

**STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK ROUND OF THE AFRICAN BIOGAS CARBON PROGRAMME IN TANZANIA
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Thank you very much for the good news to our farmers for the proposed VPA4 in Tanzania.

I take this opportunity to thank TDBP, IPs, Donors and all other stakeholders who participated in the achievements of dissemination of biogas technology in Tanzania.

The dissemination of biogas technology presents many challenges. Yet, the need for scientific literacy in the technology to our people is still even greater. In this proposed programme (VPA4), innovative approaches will be necessary from lessons learnt in the previous programmes in addressing a greater sustainable outreach.

One advantage TDBP has is that, it is no longer necessary to argue the case for biogas technology dissemination/commercialization because from the work done, one can see what has been created through the acquisition of the technology and its utilization in harnessing nature and putting it to the service of the people in their everyday life.

The overt benefits of the technology such as increased food production, improved sanitation and hygiene, better environment, efficient use of water and energy resources need to be given continuous improvements

Climate change is a global phenomenon that requires all nations to undertake corrective measures such as the proposed implementation of the VPA4 project in Tanzania. East Africa (including Tanzania) is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change because of many factors, including poverty and current trends in the depletion of biomass energy resources depended by the majority of the rural people.

The impacts of climate change have in fact started to happen. This shows that the problem is already at our doorsteps and therefore needs to be managed before it manages us.

In this age of instant communication where the human race is in the era of the information society, our people are today becoming increasingly aware that they have as much right to the human heritage of science and technology as any others, and that their poverty need not last forever if we all take our responsibility on earth.

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