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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 outcome-based 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 'Training of Biodigester Technical Supervisors to Supervise the Construction of Floating Drum Biodigester for Running <u>Tube-wellsPumps</u>'. 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 pumps 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
- advice users for optimal utilization of the products of biodigesters biogas and bioslurry.
- i. 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 knowledge and skills on:
 - o Reading drawings of floating drum biodigesters
 - Selection of biodigester-size, construction sites and construction materials
 - o 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
 - Laying of pipelines and installation filtration system
 - Fitting of end-use-applications (stove, lamps, pumps and generators)
 - 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. Bachelor of Civil Engineering or Diploma in Associate Engineering AE (Civil) with at least 5 years of experience in facilitating technical training or supervision of construction works.

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

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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	Theory ¹ hours	Workplace ² hours	Timeframe of
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 floating drum biodigester, cost and quality estimation, importance of biodigesters, and pre-requisites for installation of a floating drum biodigester.	C1.1: Explain prerequisites for biogas generation C1.2: Explain basic concept of micro-biological activities inside the biodigester C1.3: Describe types and functioning/ working of biodigesters C1.4: Describe benefits of biodigesters and importance of the technology in Pakistan C2.1: Describe basic criteria for designing a floating drum biodigesters C2.2: Interpret the relation between HRT, quantity of feeding materials and required size of biodigester C2.3: Carry out quantity estimation of different sizes of floating drum 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,	hours 40	1	
	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			

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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 quality 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 quality			
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			
acquainted with the correct methods	filtersfiltration/purification system			
of fabricating filter systems; installing	C7.5: Supervise the installation of Tube-			
of pipes and biogas appliances, and	wellspump and/or generator			

(ii) familiarised with different types of	C9.2: Describe the importance of quality			
gas-filtration systems as well as	assurance			
machines (generators, pumps,	C9.3: Ensure that the masons/technicians			
induction motors etc.) to operate with	practice quality norms during construction			
biogas	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 4: Ensure effective operation	C8.1: Describe routine operation activities for	24	16	40
and timely maintenance of floating	trouble-free functioning of biodigester			
drum biodigesters	C8.2: Conduct minor repair and maintenance			
Aim: The aim of this module is to	works			
build capacity of trainees for effective	C8.3: Identify potential problems and likely			
operation and timely maintenance of	solutions			
biodigesters to ensure sustained	C8.4: Explain methods for optimum utilization of			
benefits and optimal use of	biogas and bioslurry			
biodigester products – biogas and	C8.5: Instruct users for effective operation and			
bioslurry to enhance benefits from	maintenance of biodigester			
biodigesters.	C8.6: Conduct Users Training			
	C8.7: Ensure sustainable benefits from			
	biodigester			
	C9.4: Describe the roles and responsibilities of a			
	technical supervisor			
	C9.5: Ensure that occupational health and safety			
	measures are practiced properly		1	
	Total	100	164	264

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

	Dhuton					
C2.1: Describe basic criteria for designing a floating drum biodigesters	Bhutan 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

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estimation of	market process of construction	construction materials		slides, Slide	
different sizes of	materials	 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	
	3			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	0.000.00
drawings	foot-inch and meter-	- Concept of Plan,		projector,	
arawings	centimeter system of	elevation, section,		computer, objects	
	measurement	isometric views of		of different	
	- Demonstrate ability to	drawing		shapes,	
	distinguish different types	diawing		measuring tape,	
	of drawings			models, cut-pieces	
	of drawings				
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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 appliances, pipes and fittings and filter systems	sizes of templates Read drawing of mixing devices Read drawing of biogas stoves and lamps Read drawings of pipes and fittings Read drawings of filter systems	uses - Types of mixing device and uses - Types of pipes, required fittings such as tee, elbow, nipple - CO ₂ scrubber, H ₂ S remover, moisture remover		slides, Slide projector, computer, templates, appliances, pipes and fittings and filter systems with drawings.	
C4.1: Select suitable type of biodigester	The participants will be able to: Explain pre-requisite for the selection of biodigester type such as consideration on durability, reliability, affordability, user- friendliness for construction and operation Describe suitability of different designs in specific site conditions	 Criteria for site selection, proximity to cattle shed and point of application Characteristics of safer construction place Soil conditions 	1 hour	Presentation slides, Slide projector, computer, models of biodigesters	Classroom
C4.2: Select suitable size of biodigester	The participants will be able to: - Explain pre-requisite for the selection of biodigester size - Estimate the quantity of feeding materials (cattle dung) available and gas production - Estimate the quantity of gas required based upon end-use applications - Select suitable size of biodigester based upon	- Criteria for biodigester size selection — availability and accessibility of feeding materials (cattle dung), gas/demand requirements, gas use patterns, types of end-use applications	1 hour	Presentation slides, Slide projector, computer, models of biodigesters	Classroom

