



**Monitoring report form for CDM project activity
(Version 07.0)**

MONITORING REPORT		
Title of the project activity	Biogas Support Program - Nepal (BSP-Nepal) Activity-1	
UNFCCC reference number of the project activity	0136	
Version number of the PDD applicable to this monitoring report	10	
Version number of this monitoring report	01	
Completion date of this monitoring report	16/02/2021	
Monitoring period number	12	
Duration of this monitoring period	01/08/2019 to 31/12/2020 (including both days)	
Monitoring report number for this monitoring period	1	
Project participants	Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC)	
Host Party	Nepal	
Applied methodologies and standardized baselines	Applied Methodology: AMS.I.E. (ver. 09) Switch from Non-Renewable Biomass for Thermal Applications by the User Standardized baselines: Not applicable	
Sectoral scopes	Type I: Energy Industries (renewable/ non renewable sources)	
Amount of GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals achieved by the project activity in this monitoring period	Amount achieved before 1 January 2013	Amount achieved from 1 January 2013
	0	45,581 tCO ₂ e
Amount of GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals estimated ex ante for this monitoring period in the PDD	50,630 tCO ₂ e	

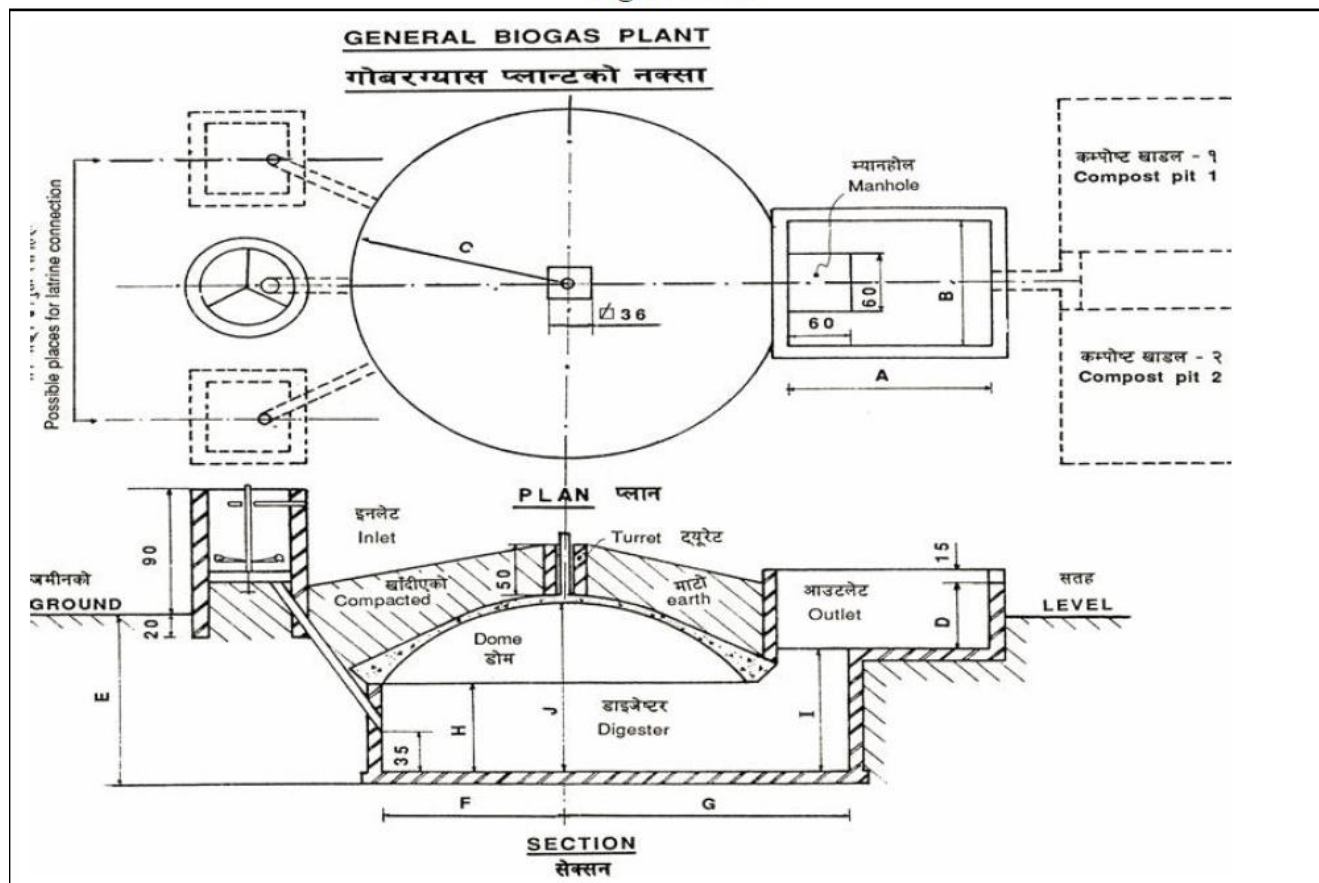
SECTION A. Description of project activity

