LDC PoA Case Study: Improved Water Mill (IWM) PoA in Nepal

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AEPC & Improved Water Mill PoA

- AEPC established in 1996 for improving people’s livelihoods and protecting the environment through RET promotion.
- National Executing Agency for Renewable energy programmes and projects.

- 14% electricity from small RETs
- More than 1.5 million households benefitted from RETs
- Micro/min hydro, solar, biogas, IWM, Efficient stove, wind
- 5 CDM projects and 1 PoA registered, and two PoA are in pipeline

- IWM PoA developed with technical support from ADB
- CER buyer as Trustee: FCF-ADB
Traditional Water Mill
For grain grinding only
Not efficient:
Available power 0.5 kW
Processing capacity: 10-20 kg/hour

Improved Water Mill
For grain grinding and other end-uses
Efficient
Available power: 1-3 kW
Processing capacity: 20-50 kg/hour

Increase in Efficiency & Service diversification

Short Shaft
Only for efficient grain grinding

Long Shaft
Opportunities for grinding and various end-uses like: paddy hulling, oil expelling, saw milling, electricity generation etc.
## Comparison of Technical Parameters

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<th>Traditional Water Mill</th>
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<td>Wooden water wheel with flat paddles</td>
<td>Metal runners with buckets</td>
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<td>Wooden hub covers the wooden vertical shaft</td>
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<td>Wooden open chute of uniform cross-section</td>
<td>6&quot;-8&quot; diameter, HDPE pipes (with nozzle)</td>
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<td>Runner mounted on to a wooden frame</td>
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<td>A pulley and belt system is introduced for power transmission (except for short shaft, for grinding)</td>
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<td>Requires high flow of water to run TWM</td>
<td>Low amount of water suffices to run IWM</td>
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<td>Grinding of cereal grains only maize, millet, wheat, rice, etc. with 10-20 kg per hour output</td>
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The Baseline

- Diesel mills that would be used in the baseline to cater the increasing processing needs.
- Statistics depict the increased proliferation of the diesel mills in recent past.
- Statistics shows 19,000+ TWMs exist in Nepal i.e. in absence of the PoA there is equal chance of diesel mill invasion.
The Project Scenario

- Traditional water mills is displaced by IWM. Alternately an IWM is installed by new user who might possibly have been the diesel mill entrepreneur.
- Avoidance of the diesel and diesel induced emission attributable to diesel mills.
Management System

**PoA Management**

- Ensuring full compliance with CDM processes related to documentation, validation, monitoring and verification of IWM PoA.
- Establishing communication with the UNFCCC and DOE on the matters related to CDM PoA.
- Conducting Annual IWM Users’ Survey for Emission Reduction monitoring.
- Releasing annual activities to Regional Service Centres (RSCs) regarding implementation and monitoring of IWM PoA.

**General Management**

- Administration of subsidy for IWM.
- Quality control, internal monitoring of IWM through RSCs and service centres (SCs).
- Pre-qualification of the IWM kit manufacturing companies and SCs.
- Releasing annual activities to Regional Service Centres (RSCs) regarding the capacity building of concerned stakeholders i.e. Service Centers, Ghatta Owners Association (GOA), IWM owners, Kit manufacturing companies.
Sustainable Development Benefits

- **Environmental Well Being**
  - Project produces real and measurable reductions in GHG emissions
  - Avoid local pollution from diesel mills in communities
  - Reduce dependency on fossil fuels

- **Technological Well Being**
  - Increase access to basic energy services to rural people
  - Program promotes sustainable energy efficient technology

- **Economic Well Being**
  - Diversified agro-processing services will be available for rural households from this project.
  - Development of local entrepreneurship
  - Program acts as a cost effective solution to address the country’s energy crisis

- **Social Well Being**
  - Faster milling and less waiting time with more efficient mills.
  - Reduction of workload (mainly for women and children) from mechanized milling of paddy and pressing oil thus avoiding drudgery related to manual milling
Milestones in PoA Validation

- 2010: Baseline Study(ies)
- 2011 Oct: Validation Start (GSP Upload)
- 2011 Nov: Validation site visit
- 2013 May: Second validation field visit by DOE
- 2014 Feb: Validation complete & submission for registration
- 2014 Apr: UNFCCC raised incompleteness of the submission
- 2014 Aug: Submission of the revised documents to the DOE
Challenges

• Validation challenges:
  • DOE’s view on baseline: It was really tough to convince the DOE about the baseline as diesel.
  • DOE’s view on the scrapping of TWM: The displaced TWM parts comes in form of wooden paddle and shaft. DOE seeks some records of these scraps.

• Post-submission challenges:
  • Incompleteness pertaining to the documentation.
  • Incompleteness pertaining to the methodology.
  • Incompleteness pertaining to the sampling.
Corrections

• Validation challenges:
  • Second validation field visit was organized in order to assure the DOE on baseline matter.
  • Regarding the use of displaced parts of the TWM, ultimately DOE agreed to close the issues putting a condition to further it during verification.

• Post-submission challenges:
  • Post-submission challenges were largely related to documentation which was corrected with relative ease.
  • Technical issues regarding the use of emission factor was corrected
Thanks for your kind attention!!

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