

The Worst Health Risk You've Never Heard Of

NIH Household Air Pollution Training Course

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A Little Perspective on Poor Air Quality (PM_{2.5} as an indicator)



	Criteria Pollutants: PM _{2.5} , CO, NO ₂
Some Pollutants in	Toxics: formaldehyde, benzene, 1-3 butadiene, benzo[α]pyrene
Indoor Smoke	Climate Forcers: CO ₂ (partial), CH ₄ , CO, NMHCs, BC, OC
	For Coal: CO ₂ (full), SO ₂ , As, Pb, Hg, & F

	Annual		24-hour	
	EPA Standard	WHO Guideline	EPA Standard	WHO Guideline
PM _{2.5}	15.0 μg/m³	10.0 µg/m³	35 µg/m³	25.0 µg/m³

A Little Perspective on Fire & Cooking

Originally: fire via preserving natural embers **Paleolithic Era:** fire created (friction, flint)

Neolithic Era: coal use in China

3rd Century B.C.: closed clay stoves in China and Japan

577: early match in China

Middle Ages: brick/mortar stoves in Europe – 1st use of chimney

16th Century: design improvements – fire chamber

18th Century: Europe's 1st completely enclosed fire stove; cast iron wood stoves in qty

19th Century: wood stove improved; modern match (1805); gas stove developed (1820s) & commercialized (1860s); electric stove developed (1892)

20th Century: modern stoves commercialized, including electric, glass-ceramic, and electromagnetic induction stoves, and microwave ovens

Question: How many cookstoves do you have in your home?



A Brief History of "Improved Cookstoves": 1970s-1990s

• Focus on forestry and fuel use

- Lots of individual NGO programs
- Very little rigor on testing or design
- Initial EPA work on pollutants
- Initial international efforts (WB, UN, GTZ,...)

China's national program

- 180 million efficient stoves distributed
- Transition to private industry trade effort
- It can be done, but not entirely replicable

• India's national program

- 30 million efficient stoves distributed
- Very mixed results greatest success where commercial dissemination model used



Peace Corps Togo (1988)

A Brief History of "Improved Cookstoves": interest in health impacts (thanks to Kirk)

- 1981: first personal exposure from cookstoves measured in India
- 1986-1989: first RCT proposals to do stove studies
- 1991-1999: Guatemala pilots does stove work and do people use it?
- 2001: NIEHS funding secured for Guatemala study
- 2002-2006: field work for Guatemala study
- 2004 Global CRA: 1.5 million deaths/year from IAP
- 2000s: NIH funds RCTs in Nepal and Ghana
- 2007: WHO published National Burden of Disease from IAP
- 2009: WHO Global Health Risks report, 2.0 million deaths/yr from IAP
- 2011: Guatemala study results published
- 2012?: Revised Global CRA (with CVD, lung cancer, AAQ, cataracts?)

Nearly Half the World Still Uses Solid Fuels and Crude Stoves for Home Cooking and Heating







Indoor smoke from cookstoves:

- Leads to 2 million premature deaths each year
- Is one of the 5 Worst Health
 Risk Factor in Poor Developing
 Countries

A Brief History of "Improved Cookstoves": 2000s, launch of new generation of efforts

- Shell Foundation in 2001
- Partnership for Clean Indoor Air 2002
- GIZ/HERA programs
- Humanitarian efforts led by WFP and others
- Heavy and new found focus on rigor:
 - Testing in lab and field
 - Evaluation
 - Improving stoves/fuels
- Commercial focus for scale



Links to climate create significant opportunities

Carbon Financing

- typical savings from an improved stove = $\sim 0.5-2 \text{ tCO}_2$ -e/year
- demands monitoring for results
- incentivizes large-scale efforts that endure
- can help reduce the price of efficient solutions



A Brief History of "Improved Cookstoves": late 2000s to present

The sector begins to mature....

Rigor and performance testing in the lab



Shell Foundation/Aprovecho lab benchmarks



U.S. EPA lab stove testing (2010)



Columbia Univ. MVP field testing (2009)

... and in the field



Easy-to-use and high quality monitoring devices (examples)



Fine particle monitor (UC/Berkeley)



Portable emissions testing kit (Aprovecho Research Center)



Temperature dataloggers as stove use monitors (Thermochron iButtons®)



Particle filter system (UCSD, for Project Surya)



Mobile personal sensing (UCLA/CENS, with Qualcomm phones)

Several personal exposure monitors (RTI MicroPEM shown here; also UC/Berkeley & Aprovecho)

New stove/fuel technologies in the market (examples)



Innovative Element



durable; turn down capacity; many fuels Alpha Eco

Chuhlafan stove (India) Very clean, fast, and durable;

Oorja pellet fan stove (India) Very clean; pellets from local ag waste; emerging mkt vision



Ethanol: Dometic stove (Mozambique) Very clean & safe; policy issues re. ethanol at scale

SNV home biogas system (Africa)

Extremely clean, but more costly; gas from household waste

Examples: Advanced stoves in the pipeline





Turbococina wood stove (El Salvador)

Advanced gasifier stove for institutions – home model currently being refined



Xunda wood fan stove (China)

Very clean; being adapted for use in global markets



RTI fan stove attachment (global)

Boosts performance of intermediate stove nearly to that of advanced fan stove (prototype being field tested)

A variety of business models are reaching significant scale (examples)

Government-led Efforts: A government leads a domestic effort to bring clean fuels and/or stoves to its population, often in partnership with private, multilateral, and other partners.

Examples:

- India
- Uganda and GIZ
- Peru
- Ethiopia
- Indonesia & LPG



Local Factory Selling Directly: A local company manufactures, markets, and sells stoves directly – often in partnership with (and initial funding from) NGO partners.

