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Preface

This curriculum is developed for the competency based training of Biogas Technical Supervisors to be involved in supervisor of the installation of biodigesters. The term competency is at the heart of the training reform agenda, the new system of vocational education and training. Competency refers to the ability to perform 'whole' work roles to the standard expected in employment. Job performance involves more than the performance of a well-defined set of tasks in a routine, predictable way. Human performance is more than that of a programmed robot. 'Whole' work roles means that competency encompasses not only the obvious aspects of the technical skills involved in a job but also the less obvious skills such as the ability to:

- juggle/handle a number of tasks, deal with variability, coordinate and organize work (task management skills)
- deal with contingencies, problems such as delays, break downs, tight schedules (contingency management skills)
- work within an organisation; interact with groups and individuals, follow health and safety requirements, communicate effectively (job role/environment skills)

Todays 'World of Work' has undergone radical changes. The emergence of new technologies, global markets for products and services, and international competition require economies to upgrade and enhance the skill level of their human resources. Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) systems all over the world are constantly challenged by this question of how to respond to the demand of a knowledge-based economy. As TVET systems and their training programmes directly relate to the world of work in terms of quantity and quality output, the approach of TVET programmes need to focus on the acquisition of technical and non-technical skills, also referred to employability skills.

With the release of the National Skills Strategy 2009-2013 the Pakistan government has made skills development a political priority. The framework for skills development aims to:

- > Change TVET education from time-bound, curriculum-based training to flexible, competency-based training;
- Bring about a shift from supply-led training to demand-driven (outcome-based) skills development by promoting the role of industry in designing and delivering TVET.

The curriculum for **Biogas Technical Supervisor – Level 3** aims to respond to this demand. It has been developed as an outcomebased course designed to teach the employability skills needed to succeed in a high-performance work environment, as defined by labour market requirements. Given the high potential of biodigester technology in the country with approximately 5 million household qualifying for installing domestic biodigesters, there is significantly large market in the country (*Prakash C. Ghimire, Final report on the technical study of biogas plants installed in Pakistan. SNV, December 2007*) for the qualified personnel to find a job.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Name of course: The title of the course is 'Biodigester Technical Supervisors to Supervise the Construction of Floating Drum Biodigester for Running Tube-wells'. This curriculum represents plan for the term, and communicates expectations to the training participants, the junior engineers and technical supervisors. The following are the competency standards for this course:
 - a. **Standard-1**: Describe basic concepts of biogas production and benefits of biodigester technology
 - b. Standard 2: Describe basic concept of designing a floating drum biodigesters and perform cost and quantity estimation
 - c. **Standard 3**: Read and interpret drawings of floating drum biodigesters
 - d. Standard 4: Select suitable type and appropriate size of biodigester
 - e. Standard 5: Select construction materials and construction site
 - f. Standard 6: Supervise the construction of civil engineering component of a floating drum biodigester
 - g. Standard 7: Supervise the installation of pipeline, appliances and electro-mechanical components
 - h. Standard 8: Ensure effective operation and timely maintenance of the installed Biodigesters
 - i. **Standard 9**: Perform technology promotion and quality assurance tasks
- 1.2 **Overall objective of course**: The main objective of the course is to enhance the knowledge and develop the skills of would-be technical supervisors (i) to construct and supervise the construction of quality biodigesters and (ii) to ensure continued operation of the installed facility, so that the users are benefitted for long run. This curriculum is expected to be useful for the participants to gain employment as biodigester technical supervisors as specified by TEVTA and National Vocational and Technical Training Commission. The focus of the curriculum is on construction, supervision, quality control and after-sale-services of biodigesters to be installed in farms to run tube-well for irrigation. The following are specific objectives:
 - To familiarize the participants on Biogas Technology, in general, and floating drum Biodigesters, in particular.
 - To acquaint the participants on technological aspects of floating drum biodigester, its components and working principle.
 - To build skills and enhance knowledge of the participants on construction of structural components of floating drum biodigester.
 - To build skills and enhance knowledge of the participants on installing biogas-filtration devices, and end-use-appliances (pumps, generators, stoves, lamps etc.).

- To build skills and improve knowledge of the participants on supervision of construction of structural components and, fabrication and installation of electro-mechanical components of floating drum biodigester.
- To capacitate the participants in delivering quality services related to operation and maintenance, quality assurance, diversification of end-use applications, and users' training.
- To capacitate the participants to carry out effective quality control tasks and manage data and information collected from the field.
- 1.3 **Competencies gained after completion of course:** The learning outcomes describe what participants should know, be able to do, and value by the end of their educational program. Within this curriculum, four general dimensions of learning outcomes are commonly identified:

(a) Knowledge outcomes, pertaining to grasp of fundamental cognitive content, core concepts or questions, basic principles of inquiry, a broad history, and/or varied disciplinary techniques. (b) Skills outcomes, focussing on capacity for applying basic knowledge, analyzing and synthesizing information, assessing the value of information, communicating effectively, and collaborating. (c) Attitudes and values outcomes, encompassing affective states, personal/professional/social values, and ethical principles. (d) Behavioural outcomes, reflecting a manifestation of knowledge, skills, and attitudes as evidenced by performance, contributions, etc.

This curriculum envisages to equip the participants with required knowledge and underpinning skills in all duties and tasks of different modules formulated for biodigester technical supervisors to install and operate and maintain biodigester. After the completion of the training course, the participants will be able to:

- a. explain the basics of biogas generation
- b. know the micro-biological activities inside the digester
- c. know the basics of designing of floating drum biodigesters
- d. calculate cost and quantity estimation of floating drum biodigesters
- e. read and interpret drawings of floating drum biodigesters,
- f. supervise the construction works of floating drum biodigester as per set quality standards,
- g. plan and conduct quality control visits and ensure data and information management
- h. instruct users for effective operation and timely repair and maintenance, and
- i. advice users for optimal utilization of the products of biodigesters biogas and bioslurry.
- j. promote and extend biodigester technology in the country

The following are the specific outputs expected from the training:

- The participants will acquire detailed knowledge on biogas technology, micro-biological activities inside the digester, ideal conditions for biogas generation and inhibition factors
- The participants will be familiar with the importance and use of biodigester products (biogas and bioslurry)
- The participants will know the basic concept of designing a floating drum biodigesters and carry out cost and quality estimations
- The participants will have hands-on skills and knowledge on:
 - Reading drawings of floating drum biodigesters
 - Selection of biodigester-size, construction sites and construction materials
 - Plant lay-out, digging of pits and construction of foundation
 - Construction of digester
 - Fabrication and installing of gas storage tank (floating drum)
 - Construction of Inlet and outlet chambers/hydraulic tank
 - o Laying of pipelines and installation filtration system
 - Fitting of end-use-applications (stove, lamps, pumps and generators)
 - o Construction of slurry pits and importance of composting
 - Routine operation and maintenance of floating drum biodigester
 - o Quality standards on biodigester construction, operation and maintenance
- The participants will be able to supervise the construction process and provide effective coaching and mentoring to biogas technicians in the field
- The participants will know the principle of quality assurance, quality control mechanism and plan quality control visits
- The participants will know and realize the roles and responsibilities of local technicians to install biodigester.
- The participants will be able to orient/train users for ensure effective operation and routine maintenance activities.
- The participants will know the methods of promoting biodigester technology in the country.
- 1.4 Job opportunities available immediately and in the future: The graduates of this course are expected to find employment in government agencies, bilateral and multi-lateral organisations, non-governmental organisations, private and public limited companies, and consultancies implementing biodigester technology related initiatives in the country as the technical supervisors. Given the high potential of biodigester technology in the country with approximately 5 million household qualifying for installing domestic biodigesters, there is significantly large market in the country. (*Prakash C. Ghimire, Final report on the technical study of biogas plants installed in Pakistan. SNV, December 2007*).

1.5 Trainee entry level: The basic qualification for the participants to take part in this training should have: (a) Diploma in Associate Engineering (b) At least 10 class pass (Matric) having work experience of minimum of 2 years with Biogas Construction Companies as technical supervisor. Individuals having prior experiences in supervision of construction works should be given priority.

The selection of trainees must be done through structured interview sessions. Preference should be given to individuals showing greatest aptitude for the occupation demonstrated in the interview sessions. The perspective trainee should be of matured age to fit physically to the work and be able to travel even in difficult circumstances. Economically deprived and marginalized people meeting the set criteria should be given preferences. Participants having a driving skill should be given priority.

1.6 Minimum qualification of trainer: The trainer/facilitator should have the following minimum qualification to organize and facilitate the training as trainer.

Basic Academic Qualification:The basic qualification for the participants to take part in this training should have a minimum of: (a) Diploma in Associate Engineering (b) At least 10 class pass (Matric) having work experience of minimum of 2 years with Biogas Construction Companies as technical supervisor or trainer. Individuals having prior experiences in supervision of construction works should be given priority..

