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Final Report

On

Application and Dissemination of Reinforced Fiber Glass Biogas Digester in Remote and Low Income Household



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Introduction

The Group of 77 approved the project entitled "Application and Dissemination of Reinforced Fiber Glass Biogas Digester in Remote and Low Income Household" for funding from Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF)-Reference Number INT-10-K04 at the 33rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2009), which was submitted by Biogas Institute of Ministry of Agriculture (BIOMA), P. R. China, P. R. China (hereinafter referred to as BIOMA). The duration of the project was 1 year, started on April 2011, and was allowed to be postponed to the end of 2018.

The Final Report included the project implementation activities and expenses and other related content.

I. Project Overview

1. Project Title: Application and Dissemination of Reinforced Fiber Glass Biogas Digester in Remote and Low Income Household

2. Abstract: Aiming at the energy recycling and environmental protection, this project proposes to (1) provide five 8m3-Reinforced-Fiber-Glass Biogas Digesters to remote, low-income communities not targeted by grid extension, natural gas or coal in Philippines and Bangladesh respectively; (2) hold a training on the installation and operation of biogas digesters for the local technicians and officials in agriculture and environment sectors in Philippines and Bangladesh respectively.

3. Background Analysis:

Despite global rural efforts of environmental protection and energy exploitation, the poorest, most remote communities remain suffering from the lack of power and fuel for logistical and financial reasons for a long time. Reinforced Fiber Glass Biogas Digester is a proven technology, capable of supplying clean, renewable (sustainable) energy to remote, low-income communities worldwide and effectively treating agricultural waste. There is an estimated market of over 4 million family users of the cheapest brick-made biogas digester systems in Philippines, Bangladesh, but due to poor quality and inadequate maintenance, they are not viable.

Reinforced Fiber Glass Biogas Digester system attracts people for its low cost and easy installation. It has been put into use as a replicable technology for the community model in rural areas. At the beginning, necessary capital funds need to be input to instigate such projects, and certain grants are required to launch the service delivery program. This project would enable users to benefit from the advantages of Reinforced Fiber Glass Biogas Digester. The village communities would own the systems and provide users with a crucial maintenance service. Farmers use the system for free. Furthermore, village communities would be created to organize training on management, maintenance and manufacturing of the reinforced fiber glass biogas digesters. This project proposes to provide 8m³ Reinforced Fiber Glass Biogas Digester systems to remote, low-income communities not targeted by grid extension, natural gas or coal. It is planned to set up 5 Reinforced Fiber Glass Biogas Digester systems in Philippines and Bangladesh respectively where abundant agricultural and domestic waste as well as suitable fermentation temperature can be available. The systems are efficient, reliable, and easy to operate/maintain, and have a lifespan of approximately 40-50 years. This project will be able to sustain itself far beyond the funding phase through right management and maintenance. As soon as the equipment is purchased and installed, the project will start to save fuel and electricity consumption and the cost on environmental protection and disease control. The money saved can be transferred onto training on operation, maintenance and manufacture of the digester, and soon retrieve investment of the manufacturing factory. The yearly profit of the digester factory may be estimated as \$1000-5000, which will cover operational costs and maintenance. The business plan estimates that by the end of the fourth year, income will be able to cover the cost of 300 replacement systems. This project can continue to provide energy without the need for additional external funds. The excess income will be gradually reinvested into further systems. Assuming an average system of 7 years, the business plan that follows the four-year project estimates that after 7 years, another 10 systems could be installed.

II. Implementation

The project was planned to collaborate with the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) of Philippines and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Bangladesh. BAI of Philippines keeps cooperative, while the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Bangladesh turned down to continue being the partner in this project as the approval came in 2011, two years after the project proposal in 2009, the official who was in charge of this project shifted to other positions and the successors had no response to BIOMA's inquiry emails. The project was suspended.

In this circumstance, BIOMA applied to UDNP headquarter and was allowed to change the partner in Bangladesh into Rural Development Academy in 2017. And after full preparation, BIOMA restarted the project in 2018.

Partner Institutions: Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Philippines Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bangladesh

• Phase 1: Procurement and shipment of fiber plastic digesters to Philippines and Bangladesh by BIOMA.