	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 Classroom slides, Computer
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-meshreinforced 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, gastightness, slope of roof, welding and jointing 	1 hour	OHP, presentation slides, Computer, visual aids, Sample of construction materials, and bottle for sand test.
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 near cattle shed - Explain why biodigester	far from cattle shed - Effect of temperature on biogas production		visual aids

	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 constructing biodigesters	 Effect of longer pipes on cost and on risk gasleakage 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	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; Theory – 20 hours; Practice – 108 hours

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	for the construction of floating drum		slides, Measuring	training venue
drum (gas holder) -	formworks for erecting	or noating druin		tape, lime,	

(MS Steel drum or wire-mesh- reinforced concrete or fiber-cement drum or glass-fiber reinforced plastic or high-density polyethylene or PVC drum)	floating 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 overflow 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 construction of slurry collection and composting pit	The participants will be able to: - Select location of slurry collection and composing pit - Decide the size of collection and composing pits - Supervise excavation of pits - Construct walls and roof of the pits - Coach and mentor masons to construct slurry collection pits	 Quality standards of construction of slurry pits (proper positioning, suitable volume, proper drainage systems, proper covering to protect against direct sun light) Coaching and mentoring in site 	8 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, Measuring tape, lime, construction tools and equipment, construction materials, visual aids	On-the-job training venue
C9.2: Describe the importance of quality assurance during construction	The participants will be able to: Describe the definition of quality assurance while constructing biodigester Explain why quality in needed while construction Explain how quality is maintained during construction	 Quality assurance is the integral part of biodigester construction Quality control framework Quality control visits 	8 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids	Classroom
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	 Effect of substandard quality of construction on the durability and serviceability of the biodigester Coaching and mentoring in site 		OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids	On-the-job training venue
C9.4: Describe the roles and responsibilities of a	The participants will be able to: - Tell roles and responsibilities of a	Roles and responsibilities of a technical		OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids	Classroom, On-the-job training venue

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

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 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	 Quality standards of pipes and fittings Effect of longer 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 	4 hours	OHP, presentation slides, computer, visual aids, pipes and fittings, plumbing tools and equipment.	On-the-job training venue
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 gaugeser	4 hours	OHP, presentation slides, computer, visual aids, pipes and fittings, plumbing tools and equipment.	On-the-job training venue

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	C7.3: Supervise the fabrication/ manufacturing and preparation of filtersfiltration systems	The participants will be able to: Describe quality standards of fabrication/manufacturing of filter systems Supervise the fabrication of	-	Quality standards of biogas purification system Plumbing skill understanding of functioning of CO2	8 hours	OHP, presentation slides, computer, visual aids, pipes and	Mechanical workshop, on-the-job venue
		CO ₂ scrubber Supervise the fabrication of H ₂ S remover Supervise the fabrication of moisture removal	f -	scrubber understanding of functioning of H ₂ S remover understanding of functioning of functioning of moisture removal		fittings, filter system, plumbing tools and equipment.	
	C7.4: Supervise the installation of gas filtersfiltration/purification system	The participants will be able to: Describe quality standards of filter system Install CO ₂ scrubber Install H ₂ S remover Install moisture removal Inctall gae flow meter Coach and mentor technicians to install filtration systems	-	Quality standards and methods to install filter systems (CO2 scrubber, H2S remover, moisture removal) Method to install gas flow motor 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	-		8 hours	OHP, presentation slides, computer, visual aids, pipes and fittings, plumbing tools and equipment.	On-the-job training venue