Training: Specialized training on Training of Trainers

Skill and Competencies: The trainer should be able to wear different hats as required to ensure effective learning while facilitating the training sessions, such as:

- Facilitator
- Lecturer/Instructor
- Designer/Organiser
- Listener/Learner
- Interpreter/ Para-phraser
- Role Model/ Leader
- Negotiator
- Moderator
- Observer/Monitor
- Entertainer
- Evaluator
- Problem-solver/Manipulator
- Motivator

The trainer should be able to:

- Present an effective introduction.
- State the objectives and asks expectations.
- Ask multiple questions at a variety of levels.
- Provide positive feedback.
- Respond to participant questions positively.
- Follow trainer's notes/a personalized reference manual.
- Maintain eye contact.
- Project voice so that all participants can hear.
- Move about the room through balance postures and gestures
- Use audiovisuals and other methods of teaching effectively.
- Display a positive use of humor.
- Present an effective summary.
- Provide for application or practice of presentation content.
- Strong communication skills.

1.7 Medium of Instruction i.e. language of instruction: English/Urdu/Local Languages (Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, Balochi)

1.8 Sequence of the modules:

The participants can take part training on either all the four modules as given below or chose to be trained on Module 1 and 2; or 1 and 3; or 1, 2 and 4; or 1, 3 and 4.

Module 1: Describe basics of biogas generation including micro-biological activities inside the biodigester and installation of biodigesters

Module 2: Supervise the construction of civil structures of a floating drum biodigester

Module 3: Supervise the fabrication/manufacturing of filter systems and installing of pipeline, appliances and electro-mechanical components

Module 4: Ensure effective operation and timely maintenance of a floating drum biodigester

1.9 **Timeframe of assessment**: The assessment will be carried out at the end of the training sessions using appropriate assessment methods such as oral questions, observation of on-the-job involvement, simulations, and case studies to collect factual evidences. Methodology for assessments should be designed and used to make sure that the participants are assessed

properly and relevantly. A standard checklist should be developed to facilitate the assessment process. Collection of evidence is important to assess the learning outcomes. Evidences should: (a) cover core knowledge and skills that are developed throughout the program's curriculum, (b) involve multiple judgments of student performance, (c) provide information on multiple dimensions of student performance. Good evidence is also relevant, verifiable, representative or typical, cumulative, actionable, and reflectively analyzed.

- **1.10 Duration:** The total duration of the training would be 264 hours divided in to:
 - Theoretical Sessions: 100 hours
 - Practical Sessions: 164 hours
 - Total Duration: 264 hours (33 days)

2. Overview about the training program

Module Title and Aim	Learning Units	Theory¹ hours	Workplace ² hours	Timeframe of
				modules
Module 1: Describe basics of biogas	C1.1: Explain prerequisites for biogas	40	8	48
generation including micro-biological	generation			
activities inside the biodigester and	C1.2: Explain basic concept of micro-biological			
installation of biodigesters	activities inside the biodigester			
Aim: The aim of this module is to	C1.3: Describe types and functioning/ working of			
make trainees familiar with the	biodigesters			
process of biogas generation, micro-	C1.4: Describe benefits of biodigesters and			
biological activities inside the	importance of the technology in Pakistan			
biodigester, ideal conditions for	C2.1: Describe basic criteria for designing a			
biogas generation, inhibition factors,	floating drum biodigesters			
basics of designing a floating drum	C2.2: Interpret the relation between HRT,			
biodigester, cost and quality	quantity of feeding materials and required size of			
estimation, importance of	biodigester			
biodigesters, and pre-requisites for	C2.3: Carry out quantity estimation of different			
installation of a floating drum	sizes of floating drum biodigester			
biodigester.	C2.4: Carry out cost estimation of different sizes			
	of floating drum biodigester			
	C3.1: Describe the basic concepts of a drawing			
	of an object			
	C3.2: Demonstrate ability to read basic drawings			
	C3.3: Demonstrate ability of interpret drawing of			
	floating drum biodigesters			
	C3.4: Read and interpret drawings of templates,			
	appliances, pipes and fittings and filter systems			
	C4.1: Select suitable type of biodigester			
	C4.2: Select suitable size of biodigester			
	C5.1: Name different types of construction			
	materials needed for constructing a floating drum			
	biodigester			
	C5.2: Appraise quality standards of construction			

 ¹ Learning hours in training provider premises
 ² Training workshop, laboratory and on-the-job workplace

	materials			
	C5.3: Explain criteria for selection of construction			
	site			
	C5.4: Explain steps (sequences) of construction			
	of a floating drum biodigester			
	C9.1: Promote biodigester technology in			
	Pakistan			
Module 2: Supervise the construction	C6.1: Supervise the construction of digester	20	108	128
of the civil structures of floating drum	C6.2: Supervise the fabrication of floating drum			
biodigester	(gas holder) – (MS Steel drum or wire-mesh-			
Aim: The aim of this module is to	reinforced concrete or fiber-cement drum or			
ensure that the participants: (a)	glass-fiber reinforced plastic or high-density			
acquire hands-on-experiences on	polyethylene or PVC drum)			
construction of different structural	C6.3: Supervise the construction of outlet/			
components of floating drum	hydraulic chamber			
biodigesters, (b) realise the	C6.4: Supervise the construction of inlet and			
importance of guality assurance, and	mixing tank			
practice quality norms while	C6.5: Supervise the construction of slurry			
construction, and (c) supervises	collection and composting pit			
construction of biodigester as per set	C9.2: Describe the importance of guality			
standards	assurance			
	C9.3: Ensure that the masons/technicians			
	practice quality norms during construction			
	C9.4: Describe the roles and responsibilities of a			
	technical supervisor			
	C9.5: Ensure that occupational health and safety			
	measures are practiced properly			
	C9.6: Conduct routine quality control visits and			
	manage data properly			
Module 3: Supervise the fabrication	C7.1: Supervise the installation of pipeline	16	32	48
of biogas filter systems and installing	C7.2: Supervise the installation of appliances			
of pipeline, appliances and electro-	C7.3: Supervise the fabrication/			
mechanical components	manufacturing and preparation of filtration			
Aim: The aim of this module is to	systems			
ensure that the participants are (i)	C7.4: Supervise the installation of gas filters			
acquainted with the correct methods	C7.5: Supervise the installation of Tube-wells			
of fabricating filter systems; installing	C9.2: Describe the importance of quality			
of pipes and biogas appliances, and	assurance			

	Total	100	164	264
	measures are practiced properly			ļ
	C9.5: Ensure that occupational health and safety			
	technical supervisor			
	C9.4: Describe the roles and responsibilities of a			
	biodigester			
	C8.7: Ensure sustainable benefits from			
biodigesters.	C8.6: Conduct Users Training			
bioslurry to enhance benefits from	maintenance of biodigester			
biodigester products – biogas and	C8.5: Instruct users for effective operation and			
benefits and optimal use of	biogas and bioslurry			
biodigesters to ensure sustained	C8.4: Explain methods for optimum utilization of			
operation and timely maintenance of	solutions			
build capacity of trainees for effective	C8.3: Identify potential problems and likely			
Aim: The aim of this module is to	works			
drum biodigesters	C8.2: Conduct minor repair and maintenance			
and timely maintenance of floating	trouble-free functioning of biodigester			
Module 4: Ensure effective operation	C8.1: Describe routine operation activities for	24	16	40
	manage data property			
	C9 6: Conduct routine quality control visits and			
biogas	measures are practiced properly			
higges	C9.5: Ensure that occupational health and safety			
induction motors atc.) to operate with	tochnical supervisor			
	CO 4: Describe the relea and reaponsibilities of a			
(II) familiarised with different types of	C9.3: Ensure that the masons/technicians			
(ii) familiarised with different types of	C0 3: Ensure that the masons/technicians			

3. Curriculum Contents (Teaching and Learning Guide)

Module 1: Describe basics of biogas generation including micro-biological activities inside the biodigester and installation of biodigesters

Aim: The aim of this module is to make trainees familiar with the process of biogas generation, micro-biological activities inside the biodigester, ideal conditions for biogas generation, inhibition factors, basics of designing a fixed me biodigester, cost and quality estimation, importance of biogas, and pre-requisites for installation of a floating drum biodigester.

