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Response to Incompleteness Notification regarding : Request For Renewal Of The Crediting Period Incomplete for "Social Education and Development Society (SEDS) Biogas CDM project for the rural poor" - Ref No. 3541, notification received "25th May 2018"

Dear CDM team,

Please find below a summary of the response of the TÜV NORD JI/CDM Certification Program to the request for Renewal of the Crediting Period registration incomplete for the above mentioned project.

With regard to this response, we would kindly request you to continue with the request for issuance process. If that cannot be done, please specify the request for issuance incomplete in more detail to prevent any misinterpretation. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Request for Registration/Issuance Incomplete Reason (1)	
Scope and Issue raised by the UNFCCC Secretariat:	<p>1: The DOE is requested to explain how it assessed the validity of the data and parameters in line with paragraph 407 of the VVS-PA (version 01.0), in particular:</p> <p>(a) Parameter fNRB,y. In particular: (i) The use of data from State of Forest Report 2011, while it was observed that the reports for year 2015 and 2017 have been available in the website (http://fsi.nic.in/details.php?pgID=sb_62); (ii) How the DOE validated the demonstration of DRB in line with para 15 of the methodology, and how the DOE validated the information in the PDD regarding the NRB;</p> <p>(b) Parameter BCBL,HH,y (Average annual consumption of woody biomass per household before the start of the project activity). In particular, how the DOE validated the survey done in 2016-2017.</p>
Response by DOE:	<p>a) fNRB,y is calculated based on the information available in State of Forest Report, 2011; Forest Survey of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, accordingly it is taken as 0.95. However, the recent forest reports of 2015 and 2017 do not provide the information about the biomass extracted from the forest and it gives only the change in forest cover. But PP used the recent data available for the district and obtained 0.98, the same is presented in the ER sheets. As a conservative measure value of 0.95 calculated based 2011 forest report is taken.</p> <p>The assessment for the NRB as per paragraph 16 of the methodology is assessed for 3 parameters</p> <p>a) the increase in the time spent for collecting the fuel wood</p> <p>b) Decrease in carbon stocks and</p> <p>c) Increase in fuel wood price.</p> <p>b) The Parameter BCBL,HH,y is estimated based on the survey conducted by the PP in the project region for the implementation of a cook stove project. The Calculation based on the survey is reviewed and found conservative when compared with the following recently registered CDM project under the same methodology titled: CDM Biogas Project of Mahasakthi Women Cooperative Federation (UNFCCC ID 10061). This project is also implemented in the same district as the submitted project activity. The value of 2.85 t/HH/year is taken for this project case whereas for the registered project - 10061 it is 2.98 t/HH/year. Hence conservative. Also as observed in the region the majority of the households are into dairy farming, http://www.thehansindia.com/posts/index/Andhra-Pradesh/2018-</p>

	<p>02-05/Kambadur-women-turn-to-dairy-milk-profits/356675 shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/bitstream/10603/31184/9/09_chapter%203.pdf</p> <p>so they use fire wood / biogas not only for cooking also for boiling water (cleaning the milk drums), making animal feed etc.. So the value of 2.85 tonnes/year/HH for the parameter BCBL,HH,y is justified.</p> <p>The same is presented in the section D.3 of the revised Validation report.</p>
Request for Registration/Issuance Incomplete Reason (2)	
<p>Scope and Issue raised by the UNFCCC Secretariat:</p>	<p>2: For monitored parameter BCPJ,HH,y (average annual consumption of woody biomass per household in the pre-project devices during the project activity), the DOE is requested to:</p> <p>(a) Clarify whether the monitoring of this parameter comprises the monitoring of actual consumption of woody biomass, or whether it will be estimated based on operational days of the biogas digesters;</p> <p>(b) If this parameter will be estimated, the PDD shall describe how it will be estimated, also taking into account the old stove being used even when the digester is operational.</p> <p>Please refer to paragraph 407 of the VVS-PA (version 01.0)</p>
<p>Response by DOE:</p>	<p>Based on the above query, the PP revised the information about this monitoring parameter in the PDD.</p> <p>The number of non - working days for each digester will be recorded continuously based on the input from users to the village level volunteers in the database and for those non - working days BCPJ,HH,y will be arrived proportionately.</p> <p>But for the parallel usage of old stoves /fire wood the proportionate amount fire wood for each activity, Viz cooking, boiling water etc. will be estimated based on a kitchen test performed at the start of the crediting period and will be applied for the entire crediting period.</p> <p>Also the data on the parallel usage of fire wood in the pre-project devices for all the households will be collected a least once in a year and that proportion of the fire wood will be excluded to arrive at the overall fire wood saved by the project activity.</p> <p>The information is provided in section B.7.2 of the revised PDD and the assessment is given in the revised validation report and it can be implemented by the PP.</p>
Request for Registration/Issuance Incomplete Reason (3)	

Scope and Issue raised by the UNFCCC Secretariat:	3: In page 6 of the validation report, the DOE stated: "It should be noted that majority of the other project households are not ready to part the details as they are yet to get the units even after the survey.". The DOE is requested to clarify the statement, i.e. whether or not 5000 digesters have been installed.
Response by DOE:	The Typo Error is corrected and the assessment is revised in the updated Validation report. 5,000 digesters are already implemented and the information is provided in the revised validation report.