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# **DOMESTIC BIOGAS DIGESTER (SNV)**

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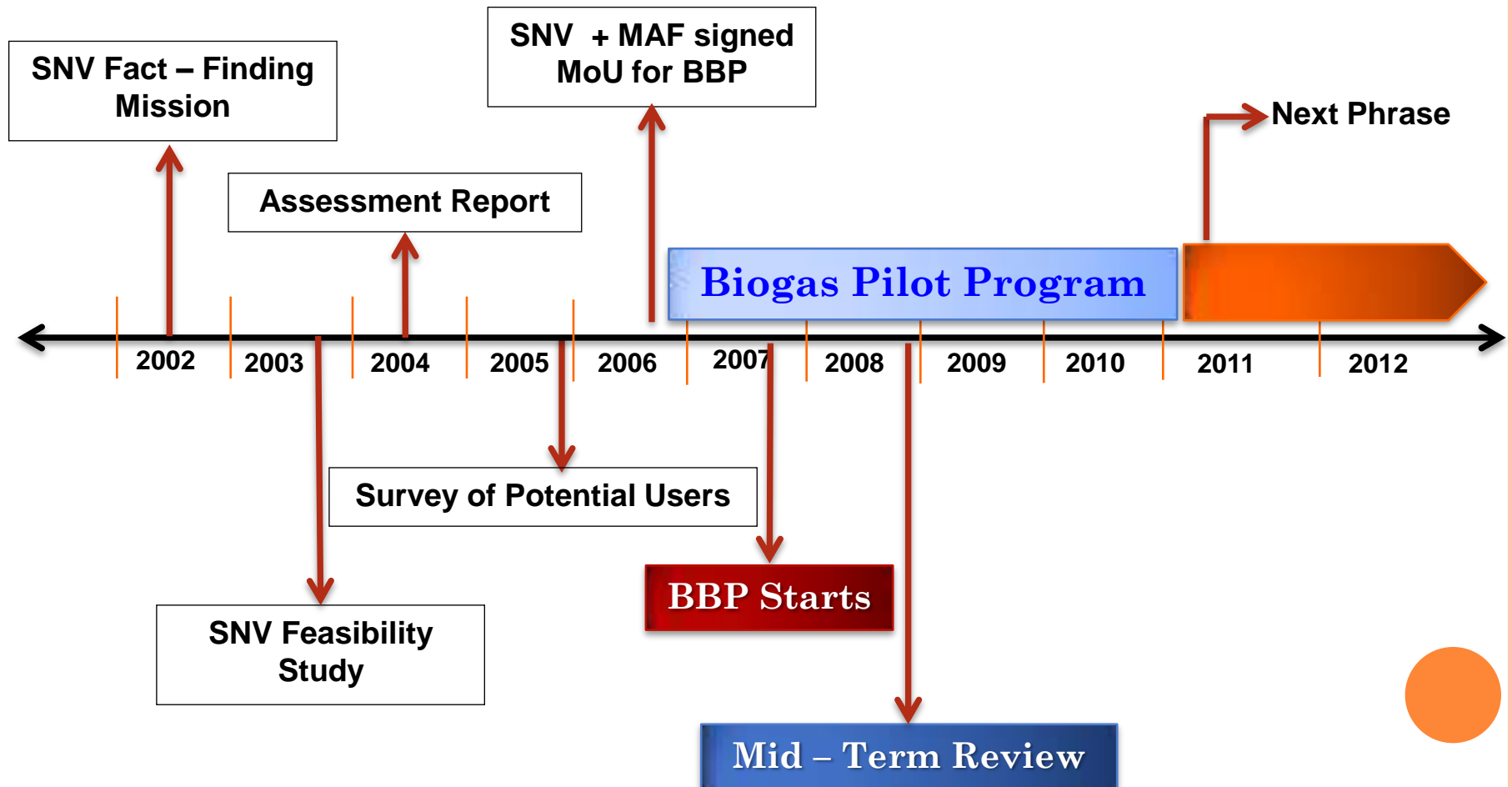
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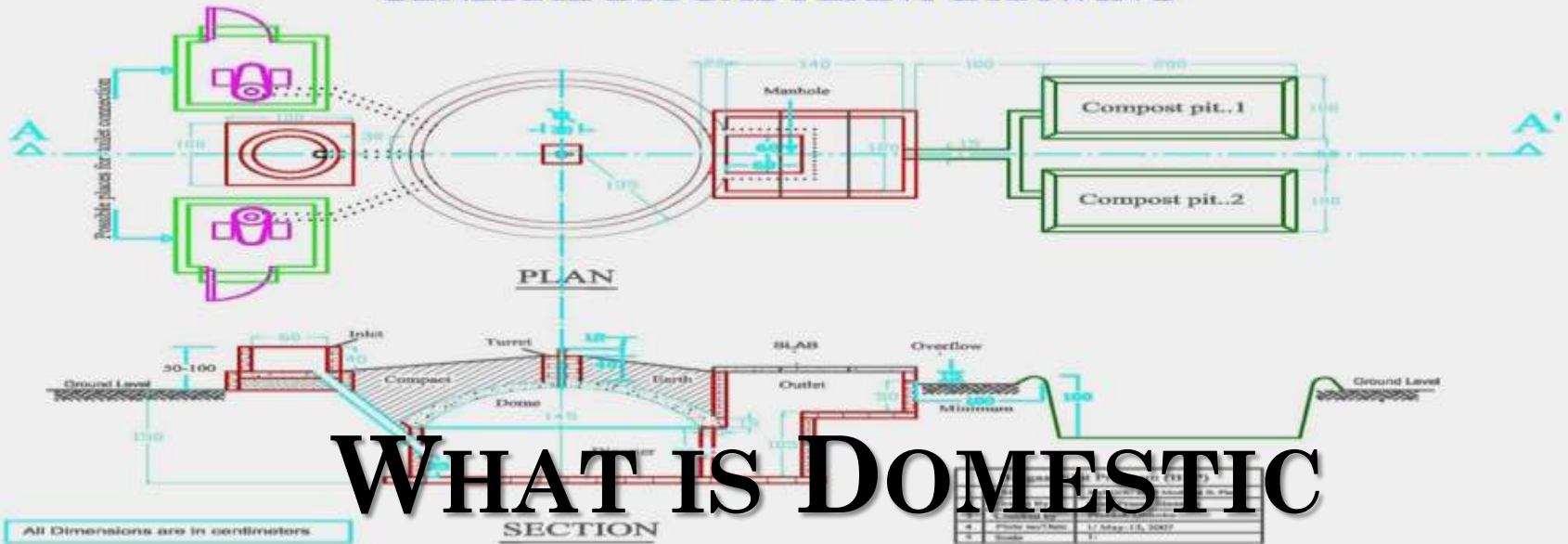
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# HISTORY OF SNV BIOGAS IN LAO PDR