Duration: 48 hours; Theory - 40 hours; Practice - 8 hours

Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
C1.1: Explain	The participants will be able to:	- Basic bacterial activities to	1 hour	Presentation	Classroom
prerequisites for	- Explain methods of biogas	produce biogas,		slides, slide	
biogas generation	production	prerequisites for biogas		projector,	
	- Explain different types of	production		computer,	
	inputs (feeding materials) for	- Different types of inputs to		stationaries,	
	biodigesters	operate a biodigester		literatures/reports,	
	- Explain merits and demerits	- Merits and demerits of		bulletins	
	of different feeding materials	different feeding materials			
	- Describe why cattle dung is	- Understanding on why			
	the best feeding material for	cattle dung is best feeding			
	Pakistan context	material for Pakistan			
C1.2: Explain basic	The participants will be able to:	- Effects of (i) temperature,	4 hours	Presentation	Classroom,
concept of micro-	- Explain ideal conditions for	(ii) pH, (iii) total solid (dilution		slides, slide	Laboratory, if
biological activities	biogas generation	factor) content, (iv) mixing		projector,	available
inside the	- Describe inhibiting factors for	quality, (v) carbon-nitrogen		computer,	
biodigester	gas production	ratio, (vi) HRT and (vii) over		stationaries,	
	- Describe the basic concept of	and under-feeding on the		literatures/reports,	
	waste-to-energy	production of biogas		bulletins	
		- Microbiological activities			
		and effect of toxicity and			
		aerobic condition on biogas			
		generation			

		- Organic and inorganic wastes, management of waste			
C1.3: Describe types and functioning/ working of biodigesters	 The participants will be able to: Describe different types of biodigesters and their strengths and weaknesses Explain components of a floating drum biodigester and function(s) of each component Explain inter-relations of different components of a floating drum biodigester Describe the criteria to select a particular model of floating drum biodigesters Explain suitability of 	 Different types of biodigesters and their comparative advantages Components and functions of a floating drum biodigesters Working principle of a floating drum biodigester Merits and demerits of different designs of floating drum biodigesters in particular context Strengths and weaknesses of floating drum design for electricity generation 	8 hours	Presentation slides, slide projector, computer, stationaries, literatures/reports, bulletins; working biodigester	Classroom and biodigester venue
C1.4: Describe benefits of biodigesters and importance of the technology in Pakistan	 rioating drum designs for electricity generation The participants will be able to: Explain the products of a biodigester Recall various end use applications of biogas Recall advantages of bioslurry over FYM Explain benefits of biogas at household and community level Explain why biodigester technology is important for Pakistan Explain energy situation in 	 Products of biodigesters; Biogas and bioslurry Diversified use of biogas; cooking, lighting, running an engine Comparative advantage and disadvantages of FYM and bioslurry Benefits of biogas over conventional fuel sources General energy scenario in Pakistan 	2 hours	Presentation slides, slide projector, computer, stationaries, literatures/reports, bulletins	Class room and biodigester venue

	Bhutan					
C2.1: Describe basic criteria for designing a floating drum biodigesters	 P1: Describe the relationship between feeding material (quantity and quality) and type and size of biodigester P2: Describe the steps of designing a floating drum biodigester P3: Describe effects of the characteristics of construction site (site condition) on design 	-	Knowledge of feeding requirements for a specific size of biodigester, understanding of HRT Knowledge of sequential steps to design a floating drum biodigester Knowledge of site information that need to be collected before staring the design	4 hours	Presentation slides, Slide projector, computer, calculator	
C2.2: Interpret the relation between HRT, quantity of feeding materials and required size of biodigester	P1: Describe the effect of HRT on size selection P2: Explain relation between quantity of feeding and HRT P3: Select size of biodigester based upon feeding materials and estimated HRT	-	Concept of HRT and its effect on size selection Types of feeding materials and estimated HRT Different sizes of biodigesters and quantity of feeding materials needed.	2 hours	Presentation slides, Slide projector, computer	Classroom
C2.3: Carry out quantity estimation of different sizes of floating drum biodigester	 P1: Practice basic mathematical calculations P2: Describe the quantity of various construction materials needed for different sizes of biodigesters P3: Prepare detailed quantity estimation of floating drum biodigesters 	-	Basic addition, subtraction and multiplication and division , Use of calculators Types and quantity of construction materials needed for construction Quantity estimation format, norms and methods, use of calculators	4 hours	Presentation slides, Slide projector, computer, calculator	Classroom
C2.4: Carry out cost	P1: Collect information on	-	Market prices of various	4 hours	Presentation	Classroom

estimation of	market process of construction	construction materials		slides, Slide	
different sizes of		- Cost estimation formats,		projector,	
floating drum	P2: Prepare detailed cost	norms and methods, use		computer,	
biodigester	estimation of floating drum	of calculators		calculator	
	biodigesters				
C3.1: Describe the	The participants will be able to:	 Pictures vs. drawings 	1 hours	Presentation	Classroom
basic concepts of a	 Tell why drawing is 	 Concept of Plan, 		slides, Slide	
drawing of an object	needed	elevation, section,		projector,	
	 Describe the concept of 	isometric views of		computer, objects	
	plan, elevation and	drawing		of different	
	sections while preparing			shapes, models,	
	drawings			cut-pieces of	
				wood, drawing	
C3.2: Demonstrate	The participants will be able to:	- FPS and MKS systems of	2 hour	Presentation	Classroom
ability to read basic	- Explain the concept of	measurements		slides, Slide	
drawings	foot-inch and meter-	- Concept of Plan,		projector,	
	centimeter system of	elevation, section,		computer, objects	
	measurement	isometric views of		of different	
	- Demonstrate ability to	drawing		shapes,	
	distinguish different types	-		measuring tape,	
	of drawings			models, cut-pieces	
				of wood, drawing	
C3.3: Demonstrate	The participants will be able to:	- Reading dimensions in	2 hours	Presentation	Classroom
ability of interpret	- Describe the dimensions	drawing		slides, Slide	
drawing of floating	of various components of	- Components of floating		projector,	
drum biodigesters	a floating drum	drum biodigester		computer, objects	
	biodigesters	- Inter-relation between		of different	
	- Define plan, section,	different components		shapes, models,	
	isometric view, and half			cut-pieces of	
	sectional elevation of			wood, drawing	
	biodigesters				
	- Describe inter-relationship				
	of various components of				
	a biodigester				
C3.4: Read and	The participants will be able to:	- Types of templates and	1 hour	Presentation	Classroom

interpret drawings of	- Read drawings of various	29211		slides Slide	
annliances nines	sizes of templates	- Types of mixing device		projector	
appliances, pipes	- Read drawing of mixing	and uses		computer	
svetome	devices	- Types of pipes required		templates	
393161113	Read drawing of biogas	fittings such as tee		appliances nines	
	stoves and lamps	elbow nipple		appliances, pipes	
	Read drawings of pipes	COs scrubber HaS		filter systems with	
	and fittings			drawings	
	Road drawings of filter	romovor		urawings.	
		Temover			
C4 1: Soloot	The participants will be able to:	Critaria for site selection	1 hour	Brocontation	Classroom
04.1. Select	Explain pro requisite for	- Cillena for site selection,	THOUT		Classicolli
biodigostor	- Explain pre-requisite for	proximity to cattle shed		silues, Silue	
biodigestei	hiedigester type such as	Characteristics of safer		projector,	
	biologester type such as			of biodigostors	
		Soil conditions		or blodigesters	
	offerdebility, reliability,				
	friendlingen for				
	mendimess ion				
	Describe switch ility of				
	- Describe suitability of				
	different designs in				
04.0.0.1	Specific site conditions		4 1	Duese suteties	0
C4.2: Select	The participants will be able to:	- Criteria for biodigester	1 nour	Presentation	Classroom
suitable size of	- Explain pre-requisite for	SIZE SELECTION -		slides, Slide	
biodigester	the selection of	availability and		projector,	
	biodigester size	accessibility of feeding		computer, models	
	- Estimate the quantity of	materials (cattle dung),		of biodigesters	
	feeding materials (cattle	gas/demand			
	dung) available and gas	requirements, gas use			
	production	patterns, types of end-use			
	- Estimate the quantity of	applications			
	gas required based upon				
	end-use applications				
	 Select suitable size of 				
	biodigester based upon				

	main selection criteria				
C5.1: Name different types of construction materials needed for constructing a floating drum biodigester	 The participants will be able to: State the type of construction materials needed for construction 	 Construction materials such as cement, sand, stone, brick, aggregates, MS rod, MS storage tank, paint, 	1 hour	OHP, presentation slides, Computer	Classroom
C5.2: Appraise quality standards of construction materials	 The participants will be able to: Describe quality standards of bricks and stones Describe quality standards of cement Describe quality standards of sand Describe quality standards of aggregate/gravel Describe quality standards of MS rod Describe quality standards of steel floating drum Describe quality standards of other types of floating drum (wire-mesh- reinforced concrete or fiber-cement drum or glass-fiber reinforced plastic or high-density polyethylene or PVC drum) 	 Quality standards of bricks, stones, cement, sand, aggregate, MS rod Thickness of iron sheet, priming and coating (oil paints, synthetic paints and bitumen paints), welding and gas tightness Thickness of other types of drum, uniformity, smoothness, gas- tightness, slope of roof, welding and jointing 	1 hour	OHP, presentation slides, Computer, visual aids, Sample of construction materials, and bottle for sand test.	Classroom
C5.3: Explain	The participants will be able to:	- Added workload if	1 hour	OHP, presentation	Classroom
criteria for selection	- Explain why biodigester	biodigester is constructed		slides, Computer,	
of construction site	should be constructed	far from cattle shed		visual aids	
	near cattle shed	 Effect of temperature on 			
	 Explain why biodigester 	biogas production			

	 should be located in sunny place Explain why the distance between biodigester and point of use should be as minimum as possible Explain why biodigester should not be constructed too close to foundation of structures, growing trees, main trail and machines producing vibrations Explain why biodigesters should not be constructed in water logging areas and slide-prone areas Explain the characteristics of best site for 	-	Effect of longer pipes on cost and on risk gas- leakage Damage to biodigester due tree-roots, vibrations General characteristics of best suitable site for biodigester construction			
C5.4: Explain steps of construction of a floating drum biodigester	 Constructing blodgesters The participants will be able to: Describe methods of construction of different components of a floating drum biodigester Describe relative positioning of different components of a floating drum biodigesters Explain the importance of reference line 	-	Sequential order of biodigester construction (layout, excavation, digester, guiding frames, central support, gas holder floating drum outlet, inlet, slurry pits) Methods to fix reference line	4 hours	OHP, presentation slides, Computer, visual aids	Classroom
C9.1: Promote biodigester technology in Pakistan	The participants will be able to: - Identify and explain unique-selling points for marketing biogas technology in Pakistan	-	Promotion and marketing of new technology Promotion and marketing tools and their application	4 hours	OHP, presentation slides, Computer, posters, pamphlets, brochure, visual	Classroom

