MARKET FOOD WASTE TO BIOGAS ENERGY

This project will pilot an innovative distribution model for waste-to-energy at a vegetable market in Malawi. GIT will establish an energy hub (eHub) at the market that converts biodegradable waste into biogas. The clean energy will be stored and distributed in refillable biogas bags to local households, restaurants and businesses. The biodigester will also convert bio slurry into organic fertilizer that will be sold to smallholder farmers. In addition, the eHub will distribute a range of clean energy technologies to surrounding communities, such as PAYG solar water pumps, solar home systems and improved cookstoves. EEP Africa financing will enable GIT to set up the biodigester and refilling hub in order to test this business model.

Outcome and Impact

The project will provide a circular economy solution for a local vegetable market. The installed biogas system will generate 0.31 MW of clean energy and reduce 1,909 tCO₂e emissions during the life of the project. The project will primarily employ women to collect feedstock at the market, manage the eHub and distribute the biogas.

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