C9.2: Describe the importance of quality assurance during installing electromechanical components	arrangements, generators, control systems and blowers/compressors - Coach and mentor technicians to install pump/generator 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	- Coaching and mentoring techniques - Quality assurance is the integral part of installation of pipes, fittings and appliances - Quality control framework - Quality control visits	8 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids	Classroom
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, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids	On-the-job training venue
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	- Roles and responsibilities of a biogas technician (mason) to install		OHP, Presentation slides, computer,	On-the-job training venue

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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 Required	Learning Place
C8.1: Describe routine operation activities for trouble-free functioning of biodigester	The participants will be able to: Prescribe correct quantity of feeding Describe the effect of underfeeding and over-feeding Demonstrate efficient use of different appliances such as water drain, main valve, gas taps Perform leakage testing Explain dos and don'ts dos for effective functioning of biodigesters	 Operational activities such as feeding of biodigester, checking of gas leakages, regeneration of filter media Potential problems and likely solutions Users' training on operation and maintenance 	8 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids.	Classroom, simulation
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	- Methods to use pH meter, pressure meter, foot pump, gas flow meter to identify potential problems - Method to carry out leakage tests - Characteristics of	4 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids, pressure testing tools	Classroom, simulation

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	bioslurry to asses potential		digested and			
	problems		undigested			
			bioslurry			
C8.4: Explain	The participants will be able to:	-		4 hours	OHP, Presentation	Classroom,
methods for	 Describe different uses of 		end use		slides, computer,	simulation
optimum utilization	biogas and biogas		application to		visual aids	
of biogas and	appliances		optimize the use			
bioslurry	 Identify potentials for 		of biogas			
	diversification of biogas end	-	Effect of surplus			
	use applications		biogas escaping			
	- Tell the effect of under-		into atmosphere			
	utilisation of biogas	-	Characteristics of			
	- Describe characteristics and		FYM and			
	benefits of bioslurry		bioslurry			
	- Apply suitable methods for	_	Advantages of			
	optimal utilisation of		bioslurry over			
	bioslurry		FYM			
	- Describe the benefits of	_	Proper handling			
	composting of bioslurry		of bioslurry			
C8.5: Instruct users	The participants will be able to:	-	Potential	4 hours	OHP, Presentation	Classroom,
for effective	Inform potential problems		problem and		slides, computer,	simulation
operation and	and likely solutions to users		likely solution		visual aids	
maintenance of	- Teach users to carry out	-	Orientation to			
biodigester	effective operation works		users			
o a	Teach users to carry out	_	Need of capacity			
	minor repair and		building of users			
	maintenance works		for effective			
			operation and			
			maintenance			
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	L	Training and		visual aids,	user's house
19	maintenance and use of		facilitation skill		simulation	
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			bioslurry			
C8.7: Ensure sustainable benefits from biodigester	The participants will be able to: Provide warranty to ensure long term functioning of biodigester Perform timely after-sale services Provide user's manual	-	Warranty provisions Importance of users' manual Need of after- sale-services	4 hours	OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids, warranty card	Classroom, simulation
C8.3: Describe the roles and responsibilities of a technical supervisor	The participants will be able to: Tell roles and responsibilities of a biogas technician while operation and maintenance Describe what happens if a biogas technician does not fulfil his/her responsibilities	-	Roles and responsibilities of technicians to ensure effective operation and maintenance of a biodigester		OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids	On-the-job training venue
C8.4: Ensure that occupational health and safety measures are practiced during O&M	The participants will be able to: Demonstrate proper use of personal safety gears such as helmet, dongri, safety shoes, safety belt Exhibit safe use of maintenance tools and equipment Practice safety measures at works	-	Safety precautions during the operation and maintenance Proper use of safety tools and equipment Safe handling of maintenance tools and equipment		OHP, Presentation slides, computer, visual aids, safety gears	On-the-job training venue

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
- o structured activities, for example:
 - simulation exercises/role-plays
 - projects
 - presentations
 - · activity sheets
- questioning, for example:
 - o written questions, e.g. on a computer
 - o interviews