• Phase 2: Selection and compilation of training materials, allocation of lecturers by BIOMA, and recruitment of participants by partners in Philippines and Bangladesh.

• Phase 3: Organization of the hands-on trainings on biogas technology, and

installation of digesters in Philippines and Bangladesh by BIOAM and local partners.

• Phase 4: Activation of anaerobic fermentation of animal waste and biogas production at households on site by BIOMA.

• Phase 5: Trouble shooting inspection by the local technical group of partners in Philippines and Bangladesh.

Benefits:

• Construction: 5 high-quality Reinforced Fiber Glass Biogas Digesters with volume of 8m³ were installed in Philippines and Bangladesh respectively.

• Households: 5 remote, low-income households got access to biogas as cooking fuel and bio-slurry as fertilizer in Philippines and Bangladesh respectively.

• Environment: agricultural and domestic waste was treated in an environment-friendly way with COD, BOD₅ discharge reduced.

• Economy: Farmers could save money on LPG which is replaced by biogas and chemical fertilizer, and increase income by using the bio-slurry as the bio-fertilizer.

• Employment: more job opportunities were created for local people being biogas technicians.

• Awareness of protection to natural forests from tree cutting

• Village committees enhanced leadership to training of locals in system installation and maintenance of fiber glass digester

III. Completed Activities

Time: May-July, 2018

Location: China, Philippines, Bangladesh

Participants: BIOMA (procurement and shipment), BAI and RDA (cargo pickup and transport to villages)

Implementation: five fiber plastic digesters and auxiliary parts were procured and shipped to Philippines and Bangladesh respectively by BIOMA, and the local partners were informed to pick up the cargo on time.

• Phase 1: Procured and shipped 5 fiber plastic digesters to Philippines and Bangladesh respectively by BIOMA.

Products to purchase	Specific Name	Photo of samples	Total quantity
Biogas Digester	φ2320mm×2450mm	8m*玻璃铜沼气池 @2.32来 x 2.4米	5 sets
Biogas stoves	Electronic twin-stove		5 sets
Biogas pipeline fittings	Ф16mm PE pipe		150 meters
	PVC soft pipe		10 meters
	valve(reducing)		15
	straight-through valve		10
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	three-way valve		15

Tab. 1 List of equipment procured in China

	Reducing pipeline fittings		35
	wire fixer (with nails)	china.makepolo.com	250
	pipe collar		50
Desulphurization products		BUCK SUBSEC	5 sets
Desulphurization agents	Fe2O3	S 氧化铁脱硫剂	10 kg
Fiber-glass cloth	Width=90cm		1m





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Fig. 2 Invoice of consultancy fee (US\$2393.856144)

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Fig. 3 Invoice for land transportation from Chengdu to Shanghai, China (US\$1123.876124)



Fig. 4 Invoice 1 for shipment part I from Shanghai, China to Manila, Philippines



Fig. 5 Invoice 2 for shipment part II from Shanghai, China to Manila, Philippines



Fig. 6 Invoice 1 for shipment part I from Shanghai, China to Bogra, Bangladesh



Fig. 7 Invoice 2 for shipment part II from Shanghai, China to Bogra, Bangladesh

Total shipment: US\$19618.2505

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Fig. 8 Bill of lading from BIOMA to BAI, Philippines

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Fig. 9 Bill of lading from BIOMA to RDA, Bangladesh





Fig. 10 Biogas digester parts and in a 40" HQ container and cargo pickup by local partners

• Phase 2: Selected and compiled training materials, allocation of lecturers by

BIOMA, and recruitment of participants by BAI and RDA.

(1) Materials and tools prepared for hands-on training on installation of FRP digesters, prepared by local partners including BAI and RDA.

Material	Pic.	Type	Amount for 1 set	Total amount (5 sets)
Resin		191# Generic type unsaturated polyester resin	3kg	15kg
Talc powder		Or called "French chalk" or "saponite"	5kg	25kg
Methyl ethyl ketone peroxide (MEKP)		(Hardening agent)	0.09kg	0.5kg
Cobalt naphthena te		(Accelerant)	0.09kg	0.5kg

Tab. 2 Material purchased locally

Tab. 3 Tools rented locally

Tools	Pic.	Туре	Amount
Electro drill		Drilling bit 0.85cm	1
Grinder			1
Plaster tool	2.4. 10×12mm		1

(2) Training material prepared for in-door lecture, prepared by BIOMA, China

Lecture 1. Installation and operation of FRP digester





Lecture 2: Fermentation Process of Rural Household digesters (Annex)

• Phase 3: Selected recipients of digesters and participants of training, organizing hands-on trainings on biogas technology, and installing digesters in Philippines and Bangladesh by BIOMA, BAI and RDA..