Examples:

- GERES/Cambodia
- HELPS/Guatemala
- First Energy/India
- Ugastove/Uganda
- Prakti/India
- JikoPoa/Kenya



International Manufacture/Local Distribution: Central, high-quality, and rapidly scalable production of off-the-shelf stove to overseas partners for distribution, sales, & service.

Examples:

- CleanStar/Dometic
- EnviroFit
- EcoZoom
- SEWA (women)
- Inyenyeri/Rwanda



Impact Investing with Local Partners: Global investors partner with donors to support scalable local production and business model.

Examples:

- Paradigm Project
- E+Co
- C-Quest
- Soros EDF



Partnership for Clean Indoor Air Results Reporting

- PCIA Launch: at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg)
- PCIA Goal: Increase the use of clean, reliable, affordable, efficient, and safe home cooking and heating practices that reduce exposure to indoor air pollution.
- Breakthrough Growth:
 - from 13 to over 600 partners
 - partners' results have grown dramatically in recent years





But, that's not enough...

Source: IEA, 2010

Figure 5: Premature annual deaths from household air pollution and other diseases



Sources: Mathers and Loncar (2006); WHO (2008); Smith et al., (2004); WHO (2004) and IEA analysis.

Launch of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves





"The benefits from this initiative will be cleaner and safer homes, and that will in turn, ripple out for healthier families, stronger communities, and more stable societies.... This could be as transformative as bed nets or even vaccines."

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, September 21, 2010

U.S. Commitment: 5+ years, over \$117M

The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

The Alliance convened the sector to develop a cohesive strategy to ignite change.

More than 350 practitioners and other experts

11 expert Working Groups

6 months of engagement

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A Strategy for Universal Adoption of Clean Cookstoves and Fuels

A three-pronged strategy has been developed GLEAN COOKSTON to spur the clean cookstove market.

- Promote international standards and rigorous testing protocols, locally and globally
- Champion the sector to build awareness
- Further document the evidence base (health, climate, and gender)
- Engage national and local stakeholders
- Develop credible monitoring and evaluation systems

Nearly 400 Partners and Growing

The Alliance continues to *Champion the Issue* through variety of supporters, channels and events.

recording

Key Year 2 Milestones/Progress

- Strategy and Partnership:
 - Strategy: issued Igniting Change and ten-year strategic business plan
 - Resources: Raised over \$29 million in total for the Alliance, and leveraged more than \$120 million in parallel funding for the sector
 - Partners: grew partnership base 130% to more than 400 organizations across six continents including 16 new national partners

• Enabling the Sector

- Standards: developed consensus guidelines and initiated standards for cookstove efficiency, safety, and emissions through an ISO process
- Country Outreach: held stakeholder consultations in 18 countries, completed 16 market assessments; and initiated country action plans in 6 countries
- Research: Commissioned \$4 million in research in the areas of child survival, climate change, gender and stove testing centers
- Testing Inventory: developed a stove performance inventory with data from over 600 tests to compare lab and field results and set credible standards

Announcements made at Alliance's 2nd Anniversary Celebration (9/24/12)

- First priority countries: Bangladesh, China, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda
- Investment:
 - **Spark Fund:** \$2 million to support capacity building for entrepreneurs
 - **\$9 million investment:** by Soros Economic Development Fund and the Industrialization Fund for Developing Countries in CleanStar Mozambique
 - Loan guarantee mechanism: with Sweden to drive sector investment
 - World Lung Foundation: support for Alliance child health research
- Leadership:
 - PCIA Integration: announced integration of PCIA into Alliance
 - Alliance Leadership Council: with former Irish president Mary Robinson and Swedish Minister for Int'l Development Cooperation Gunilla Carlsson
 - Alliance Ambassador Rocky Dawuni: the Ghanaian international music star

But.... There Remain Key Gaps, including Health Research

- What is the full burden across acute and chronic exposures?
 - birth outcomes
 - childhood pneumonia, TB, HIV?, adult pneumonia?, other infections?
 - NCDs: cancer, cardiovascular disease, COPD, asthma
 - other: cataracts, burns, back injuries, gender, IQ, …?
- Only 1 RCT completed so far RESPIRE
- What is the balance of quick evaluation vs. midrange research vs. long-term studies needed?

But.... There Remain Key Gaps, including Health Research (cont.)

- How clean do we need to make cooking environments to reduce each of these burdens?
- How many lives do different improvements save?
 - What is the dose-response relationship?
- What are the social variables that can predictably impact researchers' ability to test these questions?

The Social Dimension

Philips stove in use in India – But they were also using the the women love it and it traditional stove at the same time. emitted no noticeable smoke

They needed to work with the manufacturer to adapt the stove to cook the local bread evenly.

Stove performance often depends critically on how the cook – cooking habits, how fuel is fed in, etc.

Simple to explain – but complex to solve.

To get the research right, researchers must...

- Be clear about their goals. For example:
 - Are you showing that a drop in exposure improves health?
 - Or that actual use of a given stove/fuel will improve health?
 - Of that a given dissemination mechanism will yield results?
 - Those are very different questions!
- Get the technology right to your goal
 - It meets the research goals
 - It has been tested in both lab and field settings
- Ignore the social dimension at your peril!
 - Be sure women want to cook with it
 - Understand the full cooking and household energy situation
 cooking, heating, lighting, etc.

Summary Points

- If we can't in 10 years estimate with much greater accuracy how many lives we are saving with different interventions, we will have failed.
- This health research is arguably the biggest key to unlocking the resources needed to truly address this on a global scale.
- This is not cheap we need partners.
- If you do not succeed, we cannot succeed.

Thank You!!!!