



A worker delivers gas cylinders in rural India, where the government is working to connect 50 million households to cooking gas.

Radha's Letter

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Haiti, where we're continuing our work with partners, government officials, and other stakeholders to collectively develop an action plan for catalyzing the cookstoves and fuels market. It is clear that a multi-fuel approach will be necessary to effect both short term and longer term change and positive impacts for women, the environment, and climate...



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Feature

Save the Date: Clean Cooking Forum 2017

From October 24-28, the Alliance, Tata Trusts, and TERI will host the largest international gathering of professionals working to advance the clean cooking sector at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi.



Alliance News

Meet five inspiring women in energy

During a recent workshop in Nairobi, Kenya, the Alliance had the chance to talk with five women who are dedicating their lives to increasing access to cleaner, more efficient cookstoves and fuels in Africa. [Read their stories.](#)



Women's Empowerment Fund now open for applications

The Alliance's 4th annual Women's Empowerment Fund is now open for applications. The Fund is designed to empower women energy entrepreneurs working to increase access to much-needed cookstoves and fuels within their communities. [Apply by April 2.](#)

Community educators trained on clean cooking in Ghana

[An innovative program](#) led by the Alliance, World Education, and the Ghana Ministry of Education is training community-based peer educators on the benefits of clean cooking.



Sector News

WHO report: 1.7 million children die each year from pollution

More than 1 in 4 deaths of children under five are attributable to unhealthy environments, [according to a new WHO report](#). A major cause is smoke due to the use of unclean fuels and inefficient stoves for cooking.



How safe stoves are lifting millions of women out of poverty

For Insaf, a mother of seven displaced by violence in Darfur, a stove not only [transformed the way her family eats](#) — but *how* they put food on the table.

Illegal logging in Malawi: Can clean cooking save its forests?

A different business line may now [offer a glimmer of hope](#) for Malawi's depleted forests. Improved cookstoves that burn charcoal or wood more efficiently than traditional cooking fires are gaining popularity.



BBC's #SoICanBreathe campaign features clean cooking as air pollution solution

BBC's #SoICanBreathe campaign explores the different ways people are seeking to reduce air pollution around the world - [including clean cookstoves](#).

A simple, painless way governments can help the poor and the environment

Traditional cookstoves are causing a quiet epidemic among the global poor. Household air pollution from cookstoves is the fourth-leading risk factor for

disease globally, killing more people than malaria and tuberculosis, [but cleaner cookstoves and fuels offer hope.](#)



Elevating women's status lowers dependence on solid fuels

[A new research paper](#) finds that in countries where gender inequalities are most pronounced, women are much more likely to be exposed to solid fuels -- including burning from wood, crop wastes, charcoal, and dung -- and its negative consequences.

African Climate Technology Center selects projects for cooking-based climate mitigation and adaptation

Nine institutions [have been selected](#) to conduct projects aimed at spreading climate-friendly technologies, including market-based approaches on the diffusion of clean cooking solutions.





Partner Spotlight

International Lifeline Fund

Since 2006, Washington, D.C.-based International Lifeline Fund has worked in refugee and IDP camps, emergency settings, and commercialized markets to enable sustainable access to fuel-efficient cooking technologies.

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Upcoming Events:

April 3-5: SEforAll Forum

April 7: World Health Day

April 21-23: World Bank Spring Meetings

April 22: Earth Day

April 25-27: 20th Climate & Clean Air Coalition Working Group and Science Policy Dialogue

April 25-27: 25th International Conference on Modelling, Monitoring, and Management of Air Pollution

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Funding Opportunities

The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves is a United Nations Foundation-hosted public-private partnership to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions. The Alliance's goal calls for 100 million households to adopt clean and efficient stoves and fuels by 2020. The Alliance is working with over 1700 public, private, and non-profit partners to accelerate the production, deployment, and use of clean cookstoves and fuels in the developing world.

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