations, which are essential for effective Data

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			Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification. Each induction cooker will be equipped with an IoT chip that enables real-time data collection. The collected data will be securely stored on ECOA's internal servers. On an annual basis, a random sample of households will be selected for field monitoring, during which trained enumerators will conduct visits and administer SDG impact assessment questions. The results will subsequently be audited by an independent Validation and erification Body to ensure the project's design and implementation align with the methodological requirements. Following this process, the final documentation will be submitted to Gold Standard for the issuance of Verified Emission Reductions (VERs) / carbon credits.
M	Can a client with jikokoa purchase the induction cooker?	YES	To prevent instances of double counting, each household will be eligible to purchase only one improved cookstove under the carbon project. Every stove is fitted with a unique serial number, and user details will be captured at the point of registration by a trained sales agent to ensure accurate tracking and accountability. Unfortunately, households that already possess a Jikokoa under an existing carbon project will not be eligible to purchase the induction cooker.

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F	Is the payment structure flexible, or is it strictly determined by the company?	YES	The induction cooker can be purchased in flexible installments known as pay as you cook. At the point of purchase the household will discuss with the sales agent a suitable plan either, daily, weekly or monthly payment plan.

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 labor 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 matter 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 ECCS1 and its appointed affiliates.


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 NO POVERTY</p>	1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular 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.	Monetary savings related to the purchase of charcoal Surveys will be carried out to check on the money spent for purchasing charcoal in the project scenario compared to the baseline scenario.
 <p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</p>	3.9 By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination.	Perceived air quality 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>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p>	<p>4.3 By 2030, substantially increase opportunities to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.</p>	<p>Number of people receiving skill development training.</p>
 <p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p>	<p>5.4 By 2030, Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</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</p>

		constructive activities of this group of beneficences training, or community engagement.
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	<p>7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services</p> <p>7.B By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all 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</p> <p>The total number of ICS sold/distributed is summed up in the database</p>
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<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>
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	<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 2030, Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</p>	<p>Reduction in firewood and charcoal.</p> <p>Surveys and monitoring of firewood consumption trends in project households compared to baseline households to assess impact on forest resources.</p>
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Stakeholders' sustainable development assessment was fully in line with ECCS1 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 ECCS1.

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, Go downs 8-11, New Horizons Industrial Park, Ruiru	The stakeholders were pleased to have an input book opened at our office. 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)	0800 721 337 or 254 706 585 629	The phone number of the head offices of BURN will be made known to all project beneficiaries.

Internet/email access (optional)	<u>info@burnmfg.com</u>	Ecoa Climate Capital email address will be made known to all project beneficiaries
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