A.1. General description of project activity

The Biogas Support Program – Nepal (BSP-Nepal) Activity-1 was registered as a CDM project with the UNFCCC on 27 December 2005. The project activity reduces Green House Gas (GHG) emissions by displacing conventionally used fuel sources for cooking, such as fuel wood, kerosene, dung cakes and agricultural residues. The proposed project activity is a sub-project of the national biogas programme called Biogas Support Programme (BSP). Since it is the sub-activity of the umbrella biogas program, the sub-project is named as BSP-Nepal Activity-1. The project includes 9692 biogas plants of various sizes that are installed in several parts of Nepal during the period November 1, 2003 to June 15, 2004. Biogas Sector Partnership, Nepal (BSP/N) supported AEPC to implement BSP-Nepal Activity-1.

The household biogas digester units to be sold under this project activity will provide biogas for the thermal energy needs of households with at least 2 heads of cattle (cow or buffalo) and will displace fossil fuel and/or non-renewable biomass products (firewood). Farming households living in villages in remote areas are the primary buyers of biogas units. The biogas units are based on a uniform technical design and are manufactured and installed following technical standards established in Nepal. The households will feed the dung of cattle (cows or buffaloes) mixed with water into the biogas plant, which through anaerobic digestion will produce biogas. The retention time of the slurry inside the tank is around 3 months. The figure below shows the technical design of the biogas plant.

Figure A.4.2



The total emission reductions achieved during the current monitoring period have been calculated as 45,581 tCO₂e.

A.2. Location of project activity

The digesters are located in various regions and provinces in Nepal. Each digester is uniquely identified through a plant code in the BSP database. Since the project sites are scattered across the country, the range of geographical coordinates of the country, i.e. 26°N – 30°N, 80°E – 88°E is provided as the

reference for this project activity. The table below summarizes the plants included in the project in terms of their sizes as well as their locations in various ecological regions of the country.

Table 1: Summary of Plants with Different Sizes and Constructed in Different Ecological Regions in the CDM Project

Project Activity 1 (1 Nov 2003 to 15 June 2004)					
Location	4 m3	6 m3	8 m3	10 m3	Total
Hill	1,284	3,121	106	6	4,517
Remote Hill	19	44	7	-	70
Terrai	199	3,807	988	111	5,105
Total	1,502	6,972	1,101	117	9,692

The table below provides a summary of the 9,692 plants included in the project activity in terms of their locations in various districts of Nepal.

Table 2: District Wise Distribution of Biogas Plants in BSP-Nepal Activity 1

Districts	Number of Plants	Districts	Number of Plants	Districts	Number of Plants
Arghakhachi	21	Kabrepalanchowk	190	Rasuwa	23
Baglung	11	Kailali	571	Rautahat	70
Baitadi	1	Kanchanpur	469	Rupandehi	279
Banke	148	Kapilbastu	220	Sankhuwasabha	31
Bara	124	Kaski	573	Saptari	8
Bardiya	264	Kathmandu	70	Sarlahi	181
Bhaktapur	60	Lalitpur	101	Sindhuli	200
Chitawan	575	Lamjung	249	Sindhupalchowk	29
Dadeldhura	10	Mahottari	45	Siraha	11
Dang	352	Makawanpur	596	Solukhumbu	10
Darchula	29	Morang	398	Sunsari	226
Dhading	54	Myagdi	26	Surkhet	81
Dhankuta	135	Nawalparasi	423	Syangja	273
Dhanusa	13	Nuwakot	103	Tanahu	694
Dolakha	112	Palpa	215	Taplejung	9
Doti	5	Panchther	41	Terathum	3
Gorkha	171	Parbat	74	Udayapur	91
Gulmi	74	Parsa	21	Total	9,692
Ilam	107	Pyuthan	19		
Jhapa	707	Ramechhap	96		

A.3. Parties and project participants

Parties involved	Project participants	Indicate if the Party involved wishes to be considered as project participant (Yes/No)
Nepal (host)	Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC)	No

A.4. References to applied methodologies and standardized baselines

Methodology used: AMS-I.E. ver. 9 - Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user

Reference: <https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/DB/WHTQUFLWCVNB9CIUZC198A712WGQR4>

A.5. Crediting period type and duration

01/08/2018 – 31/07/2025 (Renewable)

SECTION B. Implementation of project activity

B.1. Description of implemented project activity

The first digester in the project activity was installed and became operational on 01/11/2003 and the last digester in the project was installed and became operational on 15/06/2004. The installation of digesters included in this project is thus completed.