## GENERAL BIOGAS PLANT DRAWING



# WHAT IS DOMESTIC BIOGAS?





# BENEFITS OF DOMESTIC BIOGAS

## Benefits of Biogas – for Agricultural Productivity

### Bioslurry Organic Fertilizer

- Very effective fertiliser, easily composted
- Improved Soil Fertility
- Safer than raw manure (no weeds or pathogens)



### Improved Livestock

- Encourages stabling of animals(easier vaccinations, improved health and breeding)



# BENEFITS OF DOMESTIC BIOGAS



## Energy Source

- **Cooking:** fast and convenient
- **Appliances:** lights, rice-cooker, water heater, generator
- **Clean + Renewable:** save money(average family savings of \$89 per year \*)

## Health and Gender

- **Healthy:** no smoke inside the house (affects mainly women and children)
- **Saves Time:** not collecting fuel, cooking faster (avg savings of 1.5hrs per day \*)

\* Biogas User Survey 2007





# BENEFITS OF DOMESTIC BIOGAS

## The Environment

- **Cleaner Villages:** reduces smell, insects and disease
- **Water Quality:** reduces contamination from excess Nitrogen and faeces matter
- **Local deforestation:** reduced
- **Greenhouse Gas Pollution:** reduced



## Rural Income and Employment

- **Local masons trained**
- **New jobs** in a sustainable new industry
- **Local PAFO/DAFO** co-ordinate program
- **Materials and labour** sourced locally

# DESIGN OF THE LAO BIOGAS PILOT PROGRAM

**Program General Program objective:** *Create a commercially viable biogas sector in Lao PDR*

Implementing Agency	Ministry of Agriculture, Dept of Livestock and Fisheries
Funding	2007 to 2010 from the Dutch Government
Coverage	Vientiane Capital, Savannakhet, Xiengkhaoung, Vientiane Province and Khammuan Province
Management Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central BPP Program Office in DLF</li><li>• Provincial offices inside PAFO with 5 officers</li><li>• District officers from DAFO</li></ul>
Remuneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performance-based incentive structure</li></ul>





