



Women check out cookstove options at a market demonstration event in Sumpango, Guatemala, where the country's first retail stove store recently opened.

Radha's Letter

Dear Friends,

As 2016 comes to a close, it's a fitting time to look back on a year that was full of progress, as well as change.

There is much to be proud of, as the [2016 Progress Report](#) released earlier this month showed. More than 53 million clean and/or efficient cookstoves and fuels have been distributed from 2010-2015, and the



proportion of higher-performing cookstoves in the biomass stoves market is increasing every year. The report also highlighted...

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Feature

2016 Progress Report released

The 2016 Progress Report, which includes noteworthy accomplishments from across the clean cooking sector, highlights the continuing momentum as the Alliance's more than 1,600 partners work toward the goal of enabling 100 million households to adopt clean and efficient cookstoves and fuels by 2020.



Alliance News

Take the annual partner survey!

Fill out the [2016 partner survey](#) today to help the Alliance better support and grow the clean cooking sector! This short 10-minute survey is a great opportunity to have your voice heard and share your thoughts on how the Alliance can best support the sector in the the coming years.

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Pilot projects in China show positive results

Earlier this month the Alliance joined China's Ministry of Agriculture to co-host a stakeholder meeting where local Chinese government officials and stove

and fuel producers reported final results from seven Alliance pilot projects.



Top 3 takeaways from Clean Cooking Forums in Asia, Africa, and Latin America

Read highlights from three Clean Cooking Forums that happened this month in India, Nigeria, and Colombia.

Ballot open for ISO standards document and field testing

Experts from 43 participating countries and 8 international liaison organizations will soon be voting on a document to standardize terminology for communicating, understanding, and improving stove and fuel performance and adoption.



Alliance conducts first Boost Workshop in India

The Alliance, in conjunction with the India Clean Cooking Forum 2016, conducted a workshop to help participating enterprises apply for grants, investments, awards, and capacity development programs.

Moving forward with energy: the 2016 SAFE Humanitarian Workshop

The Alliance and its partners hosted the third annual [SAFE Humanitarian](#)

[Workshop](#) in Rwanda – the only global event that brings together stakeholders to discuss how to improve energy access for refugees, internally displaced persons, and those affected by natural disasters.



Alliance promotes climate and health co-benefits of cookstoves and fuels

The Alliance is participating in several new opportunities to promote clean cooking within broader environmental and public health agendas to ensure co-benefits of cleaner, more efficient cookstoves and fuels.

Sector News

First cookstoves store opens in Guatemala

The first Estufas Mejoradas y Mas (Clean Cookstoves and More) store opened in Sumpango, Guatemala and will be managed by three aspiring women entrepreneurs.



U.S. EPA awards Green Tech Funding to company designing cleaner, more efficient stoves

The U.S. EPA awarded \$100,000 to San Diego-based Hi-Z Technology, Inc. to continue its design work to create a biofueled stove to provide on-demand power with reduced emissions for household use in developing countries.

Envirofit and Honduran government to partner on cookstoves impact study

Envirofit is partnering with Berkeley Air Monitoring Group to conduct a comprehensive, large-scale study on the impact of cookstoves in Honduran households by directly monitoring changes in indoor air pollution with clean cookstove use.



Cooking emissions an overlooked contributor to air pollution in India

Traffic is being forcibly reduced. Construction projects are put on hold. Yet one of the pollution crisis's major contributors, emissions from cooking, has not made headlines as other pollution sources have.

Domestic companies effectively respond to surging charcoal demand in Africa

With the demand for charcoal in Africa expecting to triple by 2050, companies like Burn Manufacturing continue to design more efficient cookstoves for charcoal use.



Partner Spotlight

Public-Private Alliance Foundation

Too many Haitian families are caught in the poverty, respiratory disease, deforestation trap of the country's heavy reliance on charcoal for cooking. The Public-Private Alliance

Foundation (PPAF), a non-profit based in New York, promotes a business approach for poverty alleviation.

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