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**To:** Standards team <standards@goldstandard.org>

**Subject:** Feedback Aligning Gold Standard-certified projects with the Paris Agreement

Dear Gold Standard,

**Feedback to “Integrity for scale: Aligning Gold Standard-certified projects with the Paris Agreement”**

We strongly support the notion that “exemptions should be made to the application of corresponding adjustments, for all micro-scale projects in areas of extreme poverty. In cases for example, where open fires are replaced with improved cook stoves, it can be assumed that households are poor and projects in such areas, should be exempted from application for corresponding adjustments that has the potential to place an additional administrative burden on project developers. It should be considered that some project developers have originally chosen to develop projects in the voluntary markets instead of the CDM route, to avoid interaction with governmental departments that do not have the capability to effectively complete administrative processes.

Refer “feedback sought” p. 20:

2| Are there particular cases where you think exemptions should be made to the application of corresponding adjustments, for instance for micro-scale projects or those in areas of extreme poverty?

Kind regards

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