# The Organization Structure Biogas Pilot Project 2009

MAF

SNV/DGIS

Department of Livestock and Fishery

**Biogas Advisory Board:**

MAF, MOFA, STEA,  
LWU, NUOL, PAFO  
and APR

**Biogas Pilot Program**

DLF Project Director  
DLF Project Advisor

**SNV Advisors:**

Biogas, Microfinance, Gender,  
Carbon Financing etc

**Program Manager**

Training/Promotion  
Officer SVK

Training/Promotion  
Officer VTE

Technical  
Officer VTE

**General Support  
Officer**

Finance/Admin  
Officer

Driver

Office Assistant

PBPP Office, PAFO  
SVK

PBPP Office, PAFO  
VTE Capital

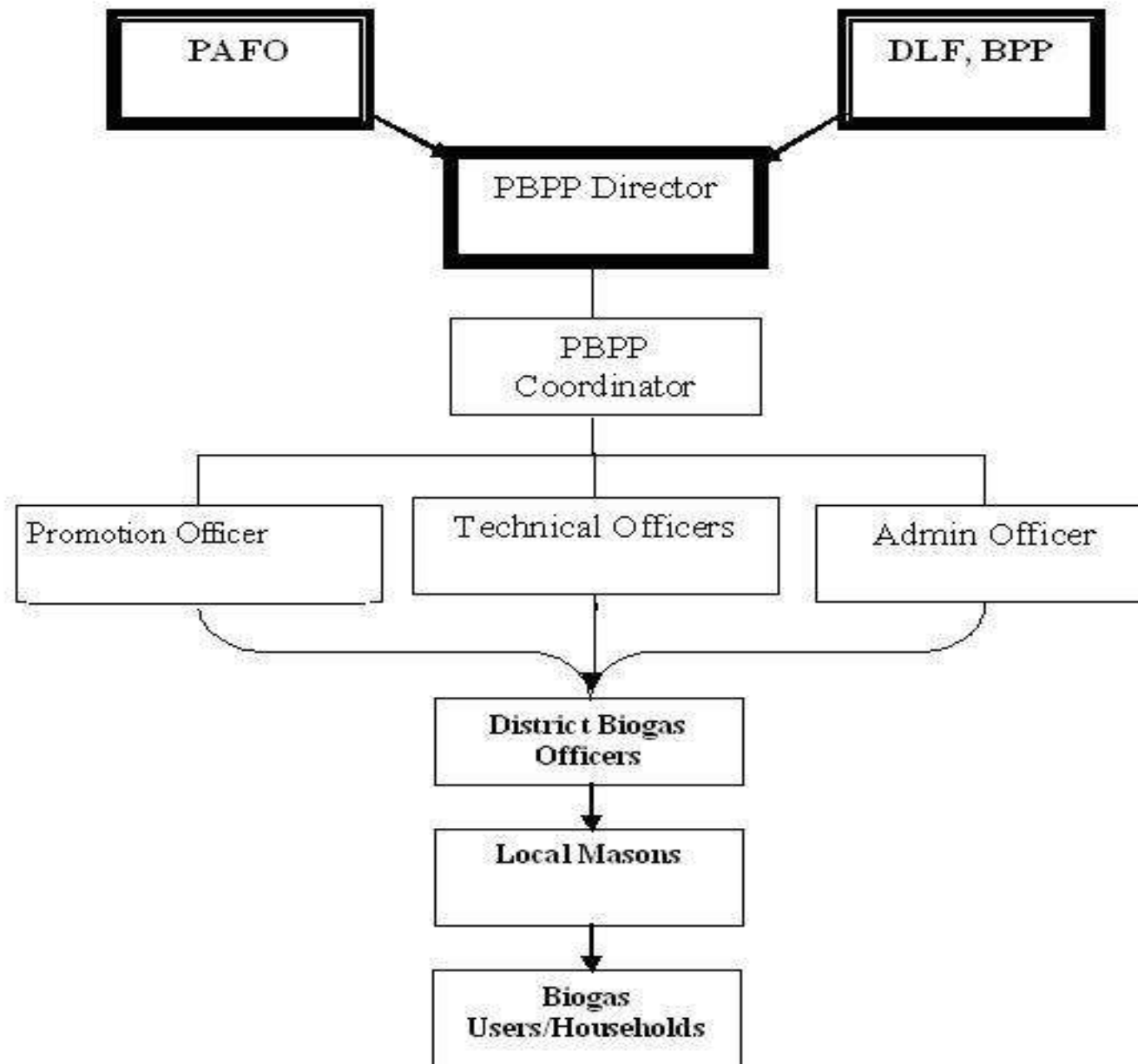
PBPP Office,  
PAFO XK

District Biogas Officers

Local Masons

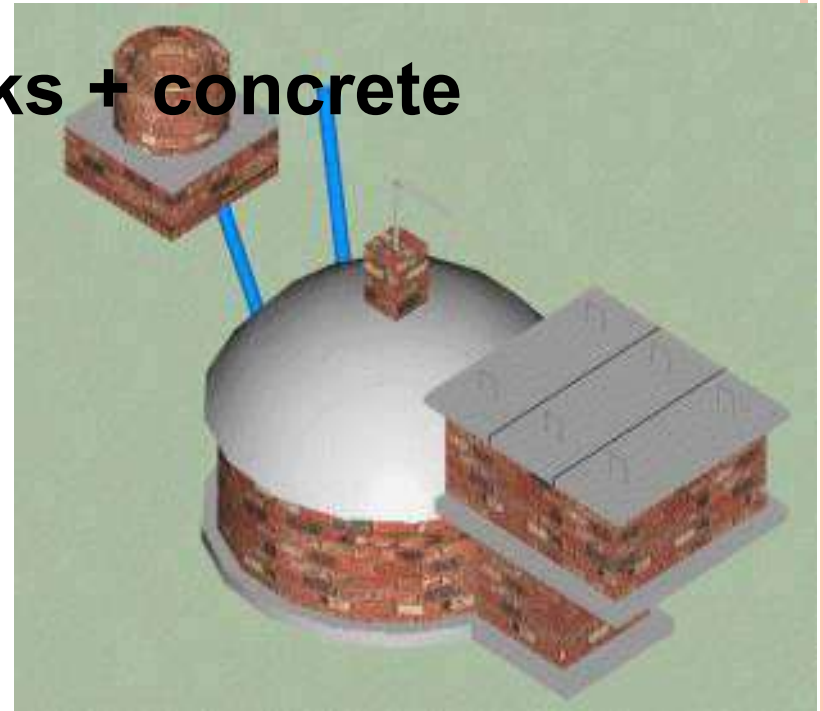
**Biogas  
Users/Households**

# Provincial Biogas Pilot Program Office Structure 2009



# BPP BIODIGESTER SYSTEM

- **Fixed dome, masonry works + concrete**
- **Sizes:** 4m<sup>3</sup>, 6m<sup>3</sup>, 8m<sup>3</sup> and 10m<sup>3</sup>



- **Quality Management:**  
5-step process before, during and after construction.
- Focus on training and monitoring



# BIODIGESTER COSTS (IN LAO KIP)

Size:	4m <sup>3</sup>	6m <sup>3</sup>	8m <sup>3</sup>	10m <sup>3</sup>
Total Biodigester Cost	<b>3,751,000</b>	<b>4,372,000</b>	<b>5,224,400</b>	<b>6,004,800</b>
Household Costs	1,891,000	2,512,500	3,364,400	4,144,800
BPP Subsidy (in kind + cash)	1,860,000	1,860,000	1,860,000	1,860,000
Subsidy Proportion	50%	43%	36%	31 %

