# **Gold Standard seeks feedback on fNRB values for Bolivia, Honduras, Columbia and Guatemala**

The ‘[Financing efficient cookstoves for rural Andean communities](http://www.fomin.org/Home/News/PressReleases/ArtMID/3819/ArticleID/2751/Promoting-the-use-of-clean-cookstoves-in-Peruvian-Andean-communities-for-better-health-and-a-better-environment.aspx)’ project, funded by Inter-American Development Bank and World Vision Australia, aims to promote the use of clean cook stoves in Andean communities. Its broad objective is to promote the development of improved cookstove (ICS) activities by reducing the current complexity of project implementation and by benefiting from the experience of existing projects. As a part of this initiative, Gold Standard has carried out an assessment of the fNRB value for four Latin American countries – Bolivia, Columbia, Honduras and Guatemala.

The fraction of Non-Renewable Biomass (NRB) assessment requires extensive collection of consistent and reliable data, which is not always available in developing countries. Determining the project-specific fNRB value is therefore a source of systemic uncertainty for the project proponent which can involve high costs and may represent a barrier to project development.

Gold Standard has assessed the fNRB values for each of these countries at a national level to reduce the project developer’s work load and provide a consistent and standardised value.

The estimated fNRB values for the following countries are as follows:

**Country fNRB Value**

Bolivia 82.59%

Colombia 83.08%

Guatemala 62.74%

Honduras 74.52%

The background calculations and assessment reports are available for review here. After the stakeholder public consultation, the fNRB assessment will be submitted for approval by the Gold Standard Technical Advisory Committee. Upon approval the default values will be publicly available on the Gold Standard website for use by project developers. The stakeholders are requested to submit their concerns and/or recommendations to Ivan Hernandez at ivan.hernandez@goldstandard.org. The consultation period starts on 01/08/2016 and will end on 31/08/2016.