- Adopt different tools and		aids	
techniques for the			
promotion of biogas			
technology			

Module 2: Supervise the construction of structural components of a floating drum biodigester

Aim: The aim of this module is to ensure that the participants: (a) acquire hands-on-experiences on construction of different structural components of floating drum biodigesters, (b) realise the importance of quality assurance, and practice quality norms while construction, and (c) supervises construction of floating drum biodigester as per set quality standards

Duration: Total	– 128 hours; The	ory – 20 hours;	Practice – 108 hours
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Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
C6.1: Supervise the	The participants will be able to:	 Quality standards 	32 hours	OHP, Presentation	On-the-job
construction of	- Demonstrate methods for	for the construction		slides, Measuring	training venue
digester	lay out (demarcation) of	of digester		tape, lime,	
	biodigester	components		construction tools and	
	- Supervise the excavation	(correct radius,		equipment,	
	of pit	correct height,		construction	
	- Prepare mortar	foundation, floor,		materials, visual aids	
	 Prepare base of the 	walls, inlet pipes,			
	digester and construct	plastering,			
	foundation	verticality of wall,			
	 Construct digester walls 	smoothness of			
	 Construct baffle wall 	walls)			
	 Fix inlet pipes 	 Correct placing of 			
	 Plaster digester walls 	inlet and outlet			
	- Maintain plumb of digester	pipes			
	wall	 Coaching and 			
	 Coach and mentor 	mentoring in site			
	masons to construct				
	digester				
C6.2: Supervise the	The participants will be able to:	- Quality standards	32 hours	OHP, Presentation	On-the-job
installing of floating	 Prepare scaffolding and formulation for organization 	of floating drum		slides, Measuring	training venue
drum (gas holder) –	iorniworks for erecting			tape, lime,	

(MC Charled with an	floating drum		das holder (correct			
(MS Steel drum or wire-mesh- reinforced concrete or fiber-cement drum or glass-fiber reinforced plastic or high-density polyethylene or PVC drum)	 Install central guide frame Install internal/external guide frame and support ledge Install floating drum (normal or water-jacket) Remove scaffolding and frameworks Coach and mentor masons to gas holder and turret Coach and mentor masons to install and fit floating drum 	-	gas holder (correct frameworks, correct guide frames, gas tightness, smooth movements) Construction and installation techniques Safety during construction and installation Coaching and mentoring in site		construction tools and equipment, construction materials, visual aids	
C6.3: Supervise the construction of outlet/ hydraulic chamber	 The participants will be able to: Maintain correct fixing of outlet pipe Construct outlet walls Plaster outlet walls Maintain plumb of outlet wall Cast concrete cover slab for outlet and fit in place Coach and mentor masons to construct outlet tank 	-	Quality standards of construction of outlet tank of biodigester (correct size, proper finishing and plumb, correct placing of over- flow opening, correct earth-filling against the walls)	24 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, Measuring tape, lime, construction tools and equipment, construction materials, visual aids	On-the-job training venue
C6.4: Supervise the construction of inlet and mixing tank	 The participants will be able to: Construct platform for inlet tank Construct walls of inlet tank Plaster inlet tank Fix mixing device Coach and mentor masons to construct inlet tank 	-	Quality standards of construction of mixing tank or inlet of biodigester (correct diameter and height, proper finishing and plumb, correct placing of mixing device) Coaching and	16 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, Measuring tape, lime, construction tools and equipment, construction materials, visual aids	On-the-job training venue

		mentoring in site			
C6.5: Supervise the	The participants will be able to:	- Quality standards	8 hours	OHP, Presentation	On-the-job
construction of	- Select location of slurry	of construction of		slides, Measuring	training venue
slurry collection and	collection and composing	slurry pits (proper		tape, lime,	_
composting pit	pit	positioning,		construction tools and	
-	- Decide the size of	suitable volume,		equipment,	
	collection and composing	proper drainage		construction	
	pits	systems, proper		materials, visual aids	
	- Supervise excavation of	covering to protect			
	pits	against direct sun			
	- Construct walls and roof of	light)			
	the pits	 Coaching and 			
	- Coach and mentor	mentoring in site			
	masons to construct slurry				
	collection pits				
C9.2: Describe the	The participants will be able to:	- Quality assurance	8 hours	OHP, Presentation	Classroom
importance of	 Describe the definition of 	is the integral part		slides, computer,	
quality assurance	quality assurance while	of biodigester		visual aids	
during construction	constructing biodigester	construction			
	 Explain why quality in 	 Quality control 			
	needed while construction	framework			
	 Explain how quality is 	 Quality control 			
	maintained during	visits			
	construction		-		
C9.3: Ensure that	The participants will be able to:	 Effect of sub- 		OHP, Presentation	On-the-job
the masons/	 Explain quality standards 	standard quality of		slides, computer,	training venue
technicians practice	to be complied while	construction on the		visual aids	
quality norms during	construction	durability and			
construction/	 Comply with set quality 	serviceability of the			
installation	standards while	biodigester			
	constructing biodigester	 Coaching and 			
		mentoring in site	-		
C9.4: Describe the	The participants will be able to:	 Roles and 		OHP, Presentation	Classroom,
roles and	 Tell roles and 	responsibilities of a		slides, computer,	On-the-job
responsibilities of a	responsibilities of a	technical		visual aids	training venue

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technical supervisor	technical supervisor while	supervisor to			
	construction and	install quality			
	supervision	biodigester			
	- Describe what happens if	 Effect of quality 			
	a technical supervisor	works on the long			
	does not fulfil his/her	term functioning of			
	responsibilities	a biodigester			
C9.5: Ensure that	The participants will be able to:	- Safety precautions		OHP, Presentation	On-the-job
occupational health	- Demonstrate proper use	during construction		slides, computer,	training venue
and safety	of personal safety gears	- Proper use of		visual aids	_
measures are	such as helmet, dungaree,	safety tools and			
practiced properly	safety shoes, safety belt	equipment			
	- Exhibit safe use of	- Safe handling of			
	construction tools and	construction tools			
	equipment	and equipment			
	- Practice safety measures	- Coaching and			
	at works	mentoring in site			
	- Training on confined				
	space entry.				
C9.6: Conduct	The participants will be able to:	- Different forms and	8 hours	OHP, Presentation	Classroom,
routine quality	- Fill quality control forms	formats for quality		slides, computer,	on-the-job
control visits and	and formats	control		visual aids, quality	training venue
manage data	- Ensure proper	- Data collection, data		control forms and	(for filling
properly	management of data and	handling and data		formats	forms)
	information	management			
	- Coach and mentor the	techniques			
	masons/technicians as	- Coaching and			
	and when needed	mentoring skills			

Module 3: Supervise the fabrication of biogas filter systems and installing of pipeline, appliances and electro-mechanical components

Aim: The aim of this module is to ensure that the participants are (i) acquainted with the correct methods of fabricating filter systems; installing of pipes and biogas appliances, and (ii) familiarised with different types of gas-filtration systems as well as machines (generators, pumps, induction motors etc.) to operate with biogas

Duration: Total - 48 hours; Theory - 16; Practice - 32 hours

Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
C7.1: Supervise the installation of pipeline	 The participants will be able to: Describe quality standard of pipes and fittings 	 Quality standards of pipes and fittings Effect of longer 	4 hours	OHP, presentation slides,	On-the-job training venue
	 Select correct size of pipes and fitting Select best alignment for pipe laying Join pipes using correct fitting and sealing agent Protect pipeline against possible damage Coach and mentor technicians to install pipeline 	 pipeline on cost and leakages from pipelines Safety measures to protect pipe and fitting against damages Types and use of sealing agents Coaching and mentoring techniques 		computer, visual aids, pipes and fittings, plumbing tools and equipment.	
C7.2: Supervise the installation of appliances/equipments	 The participants will be able to: Name different types of biogas appliances and end use applications Describe quality standards of appliances Fix biogas stoves, lamps and other appliances as per users' need Coach and mentor technicians to install appliances Install gas flow meter, pressure and temperature gauges 	 Types of biogas appliances such as biogas stoves, lamps, cookers, water-heaters Methods to fix appliances properly Types and use of sealing agents Coaching and mentoring techniques Method to install gas flow meter, pressure and temperature gauges 	4 hours	OHP, presentation slides, computer, visual aids, pipes and fittings, plumbing tools and equipment.	On-the-job training venue
C7.3: Supervise the	The participants will be able to:	- Quality standards of	8 hours	OHP,	Mechanical

