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Gold Standard methodologies : Lessons learnt

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Action Carbone at a glance

- French non-profit carbon offset programme
- Total amount raised since 3 years : 5 millions Euros
- Unique actor on the voluntary carbon market :
  - project implementers on the field, exclusively NGOs
  - Systematic up-front payment and capacity building support provided
  - 2 distinct project portfolios:
    - Strict carbon offsetting projects (GS projects in majority)
    - « Alternative carbone » projects that have a strong research and innovation component (REDD, biochar etc.)

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Lessons learnt: VER GS biogas methodology

- Easy understanding of the requirements in the methodology
- Step-by-step guidance as per the need of the project

- Lack of detailed explanation to carry out a NRB study
- Complexity to comply with specific requirements for NRB study (field surveys - different climatic zones)
- Implication of new similar project in the same region as per the increase and local demand (need another NRB study?)

Lessons learnt: VER GS ICS methodology

Definitely not compatible with specifications of the project:

- 1 solar cookstove project in 2 countries => 2 projects
- Cooking patterns of beneficiaries very heterogeneous;
  - Gas (urban), gas + wood (rural, 3 geographical areas need different NRB studies) in Bolivia
  - Gas (urban), gas + wood (2 different areas), less gas + dried dung => in Peru, very few ERs even though high scarcity of woody resources !
- If clustering done according to KS, results in unrealistic number of KT to be carried out
- Monitoring plan : Difficult !

Driven by an NGO => lack of technical know how and sensitivity to carbon finance

Recommandations to improve methodologies

- Provide more detailed explanations on how to carry out a NRB study but at the same time give flexibility for monitoring reporting for micro-scale projects (time consuming and costly)

- Be more considerate to the project specificities – language issues, way of measuring, cooperation with local officials, etc.

- Be less demanding for in-depth information from NGO / micro scale / non industrial based projects!

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