Biogas User Survey was conducted during February-March, 2020 in regular frequency and field survey was concluded before the lockdown due to COVID-19. No any major events affecting biogas digester equipment that impact the applicability of the methodology for any of the biogas digester that are included in the project activity were not reported during the monitoring period.

B.2. Post-registration changes

B.2.1. Temporary deviations from the registered monitoring plan, applied methodologies, standardized baselines or other methodological regulatory documents

N/A

B.2.2. Corrections

N/A

B.2.3. Changes to the start date of the crediting period

N/A

B.2.4. Inclusion of monitoring plan

N/A

B.2.5. Permanent changes to the registered monitoring plan, or permanent deviation of monitoring from the applied methodologies, standardized baselines, or other methodological regulatory documents

N/A

B.2.6. Changes to project design

N/A

B.2.7. Changes specific to afforestation or reforestation project activity

N/A

SECTION C. Description of monitoring system

The project monitoring system implemented includes assessment of the performance of biogas units, consumption of woody biomass after project activity by pre-project devices and collection of data to confirm the displacement of NRB.

The registered PDD requires monitoring of the following parameters:

1. Average annual consumption of woody biomass per household in the pre-project devices during the project activity, if it is found that pre-project devices were not completely displaced but continue to be used to some extent.
2. Digester performance (Operational %) of the biogas digester in particular monitoring period to calculate the Quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced.
3. Monitoring should confirm the displacement or substitution of the non-renewable biomass at each location (using the indicators on the use of NRB as detailed earlier).

1. Average Annual Consumption of Woody Biomass:

The average consumption of woody biomass after project activity was assessed based on the annual Biogas User Survey (BUS). The Annual Biogas User Survey was conducted following the Guideline for Sampling

and Surveys for CDM Project activities and Programme of Activities, Version 4. As part of the survey, statistically representative sample of biogas users was surveyed and in order to achieve 90% confidence interval and a 10% margin of error requirement for the sampled parameters. The sample was taken from different geographical regions (Terai, Hill and Mountain), proportionate to the bundled plants in the project. In order to have an unbiased and independent assessment, the survey was carried out through an independent agency

2. Digester performance.

The performance of the bio-digesters and continued displacement of NRB was assessed based on the annual Biogas User Survey (BUS). The Annual Biogas User Survey was conducted following the Guideline for Sampling and Surveys for CDM Project activities and Programme of Activities Version 4. As part of the survey, statistically representative sample of biogas users was surveyed and in order to achieve 90% confidence interval and a 10% margin of error requirement for the sampled parameters. The sample was taken from different geographical regions (Terai, Hill and Mountain), proportionate to the bundled plants in the project. In order to have an unbiased and independent assessment, the survey was carried out through an independent agency to check the operation/functioning of the biogas units installed as part of the project activity. To monitor performance of the digester, the following parameter was monitored through the BUS:

- (i) Digester operation at the time the survey is conducted.

3. Displacement of NRB. The fraction of the Non Renewable Biomass displaced by the project activity has been determined ex-ante in the PDD and has been fixed for the third crediting period. The fraction of non-renewable biomass has been fixed ex ante as 86.1%. The following indicators were monitored through annual survey to confirm the displacement of NRB use by households, Perceptions of the biogas users on these indicators were captured through survey and analysed. The indicators included:

- a. Trends in distance travelled for firewood gathering or trends in time needed for firewood gathering indicating depletion of resources available
- b. Trends in price of firewood indicating demand and scarcity
- c. Trends in type of cooking fuel collected that could indicate scarcity of fire wood.

At least two of the above indicators should confirm the displacement of non-renewable biomass. The survey collected the data pertaining to the indicators. All the monitored data required for verification and issuance will be kept for two years after the end of the crediting period.

Roles and Responsibilities

BSP was supported by the Nepalese government and international donors including the German Development Bank (KfW) and the Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV funded by DGIS). An overview of the responsibilities of all organisations involved in the programme were as follows:

Alternative Energy Promotion Centre- Operation and Management Plan

- The AEPC is responsible for overall coordination and the execution of the BSP.
- The AEPC is responsible for overall monitoring and evaluation together with SNV/N and other development partners).
- The AEPC is responsible for carrying out Annual Biogas Users" Survey that is also in line with the requirements of the CDM. The Biogas Users' Survey reports the performance of the digesters as well as perceptions of biogas users on the various indicators that confirm the displacement of NRB.

Netherlands Development Organization in Nepal

- The SNV/N provided advisory services to organizations of the biogas sector. The advisory services were provided on a demand-driven basis in technical, promotion, marketing, poverty linkage, gender and social inclusion, capacity strengthening aspects.
- The SNV/N was responsible for overall monitoring and evaluation together with the AEPC and other development partners).