fabrication/ manufacturing and	- Describe quality standards of fabrication/manufacturing	biogas purification system		presentation slides,	workshop, on-the-job
preparation of filters	of filter systems - Supervise the fabrication of H ₂ S remover - Supervise the fabrication of moisture removal	 Plumbing skill understanding of functioning of H₂S remover understanding of functioning of moisture removal 		computer, visual aids, pipes and fittings, filter system, plumbing tools and equipment.	venue
C7.4: Supervise the installation of gas filters	 The participants will be able to: Describe quality standards of filter system Install H₂S remover Install moisture removal Coach and mentor technicians to install filtration systems 	 Quality standards and methods to install filter systems (, H₂S remover, moisture removal) Coaching and mentoring techniques 	8 hours	OHP, presentation slides, computer, visual aids, pipes and fittings, filter system, plumbing tools and equipment.	On-the-job training venue
C7.5: Supervise the installation of pump and/or generator	 The participants will be able to: Describe quality standards of pump/generator Calculate gas demand and select suitable pump/generator size Explain modifications of conventional machines to operate with biogas Install pumping arrangements, generators, control systems and blowers/compressors Coach and mentor 	 Proper methods to install pimp/generators Calculation of gas demand for a particular engine Modifications of conventional engine to operate with biogas Coaching and mentoring techniques 	8 hours	OHP, presentation slides, computer, visual aids, pipes and fittings, plumbing tools and equipment.	On-the-job training venue

	technicians to install pump/generator		
C9.2: Describe the importance of quality assurance during installing electro- mechanical components	 The participants will be able to: Describe the definition of quality assurance while installing pipes, appliances and filters Explain why quality in needed while installing pipes, appliances and filters Explain how quality is maintained while installing pipes, appliances and filters 	 Quality assurance is the integral part of installation of pipes, fittings and appliances Quality control framework Quality control visits 	rs OHP, Classroom Presentation slides, computer, visual aids
C9.3: Ensure that the masons/ technicians practice quality norms during construction/ installation	 The participants will be able to: Explain quality standards to be complied while installing pipes, appliances and filters Comply with set quality standards while installing pipes, appliances and filters Coach and mentor technicians to ensure quality 	 Effect of sub- standard quality of installation on the durability and serviceability of the biodigester 	OHP, On-the-job Presentation training slides, venue computer, visual aids
C9.4: Describe the roles and responsibilities of a technical supervisor	 The participants will be able to: Tell roles and responsibilities of a technical supervisor while installing pipes, appliances and filters Describe what happens if a technical supervisor does not fulfil his/her responsibilities 	 Roles and responsibilities of a biogas technician (mason) to install quality biodigester Effect of quality works on the long term functioning of a biodigester 	OHP, On-the-job Presentation training slides, venue computer, visual aids
C9.5: Ensure that occupational health	The participants will be able to: - Demonstrate proper use of	 Safety precautions during the installation 	OHP, On-the-job Presentation training

and safety measures are practiced properly	personal safety gears such of pipes and as helmet, dungaree, safety shoes, safety belt - Proper use of safety		slides, computer, visual aids.	venue
	- Exhibit safe use of tools and equipment		safety gears	
	equipment construction tools			
	 Practice safety measures at and equipment works 			
	- Coach and mentor			
	safety measure			
C9.6: Conduct routine	The participants will be able to: - Different forms and	8 hours	OHP,	Classroom,
quality control visits	- Fill quality control forms and formats for quality		Presentation	on-the-job
and manage data	formats control		slides,	training
properly	- Ensure proper management - Data collection, data		computer,	venue (data
	of data and information handling and data		visual aids,	collection
	- Coach and mentor the management techniques		quality control	and filling of
	masons/technicians as and - Coaching and		forms and	forms)
	when needed mentoring skills		formats	

Module 4: Ensure Effective Operation and Timely Maintenance of Floating Drum Biodigesters

Aim: The aim of this module is to build capacity of trainees for effective operation and timely maintenance of biodigesters to ensure sustained benefits and optimal use of biodigester products – biogas and bioslurry to enhance benefits from biodigesters.

Duration: Total – 40 hours; Theory – 24 hours; Practice – 16 hours

Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials	Learning
				Required	Place
C8.1: Describe	The participants will be able to:	- Operational	8 hours	OHP, Presentation	Classroom,
routine operation	- Prescribe correct quantity of	activities such as		slides, computer,	simulation
activities for trouble-	feeding	feeding of		visual aids.	
free functioning of	- Describe the effect of under-	biodigester,			
biodigester	feeding and over-feeding	checking of gas			
	- Demonstrate efficient use of	leakages,			

	 different appliances such as water drain, main valve, gas taps Perform leakage testing Explain dos and don'ts dos for effective functioning of biodigesters 	regeneration of filter media - Potential problems and likely solutions - Users' training on operation and maintenance			
C8.2: Conduct minor repair and maintenance works	 The participants will be able to: Demonstrate changing of washers Perform greasing/oiling of gas taps, guiding frames and movable parts Perform minor repair of appliances Perform repair of leaked pipeline Routine painting of drums to ensure gas-tightness 	 Minor maintenance works such as changing of washers of valves and taps, maintaining leaking joints Gas-tightness of gas holder (floating drums) 	8 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids, plumbing tools and sealing agents	Classroom, simulation
C8.3: Identify potential problems and likely solutions	 The participants will be able to: Demonstrate the use of pH meter, pressure meter, foot pump, gas flow meter to identify potential problems Carry out pressure testing to detect biogas leakages Inspect the colour of bioslurry, water dung ratio, flow pattern and odour of bioslurry to asses potential problems 	 Methods to use pH meter, pressure meter, foot pump, gas flow meter to identify potential problems Method to carry out leakage tests Characteristics of digested and undigested bioslurry 	4 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids, pressure testing tools	Classroom, simulation
C8.4: Explain methods for optimum utilization of biogas and bioslurry	 The participants will be able to: Describe different uses of biogas and biogas appliances Identify potentials for 	 Diversification of end use application to optimize the use of biogas 	4 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids	Classroom, simulation

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C8.5: Instruct users for effective operation and maintenance of biodigester	 diversification of biogas end use applications Tell the effect of under- utilisation of biogas Describe characteristics and benefits of bioslurry Apply suitable methods for optimal utilisation of bioslurry Describe the benefits of composting of bioslurry The participants will be able to: Inform potential problems and likely solutions to users Teach users to carry out effective operation works Teach users to carry out minor repair and maintenance works 	-	Effect of surplus biogas escaping into atmosphere Characteristics of FYM and bioslurry Advantages of bioslurry over FYM Proper handling of bioslurry Potential problem and likely solution Orientation to users Need of capacity building of users for effective operation and maintenance	4 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids	Classroom, simulation
C8.6: Plan, conduct	The participants will be able to	-	Content of user's	8 hours	OHP, Presentation	Classroom,
and facilitate users'	organize, conduct and facilitate		training		slides, computer,	simulation,
training	user's training on operation and	-	Training and		visual aids,	user's house
	maintenance and use of		facilitation skill		simulation	
	bioslurry	-	Application of		exercise	
			biogas and			
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Co./: Ensure	i ne participants will be able to:	-	vvarranty	4 nours	OHP, Presentation	Classroom,
sustainable benefits	- Provide warranty to ensure		provisions		sildes, computer,	simulation
from blodigester	hindigaster	-	importance of		visual alds,	
	Divdigester		users manual		warranty card	
		-				
	Brovido upor'o monuol		sale-services			
	- Provide user's manual					

CQ 2. Describe the	The participants will be able to:	Dalaa and	OUD Dreagntation On the job
Co.3. Describe the	The participants will be able to.	- Roles and	OnP, Presentation On-the-job
roles and	 Tell roles and 	responsibilities of	slides, computer, training venue
responsibilities of a	responsibilities of a biogas	technicians to	visual aids
technical supervisor	technician while operation	ensure effective	
	and maintenance	operation and	
	 Describe what happens if a 	maintenance of a	
	biogas technician does not	biodigester	
	fulfil his/her responsibilities		
C8.4: Ensure that	- The participants will be able	- Safety	OHP, Presentation On-the-job
occupational health	to:	precautions	slides, computer, training venue
and safety	- Demonstrate proper use of	during the	visual aids, safety
measures are	personal safety gears such	operation and	gears
practiced during	as helmet, dongri, safety	maintenance	
O&M	shoes, safety belt	 Proper use of 	
	 Exhibit safe use of 	safety tools and	
	maintenance tools and	equipment	
	equipment	 Safe handling of 	
	- Practice safety measures at	maintenance	
	works	tools and	
		equipment	

4. Assessment Methods

• Assessment context: Assessment in the context of this training program is the "systematic collection of information about learning, using the time, knowledge, expertise, and resources available, in order to inform decisions about how effective was the learning'. This is the process of collecting evidence and making judgements on whether competence has been achieved. This confirms that an individual can perform to the standard expected in the workplace as expressed in the nationally endorsed competency standards, or competency standards approved by National Vocational & Technical Training Commission of Pakistan. The requirements for this training, therefore, expect the standard of National Vocational & Technical Training Commission of Pakistan to be fulfilled.

