# Appendix A: Information Letter - English

**Introduction**

Hello- My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am from The Polytechnic. We are doing research on biogas digesters. This consent form may contain words that you do not understand. Please ask me to stop as we go through the information and I will take time to explain. If you have questions later, you can ask them of me or of another researcher.

**Purpose of the research**

This research aims to understand the reasons for success and failure for small scale biogas developments in Malawi

**Type of Research Intervention**

We will ask you some questions about your experience with your digester. We will also conduct a socio-technical analysis of the digester itself.

**Participant Selection**

You are being invited to take part in this research because you use and/or own a biogas digester

**Voluntary Participation**

Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary. It is your choice whether to participate or not. If you choose not to participate nothing will change. You may skip any question and move on to the next question.

**Duration**

The questionnaire will take about 30 minutes to answer. The assessment will take about 1 hour.

**Risks**

You do not have to answer any question if you feel the question(s) are too personal.

**Reimbursements**

You will not be provided any incentive to take part in the research.

**Sharing the Results**

The knowledge that we get from this research will be shared with you. Following, we will publish the results so other interested people may learn from the research.

**Who to Contact**

If you have any questions, you can ask them now or later. If you wish to ask questions later, you may contact: Jonathan at the Polytechnic: +265 88 884 4488. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by NHSRC, which is a committee whose task it is to make sure that research participants are protected from harm. If you wish to find about more contact Ms. Yalonda Mwanza: +265 88 072 9370