BSP-Nepal

- The BSP-NEPAL as an implementing agency supported in facilitation, backstopping, promotion as well as regulating to develop the sector.
- The AEPC through BSP-NEPAL was responsible for quality control and regular monitoring of the subsidised biogas plants, including qualification of companies, performance evaluation, grading, penalty, bonus, disqualification as well as for provision of after-sales services and warrantee.

Biogas Companies (BCs)

- BCs were responsible to disseminate information on the programme, its benefits, the subsidy, credit, etc. from BSP-NEPAL and other partners.
- BCs were responsible to promote market and construct quality biogas plants.
- BCs were responsible to handover the Users' Manual and other information materials from BSP-NEPAL and train the users on operation and maintenance of the plants.
- BCs were responsible for training users on proper use of slurry, composting and use of it.
- BCs were responsible to complete documentation required for processing of subsidy, and for release of the after-sales service guarantee money and submit them to BSP-NEPAL in a timely manner.
- BCs were responsible to cooperate and accompany BSP-NEPAL personnel in the field for quality control and other verification purposes.
- BCs are responsible to facilitate AEPC, its staffs and any other entity entrusted by AEPC to monitor and verify project activity.

BCs regularly visit households and deliver the promised after-sales service and other services fully respecting the promised guarantee. They continue providing these services perpetually even after expiry of the guarantee period but on demand basis charging the households for the cost incurred

SECTION D. Data and parameters

D.1. Data and parameters fixed ex ante

Data/Parameter	f_{NRBy}
Unit	%
Description	Fraction of woody biomass saved by the project activity during year y that can be established as non-renewable biomass
Source of data	Calculated as per "TOOL30: Calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass"
Value(s) applied	86.1 %
Choice of data or measurement methods and procedures	The value is calculated as 86.1% using the national statistics and also validated by the Ministry of Forest and Environment, Government of Nepal.
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emission
Additional comments	This parameter is fixed for the crediting period.

Data/Parameter	$EF_{\text{projected fossil fuel}}$
Unit	tCO ₂ /TJ
Description	Emission factor for the projected fossil fuel consumption in the baseline.
Source of data	IPCC
Value(s) applied	63.7
Choice of data or measurement methods and procedures	Default value (AMS-I.E. Version 09 requires using this value).
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of emission reduction
Additional comments	The value is fixed for the crediting period

Data/Parameter	N_{HH}
Unit	Number
Description	Number of households in the project activity in year y
Source of data	BSP database.
Value(s) applied	9,692
Choice of data or measurement methods and procedures	The registration procedure of the BSP database avoids double counting of digesters and the registration of digesters that have not been commissioned. The BSP database is the basis for subsidy disbursement.
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emission

Additional comments	During calculation of Emission Reduction, the actual number of households having the biogas operational are considered.
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Data/Parameter	BC_{BLHH,y}
Unit	tonne/household/year
Description	Average annual consumption of woody biomass per household before the start of the project activity
Source of data	Based on survey (Biogas User Survey (BUS)) for the project activity.
Value(s) applied	5.06
Choice of data or measurement methods and procedures	Calculated using option (b) Historical data or a sample survey conducted as per the latest version of the "Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities;" Biogas User Survey follows the standard sampling and surveys indicated in the PDD registered for second crediting period.
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emission
Additional comments	This value is used in the calculations and is fixed for the crediting period.

D.2. Data and parameters monitored

Data/Parameter	Date of commissioning of project device of type i
Unit	Date
Description	Actual date of commissioning of the project device.
Measured/calculated/default	Default
Source of data	Internal database/records
Value(s) of monitored parameter	Constructed between November 1, 2003 to June 15, 2004
Monitoring equipment	Data base
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Fixed and recorded at the time of commissioning
Calculation method (if applicable)	The registration procedure of the BSP database avoids double counting of digesters and the registration of digesters that have not been commissioned. The commissioning date is the basis for subsidy disbursement
QA/QC procedures	This can be checked from the commissioning report and subsidy application form.
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emission
Additional comments	N/A

Data/Parameter	NCV_{biomass}
Unit	TJ/tonne
Description	Net calorific value of the non-renewable woody biomass, briquettes or charcoal used in project devices
Measured/calculated/default	Default
Source of data	Methodology AMS I.E. Version 09
Value(s) of monitored parameter	0.0156
Monitoring equipment	N/A
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	N/A

Calculation method (if applicable)	De-fault value will be applied from the methodology AMS I.E version 09
QA/QC procedures	N/A
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emission
Additional comments	N/A

Data/Parameter	$BC_{PJ,HH,y}$
Unit	tonnes/household/year
Description	Average annual consumption of woody biomass per household in the pre-project devices during the project activity, if it is found that pre-project devices were not completely displaced but continue to be used to some extent.
Measured/calculated/default	Calculated
Source of data	Biogas User Survey
Value(s) of monitored parameter	0.46
Monitoring equipment	Survey
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	At least once every two years (biennial)
Calculation method (if applicable)	Biogas User Survey is conducted on a sample of households. The sample size is determined to achieve 90% confidence interval and a 10% margin of error. During the survey, the estimates of the biogas users on the average annual consumption of woody biomass during the monitoring period is captured.
QA/QC procedures	Though the methodology requires sample survey biannually, PP conducts the user survey annually to ensure the number of biogas digesters operational for that particular year.
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emission
Additional comments	ERs will be accounted only for functional biogas in the particular monitoring period.

