

## Determinants of Rural Household Effective Demand for Biogas Technology in Southern Ethiopia

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## Abstract

The objectives of the study were to identify factors affecting rural households' willingness to install biogas plant and amount willingness to pay in order to examine determinants of effective demand for biogas technology. A multistage sampling technique was employed to select 120 respondents for the study. The binary probit regression model was employed to identify factor affecting rural households' decision to install biogas technology. The probit model result revealed that household size, total household income. access to extension services related to biogas, access to credit service, proximity to water sources, perception of households about the quality of biogas, perception index about attributes of biogas, perception of households about installation cost of biogas and availability of energy source were statistically significant in determining household's decision to install biogas. Tobit model was employed to examine determinants of rural household's amount willingness to pay. Based on the models result, age of the household head, total annual income of the household, access to biogas related extension service and availability of other energy source were significant variables in explaining maximum amount they are willingness to pay. Providing due considerations for extension services related to biogas technology, availability of credit or subsidy, improving the quality and attributes of biogas technology, design an integrated cooking stove that includes "injera" 1 making and minimizing cost of installation by using locally available materials are the main suggestions of this research to create effective demand for biogas technology.

Energy assumes a focal function in the public improvement measure as a homegrown need and a central point of creation. Its commitment is all encompassing in light of the fact that it serves social, monetary, political, and ecological parts of advancement including admittance to medical care, water, rural and modem profitability, instruction, and other indispensable help. Ordinarily, energy depends on two sources: inexhaustible or non-sustainable. Because of the exhaustion of non-inexhaustible fossil fuel sources, lately, there has been a developing enthusiasm for sustainable biomass-based energies which have persuaded inescapable exploration to be completed especially in the field of biogas energy. Biogas energy is created in homegrown bio-digesters that convert creature compost and human dung into biogas through anaerobic

assimilation. Biogas is an ignitable gas that is chiefly made out of methane (60–70%) and carbon dioxide (30–40%). Anaerobic processing comprises of a few reliant, mind boggling, consecutive, and equal natural responses that happen without oxygen. During this cycle, the items from one gathering of microorganisms fill in as nourishment for the following, bringing about the change of biomass, mostly in a combination of methane and carbon dioxide, which are significant constituents of biogas.

Selection of innovation is a cycle that goes from catching wind of the innovation, gathering data about the innovation, creating interest, and assessing properties of the innovation for settling on the inevitable choice of either taking up or dismissing the innovation. In this crosssectional examination, notwithstanding, the significant spotlight isn't on the whole cycle of appropriation of biogas innovation, yet on the fundamental and proximate elements impacting a family units' official conclusion of either utilizing or dismissing biogas innovation. It is a practical and an eco-accommodating innovation security and diminishes natural which improves energy contamination and ozone harming substance emanations. In spite of the fact that its advantage is huge, the pace of reception of biogas innovation is restricted and by far most of the populace in nonindustrial nations actually relies upon conventional energy frameworks.

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