

Institutional Factors Influencing the Dissemination of Biogas Technology in Ethiopia¹

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ABSTRACT The dissemination of biogas technology was not progressing as it was planned in Ethiopia. Thus, this research aimed at identifying the institutional factors that influenced the dissemination of biogas technology. The study was a programme evaluation research type. The existence of less suitable institutional structure, the human resource gaps, user training gaps, maintenance service gaps, the supply and durability biogas digester accessories, the absence of biogas stove for baking *injera* and limited involvement of the private sector were identified to be the major obstacles for the dissemination of biogas technology. Therefore, among other things, the institutional structure should be increased to programme implementation *woreda* level. Standby biogas technicians who can give immediate maintenance services should be assigned at reasonable distances to the biogas adopters. Biogas being a new technology to farmers, provision of timely user training to each biogas user household involving women and children should not be compromised.