Data/Parameter	B_y
Unit	tonnes/household/year
Description	Quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced
Measured/calculated/default	Calculated
Source of data	Biogas User Survey
Value(s) of monitored parameter	56,078.02 tonnes
Monitoring equipment	Survey
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Once in a year

Calculation method (if applicable)	<p>The calculation of the By depends on the operational status of the biogas units for the particular monitoring period and the operational status will be checked annually during the Biogas User Survey. From the total population of biogas units included in the project activity, statistically representative samples will be drawn for the purpose of carrying out the survey. The sample size is determined to achieve 90% confidence interval and a 10% margin of error. The percentage of biogas units found to be operational during the sample survey shall be used to calculate the weighted average operational status of the biogas which then will be used to calculate By as follows:</p> <p>$By = N_{HH} * (BC_{BL,HH,y} - BC_{PJ,HH,y})$ or By per household will be $(BC_{BL,HH,y} - BC_{PJ,HH,y})$</p>
QA/QC procedures	Every year, the Internal Quality Control System samples 5% of the digesters that are newly implemented in that year, 2.5% of the digesters that implemented a year before and another 2.5% of the digesters implemented two years before that particular year. However, since the digesters included in this project activity were implemented in 2003/2004 and the third crediting period is started only in 2018, results from the internal quality system will not apply to the project activity for future monitoring. This parameter will therefore be monitored as part of the annual biogas users' survey.
Purpose of data/parameter	Calculation of baseline emission
Additional comments	Once the biogas included in the project activity completes its operational lifetime of 20 years, those biogas will not be considered for the next consecutive monitoring.

Data/Parameter	Trends in distance travelled for firewood gathering or trends in time needed for firewood gathering indicating depletion of resources available
Unit	-
Description	This parameter was used to confirm the displacement or substitution of the non-renewable woody biomass at each location.
Measured/calculated/default	Calculated.
Source of data	Biogas User Survey 2019/20.
Value(s) of monitored parameter	The majority (51.1%) of respondents felt that the time to travel forest to collect firewood has increased.
Monitoring equipment	Survey.
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Annually.
Calculation method (if applicable)	Annual Biogas User Survey was conducted on sample households. The sample size was determined to achieve 90% confidence interval and 10% margin of error. During the survey, the perceptions of the biogas users on the distance travelled and the time spent for firewood harnessing was captured and analyzed to show the depletion of resources.
QA/QC procedures	The registered PDD required the survey to be carried out on 80 households in anticipation of non-responses. A sample size of 100 households was considered for the 2019/20 survey, which is more than the sample size specified in the monitoring plan of the registered PDD. The number of households in the sample was increased to remedy the possibility of incomplete questionnaires. The surveyors were trained and supervised to minimize any bias.
Purpose of data/parameter	To confirm the displacement and substitution of the non-renewable woody biomass
Additional comments	NA

Data/Parameter	Trends in price of firewood indicating demand and scarcity
Unit	-
Description	This parameter was used to confirm the displacement or substitution of the non-renewable woody biomass at each location.
Measured/calculated/default	Calculated.
Source of data	Biogas User Survey 2019/20.
Value(s) of monitored parameter	The cost of fuel-wood per kg was NRs. 4.6 in 1989 which is increased to NRs. 21.3 per kg during the survey period. The increasing trend in fuel wood price reflects the fuel-wood scarcity.
Monitoring equipment	Survey.
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Annually.
Calculation method (if applicable)	Annual Biogas User Survey was conducted on sample households. The sample size was determined to achieve 90% confidence interval and 10% margin of error. During the survey, the perceptions of the biogas users on the price of firewood was captured and analyzed to show the increase demand and scarcity of firewood.
QA/QC procedures	The registered PDD required the survey to be carried out on 80 households in anticipation of non-responses. A sample size of 100 households was considered for the 2019/20 survey, which is more than the sample size specified in the monitoring plan of the registered PDD. The number of households in the sample was increased to remedy the possibility of incomplete questionnaires. The surveyors were trained and supervised to minimize any bias.
Purpose of data/parameter	To confirm the displacement and substitution of the non-renewable woody biomass
Additional comments	NA

