

Sustainable Development Goals

Late last year, 193 member countries of the United Nations formally adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, an ambitious set of 17 Global Goals designed to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. These Global Goals will spur collective action and guide development for the next 15 years.

So what do the Global Goals mean for clean cooking? The simple answer is that clean cooking will help bring about strong, tangible results across the SDGs. In fact, access to clean cooking technologies and fuels will directly impact 10 of the 17 goals, as we've outlined below. We encourage you to learn more about the Global Goals, as well as how the [Alliance is working to ensure the SDG Indicator Framework](#) includes cooking energy.

Clean Cooking Delivers Impact Across Many Global Goals

 <p>1 NO POVERTY</p>	Clean cooking is part of basic services necessary to lead a healthy and productive life and saves households time and money.	 <p>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</p>	Clean cooking is essential to addressing energy poverty and ensuring sustainable energy security for billions of people.
 <p>2 ZERO HUNGER</p>	Efficient cookstoves reduce the amount of fuel needed to cook, thus reducing the burden on families who would otherwise have to collect it, buy it, or trade their food for it. Emissions of short-lived climate pollutants from inefficient cooking also hamper agricultural productivity.	 <p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p>	Energy access enables enhanced productivity and inclusive economic growth. The clean cooking sector offers many job opportunities.
 <p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</p>	Reducing smoke emissions from cooking decreases the burden of disease associated with household air pollution and improves well-being, especially for women and children.	 <p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p>	Clean cooking addresses household and ambient air pollution, resource efficiency, and climate vulnerability.
 <p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p>	Children, especially girls, are often kept out of school so that they can contribute to household tasks, like cooking and collecting fuel.	 <p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p>	Up to 25% of black carbon emissions come from burning solid fuels for household energy needs. Clean cooking solutions address the most basic needs of the poor, while also delivering climate benefits.
 <p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p>	Unpaid work, including collecting fuel and cooking, remain a major cause of gender inequality.	 <p>15 LIFE ON LAND</p>	Up to 34% of woodfuel harvested is unsustainable, contributing to forest degradation, deforestation, and climate change.