**Skilled Labor (trained mason)** 5%

**Unskilled Labor (can be household)** 21%

**Materials** 74%

**Accessories** 22%

**Skilled + Unskilled Labor** 46%

**Skilled + Unskilled Labor** 11%

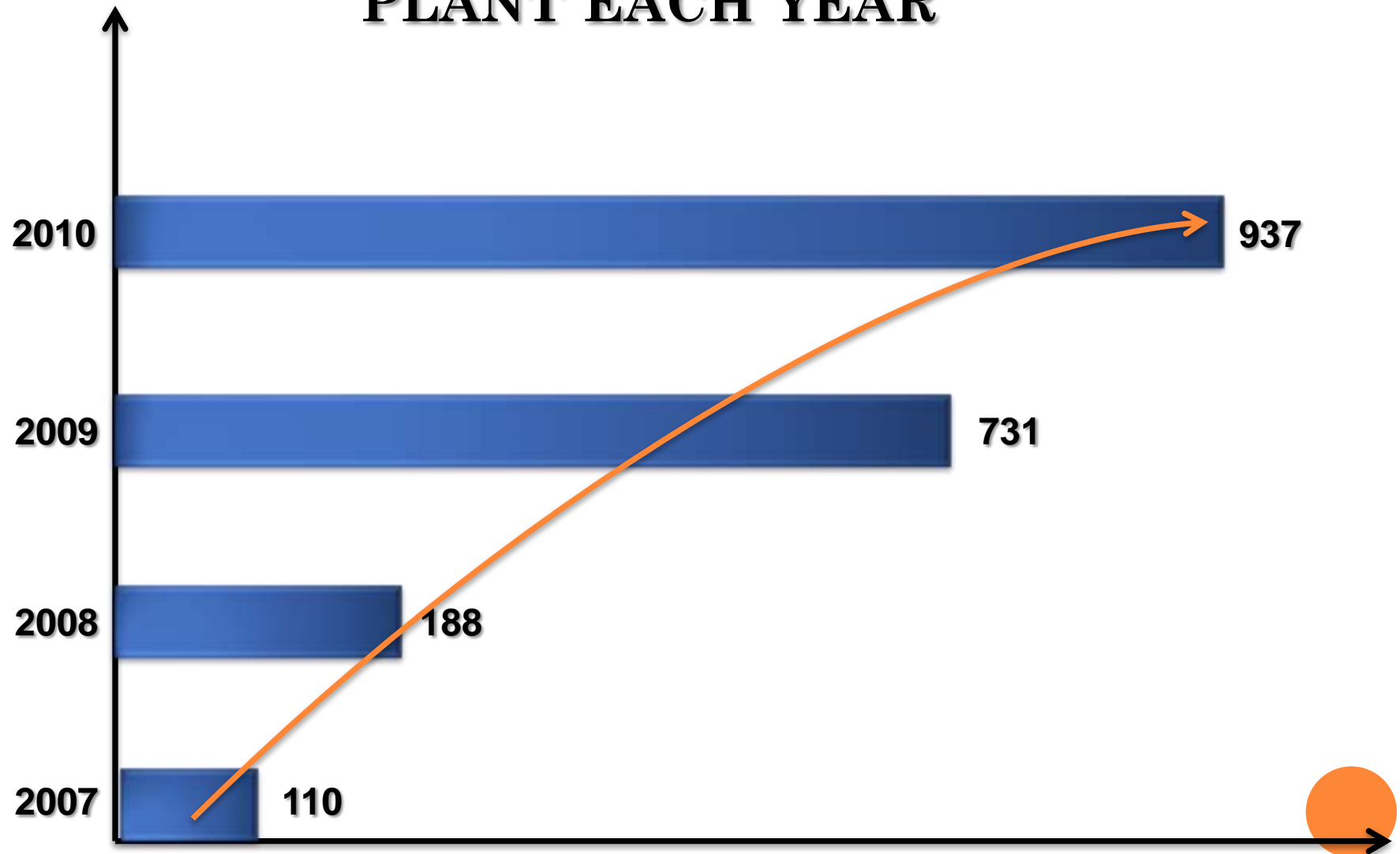
**Advanced credit subsidy** 21%



# ACHIEVEMENTS


Before BBP	Now
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A few demonstration biogas plants</li><li>• Very few people had heard of or seen a biogas system</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over 2,000 families using biogas</li><li>• Saving about \$178,000 per year in energy and fertiliser costs</li><li>• Saving about 1,399 tonnes of wood per year</li><li>• Saving about 155 tonnes of charcoal per year</li><li>• 7,300 tonnes of an effective fertilizer were available instead of using the chemical fertilizer per year</li><li>• Local supplier of Chinese Biogas appliances in Vientiane</li><li>• Biogas Credit scheme offered by the Agricultural Development Bank</li><li>• Biogas / bio-fertiliser company in XKG</li><li>• Strong demand from many provinces (PAFO, DAFO, private)</li><li>• 1 Local NGO was joining</li></ul>

# AN INCREASE OF THE CONSTRUCTED PLANT EACH YEAR



# **ACHIEVEMENTS (1)**

## **○ Impacts of BPP on People**

- Around 10,000 people enjoy the benefits of biogas**
  - Over 80 PAFO+DAFO officers trained and employed**
  - Over 150 masons trained (not all active)**
  - Over \$1 million total program costs invested by donor (not including SNV TA)**
  - About \$444,941 invested by households in their own system**
  - About \$437,647 in subsidies paid to households**
  - About \$400,000 paid to PAFO + DAFO as incentive payments**
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# PROMOTION