Data/Parameter	Trends in type of cooking fuel collected that would indicate a scarcity of firewood.
Unit	-
Description	This parameter was use to confirm the displacement or substitution of non-renewable woody biomass at each location.
Measured/calculated/default	Calculated.
Source of data	Biogas User Survey 2019/20.
Value(s) of monitored parameter	Majority (89.60%) of respondents in all ecological regions responded that they replaced woody biomass with lower quality fuels such as twigs, branches and agricultural residues. This change in trends in the quality of biomass fuel suggest the scarcity of woody biomass for cooking
Monitoring equipment	Survey.
Measuring/reading/recording frequency	Annually.
Calculation method (if applicable)	Annual Biogas User Survey was conducted on sample households. The sample size was determined to achieve 90% confidence interval and 10% margin of error. During the survey, the type of cooking fuel used by households was assessed to demonstrate the scarcity of firewood.

QA/QC procedures	The registered PDD required the survey to be carried out on 80 households in anticipation of non-responses. A sample size of 100 households was considered for the 2019/20 survey, which is more than the sample size specified in the monitoring plan of the registered PDD. The number of households in the sample was increased to remedy the possibility of incomplete questionnaires. The surveyors were trained and supervised to minimize any bias.
Purpose of data/parameter	To confirm the displacement and substitution of the non-renewable woody biomass
Additional comments	NA

D.3. Implementation of sampling plan

Parameters monitored

The project monitoring system implemented in the project includes assessment of the performance of biogas units and collection of data to confirm the displacement of NRB. Following parameters are monitored:

1. Average annual consumption of woody biomass per household in the pre-project devices during the project activity, if it is found that pre-project devices were not completely displaced but continue to be used to some extent.
2. Digester performance (Operational %) of the biogas digester in particular monitoring period to calculate the Quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced.
3. Monitoring should confirm the displacement or substitution of the non-renewable biomass at each location (using the indicators on the use of NRB as detailed earlier).

As stipulated in annex 5 of the PDD, sampling design considered 90% confidence interval with 10% margin of error for the biogas users' survey.

Target Population

The target population for the survey was the 9692 households using biogas digesters for cooking purpose in remote hill, hill and terai ecological zones and spread across 57 districts of Nepal.

Sampling Method and Sample Size Determination

Sample size was determined using stratified random sampling taking into account different ecological zones (Terai, Hills and Remote Hills) as strata. The sampling was performed within the level of precision of 10% and a confidence level of 90%.

The sample size was calculated based on two parameters of interests (mean value parameters and proportion parameters):

(1) Proportion parameters (Biogas Performance)

The sample size was determined using following formula:

$$n \geq \frac{1.645^2 NV}{(N-1) \times 0.1^2 + 1.645^2 V}$$

$$\text{Where: } V = \frac{SD^2}{\bar{p}^2} = \frac{\text{overall variance}}{\bar{p}^2} \text{ and } \bar{p} \text{ is the overall proportion.}$$

n= sample size

N=Total number of households using biogas digesters in all ecological zones (i.e. 9,692)

$$SD^2 = \frac{(g_a \times p_a(1 - p_a)) + p_b(g_b \times (1 - p_b)) + (g_c \times p_c(1 - p_c)) + \dots + (g_k \times p_k(1 - p_k))}{N}$$

$$\bar{p} = \frac{(g_a \times p_a) + (g_b \times p_b) + (g_c \times p_c) + \dots + (g_k \times p_k)}{N}$$

Where,

g_i is the size of the i_{th} group and p_i is the expected proportion of i_{th} group

The samples were calculated with following assumption:

Particulars	Symbol	Value	Remarks
Total Number of Population	N	9692	Database
Number of Biogas in Terai	g_t	5105	Database
Expected operational Proportion of Biogas in Terai	p_t	0.98	As per Biogas User Survey 2018/19 for the project activity
Number of Biogas in Hill	g_h	4517	Database
Expected operational Proportion of Biogas in Hill	p_h	0.88	As per Biogas User Survey 2018/19 for the project activity
Number of Biogas in Remote Hill	g_{rh}	70	Database
Expected operational Proportion of Biogas in Remote Hill	p_{rh}	0.25	As per Biogas User Survey 2018/19 for the project activity

From the above formula, the sample size is calculated as 20. So, the sample in Terai, Hill and Remote Hill are calculated as 11, 10 and 1 proportionately with total of 22 samples.