- self-assessment
- verbal questioning
- questionnaires
- o 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
- o review of products, for example:
 - · products as a result of a project
 - · work samples/products
- o 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	1	-	Trainees should be asked for:	Knowledge test	At the end
for biogas generation			- Ideal conditions for biogas	(Oral Questions,	of training
			generation	pre-training and	
			 Effects of temperature, 	post-training tests,	
			HRT, pH, carbon/nitrogen	written test-	
			ration, water-dung ratio on	objective type of	
			biogas production	questions)	
			- Biogas generation per kg of		
			cattle dung		
C1.2: Explain basic	4	-	Trainees should be asked for:	Knowledge test	
concept of micro-biological			- Effects of (i) temperature,	(Oral Questions,	
activities inside the			(ii) pH, (iii) total solid	pre-training and	
biodigester			(dilution factor) content, (iv)	post-training tests,	
			mixing quality, (v) carbon-	written test-	
			nitrogen ratio, (vi) HRT and	objective type of	
			(vii) over and under-feeding,	questions)	
			on the production of biogas		
			- 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	4	4	Trainees should be asked for: - Difference between fixed dome and floating drum biodigesters - Working principle of a biodigester (maximum and minimum pressure, hydraulic flow pattern, short circuiting)	Knowledge test (Oral Questions, pre-training and post-training tests)	At the end of training
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	2	-	Trainee should be asked for: - concept of HRT and its	Knowledge test (Oral Questions,	At the end of training

feeding materials and			effect on size selection	pre-training and	
required size of biodigester			 types of feeding materials and estimated HRT 	post-training tests)	
			 Different sizes of biodigesters and quantity of feeding materials needed. 		
C2.3: Carry out quantity	2	2	The trainee should demonstrate	Knowledge test	At the end
estimation of different sizes			skill and knowledge on:	(Oral Questions,	of training,
of floating drum biodigester			 basic addition, subtraction and multiplication and division, and proper use of 	pre-training and post-training tests),	during session
			calculators	performance test –	
			- types and quantity of	simulated exercise	
			construction materials	on estimating	
			needed for construction		
			 Quantity estimation format, 		
			norms and methods, use of		
			calculators		
C2.4: Carry out cost	2	2	Trainees should be asked for:	Knowledge test	At the end
estimation of different			 Method of estimating 	(Oral Questions,	of training,
sizes of floating drum			(calculation of quantity,	pre-training and	during
biodigester			market prices of various	post-training	session
			construction materials)	tests),	
			- Cost estimation formats,	performance test –	
			norms and methods, use of	simulated exercise	
			calculators	on estimating	
C3.1: Describe the basic	1	-	Trainees should be asked:	Knowledge test	At the end
concepts of a drawing of an			- Why drawings are needed	(Oral Questions,	of training
object			 What happens without drawing 	Simulations)	
C3.2: Demonstrate ability	2	-	Trainees should be asked:	Knowledge test	During the
to read basic drawings			- to identify plan, section,	(Oral Questions,	session
			elevation and isometric	Simulations)	and at the
			views.		end of
			_		training

C3.3: Demonstrate ability	2	-	Trainees should be asked:	Knowledge test	During	the
of interpret drawing of			- to read measurements of	(Oral Questions,	session	
floating drum biodigesters			different components of a	Simulations),	and at	the
			biodigester	Exercise to read a	end	of
				drawing	training	
C3.4: Read and interpret	1	-	Trainees should be asked to:	Knowledge test	During	the
drawings of templates,			- Tell measurements of	(Oral Questions,	session	
appliances, pipes and			different components of	Simulations),	and at	the
fittings and filter systems			templates	Exercise to read a	end	of
			- Name appliances, pipes and	drawing	training	
			fittings showing them the			
			drawings			
			 Describe different types of 			
			filters			
C4.1: Select suitable type	1	-	Trainees should be asked to:	Knowledge test	At the	end
of biodigester			 Name different types of 	(Oral Questions,	of traini	ng
			biodigesters	During the session		
			- Select suitable type for a	and at the end of		
			specific case	training		
				Simulations, Case		
				presentation)		
C4.2: Select suitable size	1	-	Trainees should be asked:	Knowledge test	At the	end
of biodigester			- to calculate amount of dung	(Oral Questions,	of traini	ng
			required for different sizes	Simulations, Case		
			of biodigesters	presentation)		
			 to calculate gas demand. 			
			- How will they advise others			
			to select suitable size of			
			biodigesters			
C5.1: Name different types	1	-	Trainees should be asked:	Knowledge test	During	the
of construction materials			- to name types of	(Oral questions	session	
needed for constructing a			construction materials	Observation	and at	the
floating drum biodigester			needed to construct floating	Simulations)	end	of
			drum biodigesters		training	
C5.2: Appraise quality	1	-	Trainees should be asked:	Knowledge test	During	the