When planning contexts for performance assessment factors such as ability, gender, size and physique must be taken into account to ensure that all candidates have opportunities to show their performance at its best. Ideal contexts are those which challenge all the candidates involved and encourage them to perform to the best of their ability.

In this case, both classroom assessment and on-the-job assessments that involve assessment of student work by the course instructor is recommended. The instructors/facilitators are free to apply whatever approach they found are suitable for assessment. Every module should be assessed with objective type questions after the completion of each module. To ensure effective assessment, the methodology necessarily also involve collecting direct evidence of participant learning. Direct measures are those derived through the systematic analysis of student projects, exams, or sets of specified course assignments. As such, they can make a compelling case for the extent to which the trainees have achieved expected learning outcomes. The assessment has to be done in classroom where theoretical presentation are made and in the construction site where on-the-job training is conducted. Evidences for assessment should be collected in two ways: (i) performance evidence as individuals carry out work activities/tasks; and (ii) evidence of knowledge and understanding which together form the base and context of an individual's action.

 Critical aspects: The most important aspect is that the learner must be able to do/demonstrate skill to do each of the tasks of biogas technicians during on-the-job sessions. Skill evaluation methodology should be designed based on each module and test should be administered accordingly. A comprehensive module test should be conducted at the end of the training and trainees' performance should be rated according to standard grading system. Assessment results should be used to monitor program activities, identify weaknesses in student learning, and guide decision-making and improvement for the future.

The general principle of assessment necessitates that assessments must be valid, reliable, flexible and fair. Assessors must ensure that assessment decisions involve the evaluation of sufficient evidence to enable a judgement to be made on the participant's competence.

• Assessment condition: The assessment should be done both in the class and on-the-job training venue. Structured objective type questions, checklists for verbal questions and standard cases for discussion should be designed for conducting assessment. A checklist needs to be prepared to assess the performance during on-the-job training. Instructors should assess performance through direct observation of the candidate's work. Assessment decisions should be based upon the instructors' judgement of the candidate's performance with continuous reference to the single performance outcome at the appropriate level.

It is important that teachers/lecturers ensure that candidates are assessed when performing in the best environment available. This will include consideration of space, equipment, demands of the performance context, the relative abilities of supporting and opposing candidates and the social context.

The instructors should select from the following approaches, combine them or add to them as considered necessary:

- o continuous: on-going professional judgements informed by unit performance criteria
- continuous and cumulative: for example, all candidates assessed in the same aspects at the same time; serial assessments following the pattern of content learning
- fixed 'assessment days': can increase motivation in some candidates (or cause anxiety in others); can ease administration for instructors
- assess 'when each candidate is ready': involves candidates closely in their own assessment and assists with consolidation and individual target setting
- o group assessments: assess candidates who are working at similar levels, allowing others to continue to work separately.

For this curricula, the first method is suggested.

Assessment methods are the particular techniques used to gather evidence and a means of collecting evidence and these may include:

- direct observation, for example:
 - real work/real time activities at the workplace
 - work activities in a simulated workplace environment
- structured activities, for example:
 - simulation exercises/role-plays
 - projects
 - presentations
 - activity sheets
- questioning, for example:
 - written questions, e.g. on a computer
 - o interviews
 - o self-assessment
 - o verbal questioning
 - o questionnaires
 - oral or written examinations (applicable at higher NQF levels)
- o portfolios, for example:
 - collections of work samples compiled by the candidate
 - product with supporting documentation
 - historical evidence
 - journal/log book

- information about life experience
- review of products, for example:
 - products as a result of a project
 - work samples/products
- third party feedback, for example:
 - testimonials/reports from employers/supervisors
 - evidence of training
 - authenticated prior achievements
 - interview with employer, supervisor, peer

Assessment Instruments are the documented questions/assessment activities developed to support the selected assessment method/s used to collect the evidence of candidate competence and may include:

- oral and written questions
- observation/demonstration checklists
- projects, case studies, scenarios
- candidate self-assessment guides
- recognition portfolios
- workplace portfolios
- simulation activities
- definition of relevant workplace documents
- a profile of acceptable performance measures
- templates/proformas
- evidence/observation checklists
- checklists for the evaluation of work samples

Resources required for assessment: Drawings, Construction tools (trowel, hammers, spirit level, measuring taps, maintenance tools (pliers, hexa-fame with blades, pipe wrenches, screw-drivers, Teflon tape) monitoring tools (pH meter, thermometer, gas analyzer, gas flow meter, pressure meter), structured questionnaires and checklists. A simulation exercise will be the effective method to assess the learning quality.

5. Assessment Framework

Module 1: Describe basics of biogas generation including micro-biological activities inside the biodigester and installation of biodigesters

Learning Units	Theory	Workplace	Recommended formative	Recommended	Scheduled
	Days/hours	Days/hours	assessment	Methodology	Dates
C1.1: Explain prerequisites for biogas generation	1	-	 Trainees should be asked for: Ideal conditions for biogas generation Effects of temperature, HRT, pH, carbon/nitrogen ration, water-dung ratio on biogas production Biogas generation per kg of 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, pre-training and post-training tests, written test- objective type of questions)	At the end of training
C1.2: Explain basic concept of micro-biological activities inside the biodigester	4	-	 Cattle dung Trainees should be asked for: Effects of (i) temperature, (ii) pH, (iii) total solid (dilution factor) content, (iv) mixing quality, (v) carbon- nitrogen ratio, (vi) HRT and (vii) over and under-feeding, on the production of biogas Microbiological activities and effect of toxicity and aerobic condition on biogas Organic and inorganic wastes, management of 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, pre-training and post-training tests, written test- objective type of questions)	
C1.3: Describe types and functioning/ working of biodigesters	4	4	Trainees should be asked for: - Difference between fixed dome and floating drum biodigesters	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, pre-training and post-training tests)	At the end of training

			 Working principle of a biodigester (maximum and minimum pressure, hydraulic flow pattern, short circuiting) 		
C1.4: Describe benefits of biodigesters and importance of the technology in Pakistan	2	-	 Trainees should be asked for: Benefits of biodigesters at household and community levels Impacts of biodigesters on health, sanitation, energy security, environment, agricultural production Potential of biodigesters in Pakistan 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, pre-training and post-training tests)	At the end of training
C2.1: Describe basic criteria for designing a floating drum biodigesters	4	-	 Trainees should be asked for: feeding requirements for a specific size of biodigester, understanding of HRT sequential steps to design a floating drum biodigester site information that need to be collected before staring the design 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, pre-training and post-training tests)	At the end of training
C2.2: Interpret the relation between HRT, quantity of feeding materials and required size of biodigester	2	-	 Trainee should be asked for: concept of HRT and its effect on size selection types of feeding materials and estimated HRT Different sizes of biodigesters and quantity of feeding materials needed. 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, pre-training and post-training tests)	At the end of training
C2.3: Carry out quantity estimation of different sizes of floating drum biodigester	2	2	The trainee should demonstrate skill and knowledge on: - basic addition, subtraction	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, pre-training and	At the end of training, during

			 and multiplication and division, and proper use of calculators types and quantity of construction materials needed for construction Quantity estimation format, norms and methods, use of calculators 	post-training tests), performance test – simulated exercise on estimating	session
C2.4: Carry out cost estimation of different sizes of floating drum biodigester	2	2	 Trainees should be asked for: Method of estimating (calculation of quantity, market prices of various construction materials) Cost estimation formats, norms and methods, use of calculators 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, pre-training and post-training tests), performance test – simulated exercise on estimating	At the end of training, during session
C3.1: Describe the basic concepts of a drawing of an object	1	-	 Trainees should be asked: Why drawings are needed What happens without drawing 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, Simulations)	At the end of training
C3.2: Demonstrate ability to read basic drawings	2	-	 Trainees should be asked: to identify plan, section, elevation and isometric views. 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, Simulations)	During the session and at the end of training
C3.3: Demonstrate ability of interpret drawing of floating drum biodigesters	2	-	Trainees should be asked: - to read measurements of different components of a biodigester	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, Simulations), Exercise to read a drawing	During the session and at the end of training
C3.4: Read and interpret drawings of templates, appliances, pipes and fittings and filter systems	1	-	Trainees should be asked to: - Tell measurements of different components of templates	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, Simulations), Exercise to read a	During the session and at the end of