(2) Mean Value Parameter (Average annual consumption of woody biomass)

The sample size was determined using following formula

$$n \geq \frac{1.645^2 NV}{(N-1) \times 0.1^2 + 1.645^2 V}$$

Where,

$V = (SD/\text{Mean})^2$

n = Sample Size

N = Total number of Population

SD = Overall standard deviation

Mean = Overall mean for the average annual woody biomass consumption by pre-project device during project activity

1.645 = Represent 90% confidence required

0.1 = Represent the 10% relative precision

The samples were calculated with following assumption:

Particulars	Symbol	Values	Remarks
Total Number of Population	N	9692	Database
Number of Biogas in Remote Hill	g_{rh}	70	Database
Actual mean for Remote Hill	m_{rh}	0.85	As per Biogas User Survey 2018/19 for the project activity
Actual Standard Deviation for Remote Hill	SD_{rh}	0	As per Biogas User Survey 2018/19 for the project activity
Number of Biogas in Hill	g_{hi}	4517	Database
Actual Mean for Hill	m_{hi}	0.56	As per Biogas User Survey 2018/19 for the project activity
Actual standard deviation for Hill	SD_{hi}	0.29	As per Biogas User Survey 2018/19 for the project activity
Number of Biogas in Terai	g_{te}	5105	Database
Actual Mean for Terai	m_{te}	0.50	As per Biogas User Survey 2018/19 for the project activity
Actual standard deviation for Terai	SD_{te}	0.30	As per Biogas User Survey 2018/19 for the project activity

Particulars	Symbol	Values	Remarks
			activity
Overall variance	SD ²	0.09	
Overall mean	Mean	0.53	
V- Value	SD ² /P ²	0.31	

The sample size calculated for mean value is 83. Proportionately, the sample can be distributed in Remote Hill, Hill and Terai with 1, 39 and 44 respectively with total of 84 samples.

So, sample size is conservatively taken as 84. To make sure the minimum samples size as mentioned in the PDD and anticipating non-response, total of 100 samples were drawn.

Sampling Frame

The 9692 biogas plants spread over the three ecological zones of Nepal comprised the sampling frame for PA-1. Out of total biogas digesters included in PA-1, the sample was drawn as per the PDD from the different strata for the survey

Allocation of samples

The total biogas installed in ecological belts was identified and the installed proportion was calculated. In the next step, a random number was generated in MS Excel by using the “randbetween” function; the sample were selected randomly. The sample allocation and selection are given in table 3 and table 4 below:

Table 3: Number of biogas plants installed and sample selected by ecological belts

Strata	Installed Biogas Plants		Sample Biogas Plants	
	Number	Proportion	Sample required	Sample taken
Remote Hill	70	0.72	1	4
Hill	4517	46.61	35	45
Terai	5101	52.67	39	51
Total	9,692	100	75	100

Table 4: Sample districts

Cluster	District	No of Samples
Eastern Remote Hill	Sankhuwasabha	2
Eastern Hill	Ilam	2
Eastern Terai	Morang	14
Central Hill	Makwanpur	17
Central Terai	Chitwan	10
Western Hill	Tanahun	24
Western Terai	Nawalparasi	10
Mid-Western Hill	Surkhet	2
Mid-Western Terai	Bardiya	7
Far-Western Remote Hill	Darchula	2
Far-Western Terai	Kailali	10
Total		100

Quality Assurance/Quality Control

Efforts were made to ensure the quality of the data collected from the field. QA/QC measures were implemented to attain the desired 90/10 confidence/precision for the parameters under consideration. In order to assure the quality of data collected, the questionnaires were pre-tested prior to their introduction in the field. Similarly, a thorough check of the questionnaires filled up by the enumerators was done during the field survey.

SECTION E. Calculation of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removals

E.1. Calculation of baseline emissions or baseline net removals

As per the approved PDD, the formula for calculations of emission reduction is:

$$BE_y = B_y \times f_{NRB,y} \times NCV_{biomass} \times EF_{projected_fossilfuel} \quad (1)$$

Where:

BE_y	Baseline Emissions during the year y (tCO ₂ e)
B_y	Quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced in tonnes (tonnes/year)
$f_{NRB,y}$	Fraction of woody biomass used in the absence of the project activity in year y that can be established as non renewable biomass using survey methods (Fixed Ex-ante = 86.1%)
$NCV_{biomass}$	Net calorific value of the non-renewable woody biomass that is substituted IPCC default for wood fuel: 0.0156 TJ/tonne)
$EF_{projected_fossilfuel}$	Emission factor for substitution of non renewable woody biomass by similar consumers. Use a value of 63.7 tCO ₂ /TJ

Calculation of Quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced

The quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced (B_y) is determined using:

$$B_y = N_{HH} \times P_y \times (BC_{BL,HH,y} - BC_{PJ,HH,y}) \quad (2)$$

where,

N_{HH} : Number of digesters installed in the Project = **9,692**

P_y : Percentage of digesters implemented that is operational in year y = **88.46 %**

$BC_{BL,HH,y}$: Average annual consumption of woody biomass per household before the start of the project activity, **5.06 tonne/household/year (fixed ex-ante)**

$BC_{PJ,HH,y}$: Average annual consumption of woody biomass per household in the pre-project devices during the project activity, **0.46 tonne/household/year (Monitored)**

$$B_y = 9,692 \times 0.8846 \times (5.06 - 0.46) \times 519/365 = 56,078.02 \text{ tonne}$$

Calculation of Baseline Emission

Considering the other parameters as given above, the baseline emission is calculated as below:

$$BE_y = 56,078.02 \times 0.861 \times 0.0156 \times 63.7 = 47,979 \text{ tCO}_2\text{eq (Round-down value)}$$

E.2. Calculation of project emissions or actual net removals

Project emission (PE_y) is considered as zero as this is not applicable for this project activity.