standards of construction			- To describe basic quality	(Oral questions,	session	
materials			standards of construction	simulations)	and at	the
			materials To conduct bottle		end	of
			test to test quality of sand		training	
			- To conduct drop test to test			
			quality of brick			
			- To conduct abrasion test to			
			test quality of stones			
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	

	- 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	
C6.1: Supervise the construction of digester	1	31	Trainees should know: - how to do layout - how to set a reference line - how to construct foundation - how to construct digester 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.	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	During on- the-job sessions and at the end of training	
C6.2: Supervise the installing of floating drum (gas holder) – (MS Steel drum or wire-mesh-reinforced concrete or	1	31	Trainees should know: - How to backfill the walls before making formwork/mould for constructing gas holder - How to prepare framework and scaffoldings	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	During on- the-job sessions and at the end of training	

fiber-cement drum or glass- fiber reinforced plastic or high-density polyethylene or PVC drum)			How to install central and side guiding frame How to remove 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 construction of outlet/ hydraulic chamber	1	23	Trainees should demonstrate skill: - to properly fix the outlet pipe - to construct the foundation of outlet tank - 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	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	During on- the-job sessions and at the end of training
			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-

C6.5: Supervise the construction of slurry collection and composting pit	1	7	 how to select the location of inlet how to construct foundation of inlet 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. Trainee should be asked for: the correct size and dimensions of a slurry pit for the given size of biodigester different methods of constructing bioslurry pits (earthen lined, plastic-sheet lined, masonry walls etc.) Participants should be able to advise farmers on digging and constructing correct size compost pits. They should be capable of coaching and 	Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on-the-job) Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on-the-job)	sessions and at the end of training During on-
			compost pits. They should be capable of coaching and mentoring masons while construction.		
C9.2: Describe the	1	-	Trainees should be asked about:	Knowledge test	At the end of

	importance of quality assurance			 the importance of quality assurances while constructing a biodigester effects of sub-standard works on the long-term functioning of a biodigester 	(Oral questions, case presentation)	training
	C9.2: Describe the importance of quality assurance during construction	1	2	Trainees should be asked for: - Do's andnot don't's dos while construction - how to comply with the set quality standards	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	At the end of training
	C9.3: Ensure that the masons/ technicians practice quality norms during construction/ installation	-	1	Trainees should be asked for: Importance of compliances of quality norms Methods to check the compliance Methods to coach and mentor masons	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	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 promotion, extension, and construction 	Knowledge test (Oral questions, case presentation)	At the end of training
	C9.5: Ensure that occupational health and safety measures are practiced properly	1	1	Trainee should be asked about their understanding on occupational health and safety measures during construction Trainee should be observed whether he/she has practiced occupational health and safety measures Training on confined space entry	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	4	4	Trainees should be asked for: - Frequency of Quality control	Knowledge and Performance tests	During on- 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	1	3	- Trainees should be able to tell	Knowledge and	During on-the-
installation of pipeline			and demonstrate the correct	Performance tests	job sessions
			procedures of pipeline fitting,	(Oral questions,	and at the end
			e,g. with minimum joints,	observation on-	of training
			using proper sealing agents,	the-job)	
			shortest alignment, correct		
			sizes.		
C7.2: Supervise the	1	3	- Trainees should be able to tell	Knowledge and	During on-the-
installation of			and demonstrate the correct	Performance tests	job sessions
appliances/equipments			procedures of fitting of	(Oral questions,	and at the end
			appliances as per the user's	observation on-	of training
			need.	the-job)	
C7.3: Supervise the	2	6	Trainees should be asked for:	Knowledge and	During on-the-
fabrication/			 Fabrication method of CO₂ 	Performance tests	job sessions
manufacturing and			scrubber, H ₂ S remover, and	(Oral questions,	and at the end
preparation of filtration			water remover	observation on-	of training
systems			 Necessary filter media and 	the-job)	
			quantity		
C7.4: Supervise the	2	6	Trainee should be asked:	Knowledge and	During on-the-
installation of gas			 Why filters are needed 	Performance tests	job sessions
filtration/purification			 What types of filters are 	(Oral questions,	and at the end
system filters			needed (CO ₂ scrubber, H ₂ S	observation on-	of training
			filter, moisture remover)	the-job)	
			- How to install these filters, eg.		
			with proper filter media,		