			 Name appliances, pipes and fittings showing them the drawings Describe different types of filters 	drawing	training
C4.1: Select suitable type of biodigester	1	-	 Trainees should be asked to: Name different types of biodigesters Select suitable type for a specific case 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, During the session and at the end of training Simulations, Case presentation)	At the end of training
C4.2: Select suitable size of biodigester	1	-	 Trainees should be asked: to calculate amount of dung required for different sizes of biodigesters to calculate gas demand. How will they advise others to select suitable size of biodigesters 	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, Simulations, Case presentation)	At the end of training
C5.1: Name different types of construction materials needed for constructing a floating drum biodigester	1	-	Trainees should be asked: - to name types of construction materials needed to construct floating drum biodigesters	Knowledge test (Oral questions Observation Simulations)	During the session and at the end of training
C5.2: Appraise quality standards of construction materials	1	-	 Trainees should be asked: To describe basic quality standards of construction materials To conduct bottle test to test quality of sand To conduct drop test to test quality of brick To conduct abrasion test to test quality of stones 	Knowledge test (Oral questions, simulations)	During the session and at the end of training
C5.3: Explain criteria for	1	-	Trainees should be asked:	Knowledge and	During the

selection of construction			- to select proper site for plant	Performance tests	session	
site			construction in a given case	(Oral Questions,	and at	the
			scenario (e.g. minimum	Simulations, Case	end	of
			distance from cattle shed,	presentation)	training	
			water source and kitchen,			
			sunny place; sufficient			
			distance from trees,			
			foundation of building,			
			vibrating machines, main			
			roads etc.)			
C5.4: Explain steps of	4	-	Trainees should be asked:	Knowledge test	During	the
construction of a floating			 to describe the extent of 	(Oral Questions,	session	
drum biodigester			works while constructing	Simulations, Case	and at	the
			structural components of a	presentation)	end	of
			biodigester (e.g. layout,		training	
			excavation, digester		_	
			foundation, digester walls,			
			guiding frames, central			
			support, gas holder, outlet,			
			inlet, compost pits)			
C9.1: Promote biodigester	4	-	Trainees should be asked:	Knowledge and	During	the
technology in Pakistan			- Tools and techniques for	skill test (Oral	session	
			promoting biogas	Questions,	and at	the
			technology	Simulations, Case	end	of
			- Potential unique selling	presentation)	training	
			points		_	
			- Problems and constraints in			
			promotion and marketing of			
			biodigester technology in			
			Pakistan			

Module 2: Supervise the Construction of Structural Components of a Floating Drum Biodigester

Learning Units	Theory	Workplace	Recommended formative	Recommended	Scheduled
	Days/hours	Days/hours	assessment	Methodology	Dates

	1	1	1			
C6.1: Supervise the	1	31	Trainees should know:	Knowledge and	During	on-
construction of digester			 how to do layout 	Performance tests	the-job	
			 how to set a reference line 	(Oral questions,	sessions	and
			- how to construct foundation	observation on-	at the end	d of
			- how to construct digester	the-job)	training	
			walls			
			- how to fit inlet and outlet			
			pipes			
			- how to construct baffle wall			
			- how to prepare mortar (mortar			
			ratio) for various works			
			- How to plaster walls and			
			maintain plum of walls			
			Participants should know how to			
			construct digester following the			
			procedures as described in the			
			construction manual. They			
			should be capable of coaching			
			and mentoring masons while			
			construction.			
C6.2: Supervise the	1	31	Trainees should know:	Knowledge and	During	on-
installing of floating drum			- How to backfill the walls	Performance tests	the-job	
(gas holder) – (MS Steel			before making	(Oral questions,	sessions	and
drum or wire-mesh-			constructing gas holder	observation on-	at the end	d of
reinforced concrete or			- How to prepare framework	the-job)	training	
fiber-cement drum or glass-			and scaffoldings	. ,	Ŭ	
fiber reinforced plastic or			- How to install central and side			
high-density polvethylene			guiding frame			
or PVC drum)			formwork/mould			
			- How ensure gas-tightness of			
			gas holder			
			Participants should be able to			
			demonstrate the correct			
			procedures of dome construction			

			as specified in the construction		
			manual. They should be capable		
			of coaching and mentoring		
			masons while construction.		
C6.3: Supervise the	1	23	Trainees should demonstrate	Knowledge and	During on-
construction of outlet/			skill:	Performance tests	the-job
hydraulic chamber			- to properly fix the outlet pipe	(Oral questions,	sessions and
			- to construct the foundation of	observation on-	at the end of
			outlet tank	the-job)	training
			- to construct walls of outlet		
			tank		
			- to prepare mortar of required		
			ratio		
			 to do plastering works and 		
			maintain the plumb of the		
			walls		
			- to backfill the outside of walls		
			- to cast slab of correct size		
			Participants should be able to		
			demonstrate the correct		
			procedures of outlet construction		
			as specified in the construction		
			manual. They should be capable		
			of coaching and mentoring		
			masons while construction.		
C6.4: Supervise the	1	15	Trainees should know:	Knowledge and	During on-
construction of inlet and			 how to select the location of 	Performance tests	the-job
mixing tank			inlet	(Oral questions,	sessions and
			 how to construct foundation of 	observation on-	at the end of
			inlet	the-job)	training
			 what should be the relative 		
			positioning of inlet floor and		
			overflow opening (at least 10		
			cm above)		

			 how to construct walls 		
			- how to fit mixture machine		
			Participants will be able to demonstrate the correct procedures of inlet construction as specified in the construction manual. They should be capable of coaching and mentoring masons while construction.		
C6.5: Supervise the	1	7	Trainee should be asked for:	Knowledge and	During on-
construction of slurry			- the correct size and	Performance tests	the-job
collection and composting			dimensions of a slurry pit for	(Oral questions,	sessions and
pit			the given size of biodigester	observation on-	at the end of
			 different methods of 	the-job)	training
			constructing bioslurry pits		
			(earthen lined, plastic-sheet		
			lined, masonry wails etc.)		
			Participants should be able to		
			advise farmers on digging and		
			constructing correct size		
			compost pits. They should be		
			capable of coaching and		
			mentoring masons while		
C9.2: Describe the	1	-	Trainees should be asked about:	Knowledge test	At the end of
importance of quality			- the importance of quality	(Oral questions.	training
assurance			assurances while	case presentation)	0
			constructing a biodigester		
			- effects of sub-standard		
			works on the long-term		
			functioning of a biodigester		
C9.2: Describe the	1	2	Trainees should be asked for:	Knowledge and	At the end of
importance of quality			 Do's and dont's while 	Performance tests	training

assurance during			construction	(Oral questions,	
			quality standards	the-job)	
C9.3: Ensure that the	-	1	Trainees should be asked for:	Knowledge and	At the end of
masons/ technicians			- Importance of compliances	Performance tests	training
practice quality norms			of quality norms	(Oral questions,	
during construction/			 Methods to check the 	observation on-	
installation			compliance	the-job)	
			 Methods to coach and 		
			mentor masons		
C9.4: Describe the roles	1	-	- Trainees should be able to	Knowledge test	At the end of
and responsibilities of a			realize their roles and	(Oral questions,	training
technical supervisor			responsibilities on promotion,	case presentation)	
			extension, and construction		
C9.5: Ensure that	1	1	- Trainee should be asked	Knowledge and	During on-
occupational health and			about their understanding on	Performance tests	the-job
safety measures are			occupational health and	(Oral questions,	sessions and
practiced properly			safety measures during	observation on-	at the end of
			construction	the-job)	training
			- Trainee should be observed		
			whether he/she has practiced		
			occupational health and		
			safety measures		
			- Training on confined space		
			entry		
C9.6: Conduct routine	4	4	Trainees should be asked for:	Knowledge and	During on-
quality control visits and			- Frequency of Quality control	Performance tests	the-job
manage data properly			visits	(Oral questions,	session and
			- Types of quality control forms	observation on-	at the end of
			and formats	the-job filling of	training
			- Data collection tools and data	forms)	
			management techniques		

Module 3: Supervise the fabrication of filter systems, Installing of pipeline, appliances and electro-mechanical components

Learning Units	Theory	Workplace	Recommended formative	Recommended	Scheduled
	Days/hours	Days/hours	assessment	Methodology	Dates
C7.1: Supervise the installation of pipeline C7.2: Supervise the installation of appliances/equipments	Days/hours	Days/hours 3 3	assessment - Trainees should be able to tell and demonstrate the correct procedures of pipeline fitting, e,g. with minimum joints, using proper sealing agents, shortest alignment, correct sizes. - Trainees should be able to tell and demonstrate the correct procedures of fitting of appliances as per the user's	Methodology Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job) Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on-	Dates During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training
C7.3: Supervise the fabrication/ manufacturing and preparation of filtration systems	2	6	need. Trainees should be asked for: - Fabrication method of CO ₂ scrubber, H ₂ S remover, and water remover - Necessary filter media and quantity	the-job) Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training
C7.4: Supervise the installation of gas filters	2	6	 Trainee should be asked: Why filters are needed What types of filters are needed (CO₂ scrubber, H₂S filter, moisture remover) How to install these filters, eg. with proper filter media, proper sequence, ease in regenerating filter media etc. 	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training
C7.5: Supervise the installation of pump and/or generator	2	6	 The participants should demonstrate skill to: Select correct location of pump/ generator Install pump/ generator correctly 	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training

C9.2: Describe the importance of quality assurance during installing electro-mechanical components	1	1	 Trainees should be asked about: the importance of quality assurances while installing pipelines, appliances and filters effects of sub-standard works on the long-term functioning of a biodigester 	Knowledge test (Oral questions, case presentation)	At the end of training
C9.3: Ensure that the masons/ technicians practice quality norms during construction/ installation	2	2	 Trainees should be asked for: Do's and dont's while installing pipelines, appliances and filters how to comply with the set quality standards while installing pipelines, appliances and filters 	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training
C9.4: Describe the roles and responsibilities of a technical supervisor	1	-	 Trainees should be able to realize their roles and responsibilities on installing pipelines, appliances and filters 	Knowledge test (Oral questions, case presentation)	At the end of training
C9.5: Ensure that occupational health and safety measures are practiced properly	-	1	 Trainee should be asked about their understanding on occupational health and safety measures during installing pipeline, appliances and filters Trainee should be observed whether he/she has practiced occupational health and safety measures 	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training
C9.6: Conduct routine quality control visits and manage data properly	4	4	 Trainees should be asked for: Frequency of Quality control visits Types of quality control 	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on-	During on-the- job session and at the end of training

	forms and formats	the-job filling of	
-	Data collection tools and	forms)	
	data management		
	techniques		

