



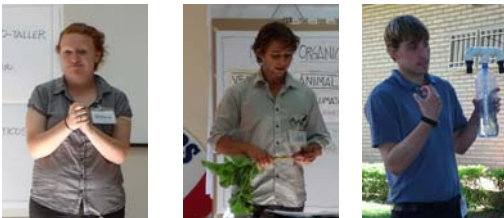
## Peace Corps Paraguay

### Successful Training of Trainers on Biodigester Technology

A **biodigester** is a device to properly treat organic waste and provides renewable energy and organic fertilizer. There are several models of biodigesters and one of the most popular is the low-cost tubular plastic one. This model is easy to build and is appropriate for small farms.



Within the ECPA Initiative, a two-day training workshop was held at the PC Paraguay office. The goal of the workshop was to train a group of PCVs and host country nationals on biodigester technologies. The workshop was based on an interactive learning approach; including theoretical and practical sessions. The group of trained PCVs conducted a workshop to community contacts as the evaluation of the course.



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As a result of this project, PC Paraguay has a new team of six skilled PCVs and their respective community contacts, who are able to replicate the workshop for others.



Another result of the project is a workshop toolkit. A biodigester manual, detailed lesson plans, and practical flipcharts were developed by PC Paraguay staff. They are available to be used for PCVs.



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