

# Rural Energy in Sri Lanka:

Mature biogas as a solution to energy and development in Sri Lanka



# Sri Lanka's Challenges



- Sri Lanka is an agriculturedependent country
- Livestock generates large amount of waste
- Domestic energy shortage
  - Potentially high emissions
  - Imported fossil fuels
  - Heavy firewood collection/usage



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## Agro Climatic Zones in Sri Lanka

- Dry Zone
- Hill Country
- Wet Zone

Biogas: a rural energy solution in Sri Lanka

- Energy and Fuel
  - Lamps and stoves
- Climate and Environment
  - Reduced use of fossil fuels
  - Management of livestock waste
  - Improved air quality
- Development
  - Improved livelihoods
  - Beneficial to agriculture



# GEI's Biogas Project in Sri Lanka

- Objectives
  - Creating an integrated solution to Sri Lanka's rural energy and development challenges through household biogas

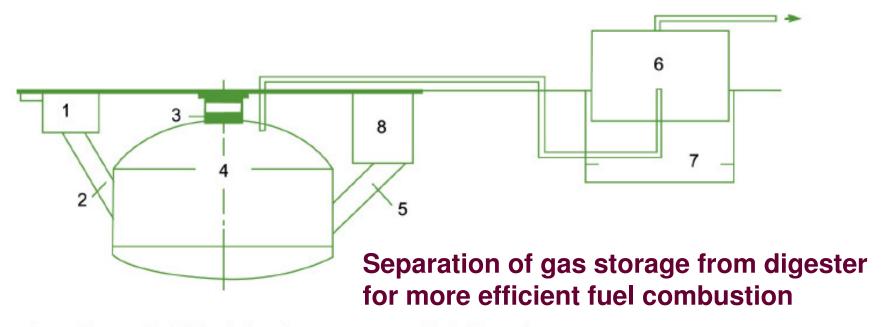


# GEI's Biogas Project in Sri Lanka

- Approach
  - Employing China's rural development model
  - Design and implementation of new biogas tank known as "Floating Drum"
- Nov 2007: Start of Program



# Diagram of a Floating Drum Biogas Digester



- Raw material feed chamber
- 2. Inflow pipe
- Removable lid
- Fermentation chamber/tank

- 5. Outflow pipe
- Gas storage
- Water tight isolation tank
- 8. Outflow chamber



# GEI's Biogas Project in Sri Lanka

- Biogas construction
  - About 100 Floating Drum biogas units in 5 out of 9 provinces
- Training
  - Government officials
  - 50 technicians trained
  - Multilingual Biogas Handbook
- Awareness building
  - Community empowerment through exhibitions and press



# Impact of the project in Sri Lanka

### Rural Communities

- 10 m3 biogas digester reduces at least 3 tons of CO2 annually
- Slurry can be used as organic fertilizer and sold on the market
- Livestock waste used as raw material for digesters



# Impact of the project in Sri Lanka

- Rural Communities
- Policy Level
  - Sri Lanka government invested in additional biogas construction
  - Sri Lanka government applies for a USD \$6,000,000
     grant for biogas from the Chinese government