			proper sequence, ease in regenerating filter media etc.		
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 andnet don't's-des 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 	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training

			 Trainee should be observed whether he/she has practiced occupational health and safety measures 		
C9.6: Conduct routine quality control visits and manage data properly	4	4	 Frequency of Quality control visits Types of quality control forms and formats 	Performance tests (Oral questions,	During on-the- job session and at the end of training

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

Learning Units	Theory /s/hours	Workplace Days/hours	Recommended formative assessment	Recommended Methodology	Scheduled Dates
C8.1: Describe routine operation activities for trouble-free functioning of biodigester	4	4	Trainees should be asked for: Required quality of feeding for a given size of biodigester Water-dung ratio Characteristics of proper feeding and effect of 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.)	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, case presentation observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training
		1	Participants should be able to		1

			realize the importance of proper O&M		
C8.2: Conduct minor repair and maintenance works	4	4	Trainee should be asked for: - Demonstrating skill to carry out minor maintenance works such changing of washers, repairing of valves, repair/ changing of mixture machine, repair of appliances	Knowledge and Performance tests (Oral questions, case presentation observation on- the-job)	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training
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	(Oral questions, case presentation	During on-the- job sessions and at the end of training

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

6. List of Tools, Machinery & Equipment

Name of	Trade Training of Biodigester technical supervisors to sup of Floating drum Biodigesters for Running Tube-wel					
Duration	Five and half weeks (33 days or 264 hours)					
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	<u>5</u> 2				
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 <u>each</u>				
18.	Mason's hammer	5				
19.	Hammer – 1.5 kg and 3 kg	5 <u>each</u>				
20	Templates (different sizes according to size of biodigester)	2				
21. 20.	Straight Edge (4 ft long), metal or wooden	5				
22. 21.	Level pipe (transparent plastic)	2				
23. 22.	String/thread roll	5				
24. 23.	Lime for layout	5 kg				
25. 24.	Iron trough/mortar pan – GI 18" dia (for handling concrete, mortar)	10				
26. 25.	Line and pins	LS				
27. 26.	Spirit level	3				

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28. 27.	Brushes (wire brush, painting brush)	<u>5 each</u> 10
29. 28.	Shovel with handle	5
30. 29	Builders square	5
31. 30	Striker for horizontal and vertical joints	5
32. 31	Steel float – small, medium and large	5
33. 32	Wooden float – small, medium and large	5
34. 33	Mason's Tool bag	25
	Plumbing tools	
35. 34	Hexa-frame and blade sets	5
36. 35	Pipe wrench – 9" and 12"	2 each
37. 36.	Plier/slide wrench	2
38. 37.	Spanners	2
39. 38.	Needle file	2
40. 39	Dice and vice set	1
	Personal Protective equipment	
<u>41.40.</u>	Helmet	25
42. 41.	Dungaree (Working Dress)	25
43. 42.	Safety belt	25
44. 43.	Boots	25
45. 44	Gloves	25
46. 45.	Rain coats	25
	Biogas Related Appliances/Equipment	
47. 46.	Pressure meter	1
48. 47.	*Biogas analyser	1
4 9. 48.	pH meter	1
50. 49.	Thermometer with probes	1
51. 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 Tr		Training of Biodigester construction of Floating wells Pumps		
Duration		Five and half weeks (33 day	s or 264 hours)	
Sr. No.	Name of Consumable S	upplies (for a group of 25 p	participants)	Quantity

	Stationaries	
1.	Flip chart paper	
2.	Meta cards – different colours	
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

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- 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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