E.3. Calculation of leakage emissions

Considering the leakage of 5% (as per the methodology AMS I.E. version 9), leakage emission is calculated as:

$$LE_y = 0.05 \times BE_y = 0.05 \times 47,979 = 2,398 \text{ tCO}_2\text{eq (round-down value)}$$

E.4. Calculation of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removals

	Baseline GHG emissions or baseline net GHG removals (t CO ₂ e)	Project GHG emissions or actual net GHG removals (t CO ₂ e)	Leakage GHG emissions (t CO ₂ e)	GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals (t CO ₂ e)		
				Before 01/01/2013	From 01/01/2013	Total amount
Total	47,979	0	2,398	0	45,581	45,581

E.5. Comparison of emission reductions or net anthropogenic removals achieved with estimates in the registered PDD

Amount achieved during this monitoring period (t CO ₂ e)	Amount estimated ex ante for this monitoring period in the PDD (t CO ₂ e)
45,581	50,630

E.5.1. Explanation of calculation of “amount estimated ex ante for this monitoring period in the PDD”

For the ex-ante calculation in PDD, the equations given in section E.1 above were used where following assumption were made:

$$BE_y = B_y \times f_{NRB,y} \times NCV_{biomass} \times EF_{projected_fossilfuel} \quad (1)$$

Where:

Where:

BE_y	Baseline Emissions during the year y (tCO ₂ e)
B_y	Quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced in tonnes (tonnes/year)
$f_{NRB,y}$	Fraction of woody biomass used in the absence of the project activity in year y that can be established as non-renewable biomass using survey methods (Fixed Ex-ante = 86.1%)
$NCV_{biomass}$	Net calorific value of the non-renewable woody biomass that is substituted (IPCC default for wood fuel: 0.0156 TJ/tonne)
$EF_{projected_fossilfuel}$	Emission factor for substitution of non renewable woody biomass by similar consumers. Use a value of 63.7 tCO ₂ /TJ

The quantity of woody biomass that is substituted or displaced (B_y) is determined using:

$$B_y = N_{HH} \times P_y \times (BC_{BL,HH,y} - BC_{PJ,HH,y}) \quad (2)$$

where,

N_{HH} : Number of digesters installed in the Project = **9,692**

P_y : Percentage of digesters implemented that is operational in year y = **100 %**

$BC_{BL,HH,y}$: Average annual consumption of woody biomass per household before the start of the project activity, **5.06 tonne/household/year (fixed ex-ante)**

$BC_{PJ,HH,y}$: Average annual consumption of woody biomass per household in the pre-project devices during the project activity, **0.55 tonne/household/year**

$$B_y = 9,692 \times 100\% \times (5.06 - 0.55) = 43,807.44 \text{ tonne}$$

So, $BE_y = 37,481.68$

Considering the leakage of 5%, leakage emission is calculated as:

$$LE_y = 0.05 \times BE_y = 1874 \text{ tCO}_2\text{eq.}$$

Project Emission is considered as zero as this is not applicable. So, ex-ante emission reduction for this monitoring period is calculated as:

$$ER_y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y = 37,481.68 - 0 - 1874 = 35,607 \text{ tCO}_2\text{eq}$$

Since the monitoring period taken is from 1 August 2019 to 31 December 2020 (519 days), the ex-ante emission for the monitoring period is calculated as 50,630 tCO₂e.

E.6. Remarks on increase in achieved emission reductions

N/A

E.7. Remarks on scale of small-scale project activity

The proposed small scale project activity is not a de-bundled component of a large CDM project. Each of the independent subsystems (bio-digesters) included in the project activity is not greater than 1% of the threshold defined for a small scale project.¹ 1% of the 15 MWel (45 MWth) threshold for type I projects is 150 kWel (450 kWth). The capacity of a digester is 1.86 kWth and total number of digesters bundled under the project is 9,692 which yields about 18 MWth of total capacity and the capacity of the individual digesters remains well below the 1% of 45 MWth thresholds.

¹ Guidelines on Assessment of Debundling for SSC Project Activities – Version 03, (EB 54, Annex 13)

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