

PART I. Programme of activities (PoA)

SECTION A. Description of PoA

A.1. Purpose and general description of PoA

This program seeks to improve public health in the Republic of Rwanda. The program will distribute high efficiency cook stoves to end-users, addressing several critical public health challenges. Currently, many families in Rwanda cook their meals and over unimproved stoves utilizing biomass. Similarly, another leading public health challenge is upper respiratory disease cause in part by indoor air pollution. This program intends to address both of these challenges.

The program will distribute high efficiency biomass stoves to households in East Africa. This technology reduces the use of, and demand for, biomass to cook and/or boil water.

Technologies will be directly distributed to end-users via either of two methods:

- 1 - at centralized distribution points, where end-users from surrounding villages will be educated on the proper use and maintenance of the technologies.
- 2 – at retail locations, where individuals will be trained directly by retailers.

Ongoing education/monitoring will continue to respond to user feedback and address maintenance concerns. To the extent possible, distribution and ongoing monitoring will be conducted in collaboration with appropriate government agencies.

According to the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) for the Republic of Rwanda, Rwanda has a goal of increasing the adoption/use of improved cookstoves. “Given the fact that poor performing cook stoves are still used in most cases leading to inefficiencies in fuel consumption and health effects, Rwanda intends to increase the diffusion of improved cook stoves and reach 100% of all households in needs 2030.” This PoA supports this goal, and generally encourages sustainable development as follows:

SDG	POA Contribution
3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	The use of improved cookstoves reduces illness/death related to indoor air pollution.
7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	The PoA contributes to the goal of doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency by 2030, through the distribution of more efficiency cookstoves.
13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its implications.	The technologies distributed under this PoA will reduce woodfuel consumption, reducing CO ₂ emissions

This program is a voluntary action of the Coordinating/Managing Entity.

CPAs under this PoA may be small-scale or microscale. Microscale CPAs shall include units that meet the conditions defined in the “Demonstration of additionality of microscale project activities” tool, version 13.1. CPAs meeting these conditions are not required to demonstrate compliance with the small-scale threshold limit or the debundling check.

CPAs that do not qualify as microscale CPAs shall meet the requirements defined in paragraphs 124 (m) & (n) of CDM project standard for programmes of activities; version 02.0