

CDM Standardized Baselines extended to Gold Standard Methodologies

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The CDM EB published the standardised methodology for cookstove projects located in Uganda and Burundi in its 86th¹ and 87th² meeting respectively. The standardized baseline methodologies provide the values for baseline woody biomass consumption per person to use together with a valid version of the small-scale methodology AMS-II.G "*Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass*" and AMS-I.E "*Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user*". These values have been approved for urban and non-urban i.e., rural and peri-urban household cookstove in Burundi and institutional cookstoves that include Boarding Schools, Day Schools, Prisons, Plantation estates, Hospitals etc.in Uganda.

This note is to inform you that the CDM standardized baseline values are also extended to Gold Standard cookstove methodologies. The project developer can use the baseline woody biomass consumption values along with the values for other input parameters with relevant emissions reduction calculation approach under the following Gold Standard methodologies:

- Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC) Methodology, Version 2.0
- Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves, Version 1.0

Presently, these standardised baselines are only applicable to micro-scale and small-scale projects applying to Gold Standard. A project under validation and new project applicants located in Burundi and Uganda may apply these values. The Gold Standard will evaluate registered projects looking to update the baseline woody biomass consumption values in line with the standardised baselines on a case-by-case basis. In such cases, the project developer shall submit the design change memo with justifications to the Secretariat.

¹ ASB0016 - Institutional Cook Stoves in Uganda available at https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/standard_base/new/sb7_index.html

² ASB0018 - Baseline woody biomass consumption for household cookstoves in Burundi available at https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/standard_base/new/sb7_index.html