



Approved standardized baseline clarification response form (Version 02.0)

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Title/Subject:	Clarification on ASB0035 "Baseline woody biomass consumption for household cookstoves in Kenya"
Reference (number, title and version) of the approved standardized baseline to which the request for clarification applies:	ASB0035: Baseline woody biomass consumption for household cookstoves in Kenya (version 01.0)
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Summary of the request for clarification:

Original text from Stakeholder:

Paragraph 3(c)) of ASB0035 mentions the following:

'The standardized values are applicable to households using only firewood and/or charcoal in the pre-project scenario as a cooking fuel; households using LPG and/or kerosene in the pre-project scenario as a cooking fuel are not eligible to apply the standardized values in this document¹'; with footnote 1 saying the following 'One way to demonstrate this condition is to check and record fuel use at the time of distribution of the project stove'.

However, it is not clear whether this paragraph refers to excluding households only which use LPG/kerosene as their **main (primary) fuel** or excludes all households which consume LPG/kerosene independent on the number of meals which are cooked on LPG/kerosene stoves.

Example 1: Assuming a household cooks 3 times a day, i.e. 21 meals a week and uses for 16 meals LPG and/or kerosene and for the remaining 5 meals firewood. It is quite clear that in this case the household would not be eligible using the SBL.

Example 2: Assuming a household cooks 3 times a day, i.e. 21 meals a week and uses for 5 meals LPG and/or kerosene and for the remaining 16 meals firewood. Can this household be accounted for under the SBL?

Example 3: Assuming a household cooks 3 times a day, i.e. 21 meals a week and uses for 10 meals LPG and/or kerosene and for the remaining 11 meals firewood. In this case it would be more or less 50:50. Can this household be accounted for under the SBL?

The carbon consultant mkaarbon safari did some research on the references listed in the Appendix/Table 1 and found out that at least 3 references, namely Kituyi et al (2001), PA 6549 and PoA 7734 take into account a certain proportion of LPG/kerosene stove use in their baseline surveys (please find attached the documents with highlighted sections), which obviously implicitly has been taken into account when determining the standardised values in Table 1. Hence, mkaarbon safari is of the opinion that it would not be appropriate to fully ignore households using LPG and/or kerosene, even if it is only to a minor extent, i.e. not being the main (primary) fuel).

In case that the UNFCCC secretariat allows project developers to include households who consume

LPG/kerosene **NOT** as main (primary) fuel, but as a minor (secondary) fuel, the carbon consultant understands that the use of LPG/kerosene does not have to be discounted from Bold. The methodology AMS-II-G (in the project case AMS-II.G, version 04) and registered PoA-DD requires a discount for the continued baseline stove use using woody biomass and other ICS using woody biomass (to avoid double counting). The CDM team is kindly requested to confirm the same.

Thank you thousand times in providing your feedback by the end of this week! This would be very much appreciated in the context of the CPA inclusions my client and its investor want to do as soon as possible.

Clarification by the secretariat or panel/working group:

The Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel) of the CDM Executive Board would like to thank the author for the submission.

Neither the Standardized Baseline ASB0035 (version 01.0) nor the methodology AMS-II.G. (version 10.0) contain a definition of main (primary) fuel or a minor (secondary) fuel and a provision to ignore the secondary fuel(s). Therefore, in accordance with paragraph 3(c) of ASB0035 which states “....the standardized values are applicable to households using only firewood and/or charcoal in the pre-project scenario as a cooking fuel; households using LPG and/or kerosene in the pre-project scenario as a cooking fuel are not eligible to apply the standardized values in this document...”, the Meth Panel would like to clarify that the standardized baselines values in ASB0035 should be applied for the households that consume only woody biomass (firewood and/or charcoal) for cooking in the pre-project scenario i.e. all households which consume LPG/kerosene independent of the number of meals cooked on LPG/kerosene stoves are excluded from applying ASB0035.

The Meth Panel is currently considering related issues in the context of further work on AMS-II.G. (e.g. how to account for the use of pre-project/non-project cooking devices/fuels during the crediting period). You may wish to follow the progress at MP80.

In the meantime, other options provided in the methodology or CDM Project Standard may be explored by the project participants.

Version(s) of the approved standardized baseline to which the clarification is applicable:

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