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With no access to clean fuels and stoves, women spend hours gathering fuel - unpaid work that prevents other pursuits like getting an education.

## Radha's Letter

Dear Friends,

It was great to see clean cooking continuing to make waves at the highest levels of development this month.



Every year, Bill and Melinda Gates write an "annual letter" outlining their take on key global issues. Their focus this year energy access and time poverty. "Poverty is not just about a lack of money," they write. "It's about the absence of the resources the poor need to realize their potential. Two critical ones are time and energy."

I couldn't agree more...

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### Clean Cookstoves and Fuels: A Launch Pad for the Gates' Superpowers

More energy and more time: Achieving either would be catalytic and significant, but achieving both could be truly transformative.



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## News

### Four New Studies Will Measure Cardiopulmonary Benefits of Clean Cooking

The studies will take place in India, Nepal, Ghana, and Peru over the next two years and will examine how clean cookstoves and fuels can prevent chronic respiratory and cardiovascular disease.

## **Alliance Names Haitian Chef Ron Duprat to Chef Corps**

He will join Chef Corps members who use their culinary expertise and professional background to raise awareness about the harmful environmental and health impacts of traditional cooking techniques in their native countries.



## **Grants Available to Boost Women's Empowerment and Clean Cooking**

The Women's Empowerment Fund will award grants of up to US\$75,000 and the selected projects will have a 12-month timeframe to meet concrete objectives and performance milestones.

## **Briquette Producer in Uganda Creates Livelihood Opportunities for Women**

Through grant support the company has acquired much-needed machinery to expand its business operations and has increased women's participation at different levels of the value chain.



## **New Online Directory and Tools for National and Regional Alliances**

This resource was developed in response to a growing number of national and regional alliances seeking guidance and support. It offers local contacts, toolkits, country resources, and publications relevant to local alliance audiences.

## **Why We Must Ensure the SDG Indicator Framework Includes Cooking Energy**

The cross-cutting issue of cooking energy must be prioritized in the implementation of the global goals, and also be reflected in the indicator framework in a way that informs the most effective interventions.



## **Partner Spotlight**

### **SimGas: Two Brothers' Quest for Clean Energy**

The biodigester system is a groundbreaking product that is mass produced, fast to install, and customized to best fit customer needs.

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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 1400 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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