BAI and RDA completed the following respectively:

(1) identified five (5) farmer co-operators and verified their willingness, location and sustainability;

(2) facilitated the conduct of a hands-on training;

(3) twenty-four participants in Philippines and ten participants in Bangladesh were selected from Regional Coordination / Technician, biogas technician and other NGO/institute/agency engaged in biogas technology.

The hands-on trainings were both successfully completed.

Philippines:



Bangladesh:





On-site lecture about installation

• Phase 4: Activated anaerobic fermentation of animal waste and biogas production at households on site by BIOMA.

After assembling and installing the digesters, BIOMA guided participants to feed agricultural waste including animal manure and crop straw into the digesters, and mix the waste with water at a certain ratio. The soonest biogas production was observed 3 days after feeding.

• Phase 5: Conducted trouble shooting inspection by the local technical group of BAI and RDA.

This part was completed after the trainings were ended. Local technicians paid regular visit to the recipients and checked the piping, biogas pressure and the operation of biogas appliances.

IV. Follow-ups

In order to equip participants with knowledge on biogas and animal waste treatment, and to improve their understanding of theoretic knowledge, BIOMA invited one participant of BAI and one participant of RDA to China to attend a training course and a forum . The events were under the Framework of the FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SSC) Program, held at BIOMA, Chengdu, China, involving two parts:

(1) Training Course on Biogas Technology and Animal Waste Treatment and Utilization during 7-20 January, 2019;

(2) Workshop on Experience Sharing and Lessons Learned in Animal Waste Treatment and Utilization during 21-25 January, 2019.

The participants are:

Mr. SAMIR KUMAR SARKAR, PhD, Environmental science, RDA, Bangladesh

Mr. Gareth Bayate, Department of Agriculture Regional field Office 6, Agriculturist II, BAI, Philippines

As a result, the above participants worked out a Concept Notes on Enhancement of Biogas Technology and Animal Waste Management through FAO-South East Asia-China Cooperation in South East Asia, along with other participants. The Concept Note was submitted to FAO for further assessment.

BIOMA will keep focusing on the progress of collaborative project establishment with Philippines and Bangladesh in biogas and wastewater treatment field.

V. Financial Costs and Expenses.

The project costs are strictly based on financial budget. Financial staffs were invited for evaluation and review of the economy for the project. Project manager monitored the cost for each activity. Director General of BIOMA supervised the whole procedure.

No.	Items	Expense	Total (USD)	PGTF Fund	BIOMA
		(yuan)		(USD)	Fund (USD)
1	Procurement of	35360	5519.480519		
	equipment	22200	5519.460519		
2	Consultancy fee and per				
	diem to a technician from	15336	2393.856144		
	digester supplier				
3	Consultancy fee and per				
	diem to an expert from	19615	3061.781968		
	BIOMA				
4	Land transportation	7200	1123.876124		
5	Shipment	125682.36	19618.2505		
	Total	203193.36	31717.24525	29000	2717.245255

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VI. Conclusion

The resurgence of stricter Local Government ordinances and enforcement plus the increase of prices of fossil fuel have revigorated interest in biogas technology and other technology on animal waste management in the Philippines and Bangladesh. Most of the animal farms have to abide the requirements to secure business permit. The reinforced fiber glass digester premise of minimal or no failure rate is a good incentive to be explore and these recipients and trained technicians will be the advocate of this digester design to their community and respective offices

To boost the biogas technology in the developing countries need the infusion of profound knowledge pool coupled with sound policies and financial support.

Collaborative endeavor with other Institution in the field of Anaerobic Digestion like BIOMA will catalyze biogas development in the developing countries. Should there be a local established Center of excellence, efficient, modular, multi-feedstock and large scale reactors can be realized to rapidly propagate in the country side.