Module 4: Ensure Effective Operation and Timely Maintenance of Floating Drum Biodigesters

Learning Units	Theory	Workplace	Recommended formative	Recommended	Scheduled
	/s/hours	Days/hours	assessment	Methodology	Dates
C8.1: Describe routine	4	4	Trainees should be asked for:	Knowledge and	During on-the-
operation activities for			- Required quality of feeding	Performance tests	job sessions
trouble-free functioning of			for a given size of biodigester	(Oral questions,	and at the end
biodigester			- Water-dung ratio	case presentation	of training
			- Characteristics of proper	observation on-	
			feeding and effect of	the-job)	
			improper feeding on		
			functioning of biodigester		
			- Routine operational activities		
			and frequencies (feeding,		
			testing of gas leakages		
			regenerating filter media, use		
			of gas control valves, proper		
			use of appliances, oiling and		
			greasing of movable parts,		
			breaking of scum layers etc.)		
			Participants should be able to		
			realize the importance of proper		
			O&M		
C8.2: Conduct minor repair	4	4	Trainee should be asked for:	Knowledge and	During on-the-
and maintenance works			- Demonstrating skill to carry	Performance tests	job sessions
			out minor maintenance	(Oral questions,	and at the end
			works such changing of	case presentation	of training
			washers, repairing of	observation on-	
			valves, repair/ changing of	the-job)	

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			mixture machine, repair of appliances		
C8.3: Identify potential problems and likely solutions	4	-	 Trainee should be asked for: Using of different tools and equipment to monitor functioning of a biodigester (pH meter, thermometer, gas analyser) Identifying problems by observing slurry colour, odour, consistency, flow pattern etc. Describing most common problems and suitable solutions 	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, case presentation observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training
C8.4: Explain methods for optimum utilization of biogas and bioslurry	2	2	 Trainee should be asked for: Points to be considered for optimal utilization of biogas (diversification of end-use applications, adjustment of air flow to appliances for full combustion of biogas, use of valves and pressure meters etc.) Different methods for application of bioslurry (composting, draining with irrigation water, wet- application, trenching etc.) 	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, case presentation observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training
C8.5: Instruct users for effective operation and maintenance of biodigester	2	2	 Trainee should be asked to demonstrate his/her facilitation skill by giving a case scenario or simulate a users' training 	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, case presentation observation on- the-job)	During simulation and at the end of training

C8.6: Plan, conduct and	6	2	-	Trainee should be asked to	Knowledge and	During
				simulated scenario	(Oral questions	at the end of
					case presentation	training
					observation on-	training
					the-iob)	
C8.7: Ensure sustainable	2	2	-	Trainees should be asked for	Knowledge test	During
benefits from biodigester				ways to ensure sustainable	(Oral questions,	simulation and
				benefits from a biodigester	case presentation	at the end of
				(effective operation, timely	observation on-	training
				maintenance, proper use of	the-job)	
				biogas and bioslurry etc.)		
C9.4: Describe the roles			-	Trainees should be able to	Knowledge test	At the end of
and responsibilities of a				realize their roles and	(Oral questions,	training
biogas technical supervisor				responsibilities to ensure	case presentation)	
				effective operation and timely		
				maintenance of a biodigester		
C9.5: Ensure that			-	Trainee should be asked	Knowledge and	During
occupational health and				about their understanding on	Performance tests	simulation and
safety measures are				occupational health and	(Oral questions,	at the end of
practiced properly				safety measures during	case presentation	training
				conducting operation and	observation on-	
				maintenance activities	the-job)	
			-	Trainee should be observed		
				whether he/she has practiced		
				occupational health and		
				safety measures		

6. List of Tools, Machinery & Equipment

Name of Trade		Training of Biodigester technical supervisors to supervise the construction of Floating drum Biodigesters for Running Tube-wells		
Duration		Five and half weeks		
Sr. No.	Sr. No. Name of Item/ Equipment / Tools		Quantity	

	Training Equipment	1
1.	Computer	1
2.	Over-head Projector with screen	1
3.	White/black board	1
4.	Model/prototype of biodigester	1
5.	Flip chard board and paper	1
6.	Camera/mobile camera	1
7.	Construction video/DVD	1
8.	Calculators	1
	Masonry Tools	
9.	Measuring tape – 5m and 30m length	5 each
10.	Plumb-bob	5
11.	Water level	5
12.	Mason's Trowel	25
13.	Plastering trowel- 2 types	5
14.	Pointing trowel	5
15.	Pick axe with handle	5
16.	Wheel barrow	2
17.	Chisel sets – 9" and 12"	5 each
18.	Mason's hammer	5
19.	Hammer – 1.5 kg and 3 kg	5 each
20.	Straight Edge (4 ft long), metal or wooden	5
21.	Level pipe (transparent plastic)	2
22.	String/thread roll	5
23.	Lime for layout	5 kg
24.	Iron trough/mortar pan – GI 18" dia (for handling concrete, mortar)	10
25.	Line and pins	LS
26.	Spirit level	3
27.	Brushes (wire brush, painting brush)	5 each
28.	Shovel with handle	5
29.	Builders square	5
30.	Striker for horizontal and vertical joints	5
31.	Steel float – small, medium and large	5
32.	Wooden float – small, medium and large	5
33.	Mason's Tool bag	25
	Plumbing tools	
34.	Hexa-frame and blade sets	5
35.	Pipe wrench – 9" and 12"	2 each

36.	Plier/slide wrench	2
37.	Spanners	2
38.	Needle file	2
39.	Dice and vice set	1
	Personal Protective equipment	
40.	Helmet	25
41.	Dungaree (Working Dress)	25
42.	Safety belt	25
43.	Boots	25
44.	Gloves	25
45.	Rain coats	25
	Biogas Related Appliances/Equipment	
46.	Pressure meter	1
47.	*Biogas analyser	1
48.	pH meter	1
49.	Thermometer with probes	1
50.	Foot or hand pump	1

*One with each organization. It will be used during the commissioning of biogas plants.

7. List of Consumable Supplies

Name of Trade		Training of Biodigester technical supervisors to construction of Floating drum Biodigesters for Running 1	supervise the ube-wells		
Duration		Five and half weeks			
Sr. No.	Name of Consumable S	upplies (for a group of 25 participants)	Quantity		
	Stationaries				
1.	Flip chart paper				
2.	Meta cards - different col	ours			
3.	Marker pens (Permanent	and board marker)			
4.	Masking tape (rolls)				
5.	Cello tape				
6.	Lime or marking powder				
7.	Biodigester drawing				
8.	Construction manuals				
9.	Operation manual				
10.	Ball pen				
11.	Pencils				

12.	Erasers	
13.	Writing pad/note book	
14.	Glue stick	
15.	Brochures of biodigester technology	
16.	Plastic bag	
17.	White paper (A4)	
	Construction Materials and appliances for 20 m ³ floating drum biodigester	
18.	Cement	
19.	Bricks	
20.	Sand	
21.	Aggregates 20mm	
22.	Inlet pipes PVC 110 mm diameter 3 m long	
23.	MS Rod 10 mm diameter	
24.	Binding wire	
25.	Gas storage drum	
26.	Angle Iron for Guiding frames	
27.	Scaffolding	
28.	PVC/GI pipe and fittings as per site condition	
29.	Biogas filters (CO ₂ scrubber, H ₂ S remover, moisture remover)	
30.	Biogas appliances (as per sit condition and users' need)	
31.	Control valves – as per site condition	
32.	Main gas pipe – GI 1.5" diameter, 1 m long with reducing elbow	
33.	Teflon tape	
34.	Pressure meter	

8. Worker Traits and Related Knowledge

Traits:

- Physically fit/healthy
- Sincere
- Interactive
- Good listener
- Able to work under pressure and difficult circumstances
- Polite
- Cooperative
- Dedicated
- Working with humility
- Intuitive and creative

- Motivating
- Team-spirit
- Trustworthy
- Good communicator
- Influencing
- Hard working
- Out-spoken
- Helpful
- Friendly
- Proactive/ active
- Loyal
- Effeicient

Related Knowledge:

- Basic principle of biogas generation
- Types and functioning of a biodigester
- Measurement, Units of measurements
- Basic mathematics/calculations
- Drawing reading an interpretation
- Masonry works/ construction methods
- Plumbing works
- General mechanical works/welding works
- Operation and functions of different biogas appliances
- Quality standards of construction materials and appliances
- Use of biogas
- Application of bioslurry
- Routine Operational activities
- Minor repair and maintenance of biodigester
- Potential problems and likely solution
- Gas filtering mechanisms
- Effective communication

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