



**CDM: Recommendation Form for Small Scale Methodologies (version 01)**  
*(To be used for presenting questions/proposals/amendments to the simplified methodologies for small-scale CDM project activity categories)*

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| <i>Date of SSC WG meeting:</i>   | 15–18 March 2011, SSC WG 30   |
| <i>Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):</i>   | Clarification on the definition of “community” in the micro-scale additionality guidelines, EB54 Annex 15   |
| <i>Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.</i> | ‘Guidelines for demonstrating additionality of renewable energy projects =<5 MW and energy efficiency projects with energy savings <=20 GWH per year’ |
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**Summary of the query:**

Please use the space below to summarize the query related to SSC methodologies/categories SSC Modalities and Procedures provide recommendation/analysis of the SSC WG.

Original text from PP:

On 05/10/2010, Promethium Carbon submitted a request to the Executive Board regarding clarification of the term “community” in EB 54 Annex 15.

The Executive Board responded on 13/01/2011 with the following:

‘With regard to your enquiry, kindly be informed that there is no standard definition of the term “community” available in the Glossary of CDM terms [http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidclarif/glos\\_CDM.pdf](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidclarif/glos_CDM.pdf) or other CDM documents. We therefore recommend that the issue is explained to the validating DOE or that a request for clarification be submitted to the small scale working group <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/index.html> according to the relevant procedure [http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/methSSC\\_proc01\\_v01.pdf](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/methSSC_proc01_v01.pdf).’

For this reason, we now submit a clarification request to the small scale working group regarding EB 54 Annex 15: ‘Guidelines for demonstrating additionality of renewable energy projects =<5 MW and energy efficiency projects with energy savings <=20 GWh per year’.

With reference to point 3 (b), the guidelines state that „the project activity is an energy efficiency activity with both conditions (i) and (ii) satisfied (see below);

- (i) Each of the independent subsystem/measure in the project activity achieves an estimated annual energy savings of equal to smaller than 600 megawatt hours; and
- (ii) End users of the subsystem or measure are **households/communities**/SME.’

Please can you define the term ‘household/community’. Can it refer to a (special needs) residential centre (that caters for either long term and/or ongoing short term residents)? For example:

- (a) Hospice and special needs hostel;
- (b) Physical and mental care and rehabilitation centre;
- (c) Homeless shelter;
- (d) Nursing home and old age hospice;
- (e) Youth care shelter;
- (f) Correctional facility.

**Recommendation by the SSC WG:**

Please use the space below to provide amendments/change (in your expert view, if necessary).

Please refer to paragraph 26 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 30  
<[http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc\\_wg](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg)>.

**Answer to authors of query by the SSC WG:**

Please use the space below to provide answer to the authors of the above query.

The small-scale working group of the CDM Executive Board would like to thank the author for the submission. The SSC WG during its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting agreed to clarify the issues raised by the project proponent as follows:

- On the request to define the term ‘household/community’: The SSC WG is of the opinion that the guidelines should not prescribe a definition of what constitutes household/community and many other terms but rely on applicable rules, regulations, guidelines and official notifications of the host country. Given this guiding principle, the project proponent should provide proof of the applicability of the country definition to the validation process using national indicators;
- On the query on whether the list of special needs places in the query fits within what is referred to in the guideline as household/community, the SSC WG agreed to confirm that this is the case, as these special needs place are usually components of communities. The essential fact is that the project must satisfy the basic philosophy of the guideline while conforming to the key criteria.

Signed by the Chair, Ms. Fatou Gaye

Date: 18/03/2011

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Peer Stiansen

Date: 18/03/2011

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