# TRAINING ON CONSTRUCTION AND SUPERVISION





# RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT



# QUALITY CONTROL AND AFTER SALE SERVICE






# EXTENSION OF BIOSLURRY





# PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGING

- Other technical issues are mostly after the biogas plant is built.
  - A common problem is that pipes get blocked
  - Leakage is also a problem that is not unusual with fixed dome biogas plants.
  - No have substrate for feeding into the biogas digester
  - Biogas user do not maintain
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# Bioslurry

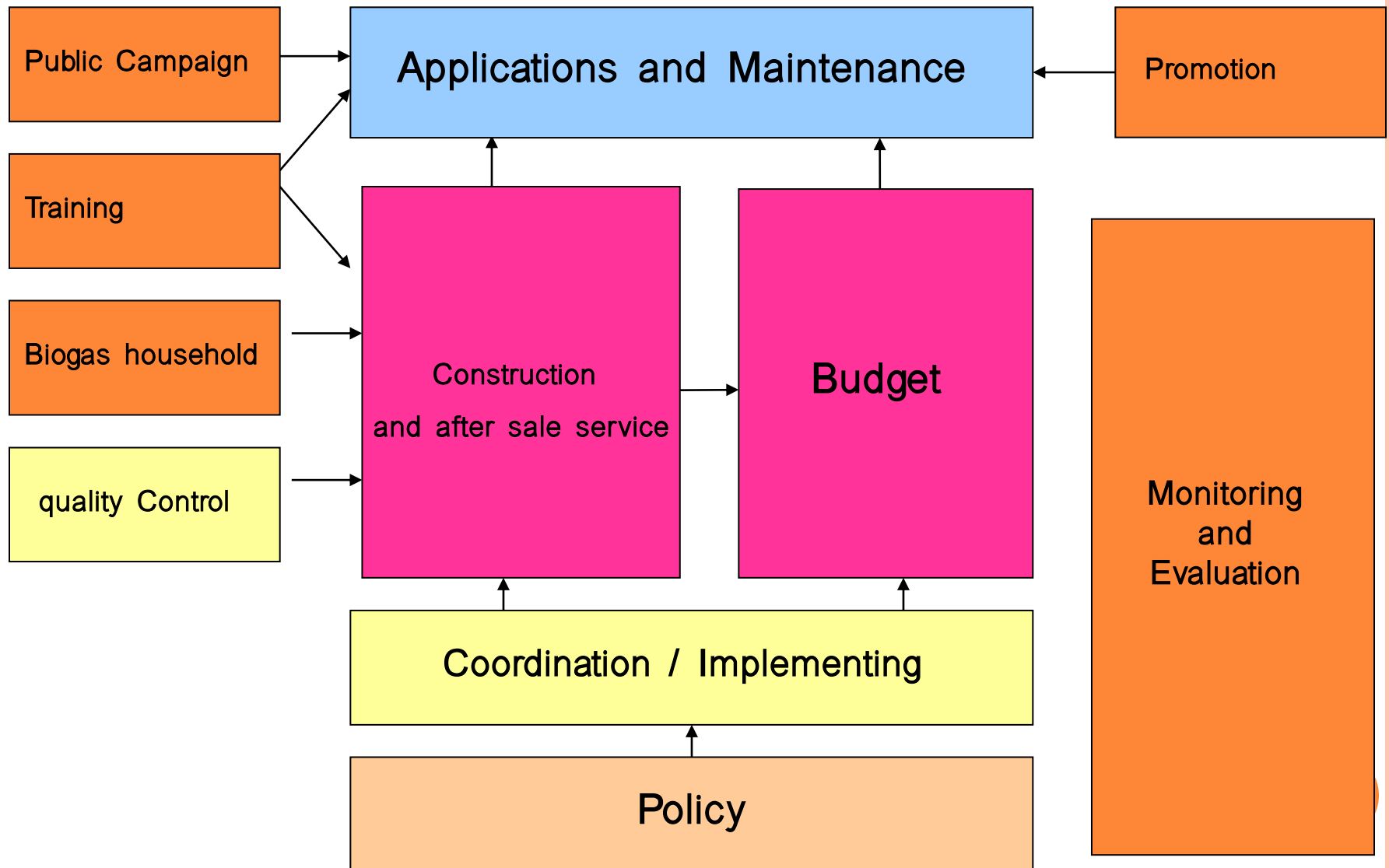


# BIO-DIGESTER AFTER FOUR YEAR LATER





# THE MAIN AGENCIES FOR THE PROJECT SUSTAINABLE





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