



A woman refills the canisters to her ethanol stove, which a new report shows may help reduce blood pressure in pregnant women.

## Radha's Letter

Dear Friends,

It was a pleasure to kick off our work this year by engaging with partners at the ETHOS conference this past week. From updates on stove performance enhancements to discussions on how to incorporate clean cooking into carbon reduction programs, the discussions, both formal and informal, were productive and informative...



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## Feature

### Clean cooksoves may reduce high blood pressure in pregnant women

Replacing biomass and kerosene cookstoves used throughout the developing world with clean-burning ethanol stoves may reduce hypertension and cardiovascular risk in pregnant women, according to new research published in the American Thoracic Society's American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

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## Alliance News

### New report and tool help track life cycle of cooking fuels

A new report and interactive tool created by the Alliance helps capture a more complete picture of the potential impact of a cooking fuel, from its production, processing, and distribution, as well as its use.

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### Interview with a stove manufacturer in China

Huiyang Shen and Rongmei Mo of SSM, one of the first stove companies in the Chinese market, share their insights on the future of the clean cookstove sector.



### UNHCR sets technical specifications for cookstove procurement

The Alliance partnered with UNHCR and Berkeley Air Monitoring Group to develop a common set of performance and test standards to evaluate the cookstoves currently available in the market.

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### **In case you missed it: Progress Report released**

Read the 2016 Progress Report, which includes noteworthy accomplishments from across the clean cooking sector and highlights 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.



### **Chef José Andrés and Radha Muthiah talk cookstoves at the George Washington University**

Alliance Champion José Andrés and Alliance CEO Radha Muthiah participated in a panel discussion at the George Washington University on the importance of increased access to clean energy and clean cookstoves around the world.



## **Sector News**

### **Update from ETHOS**

The 17th annual ETHOS meeting convened more than 120 participants from 13 countries to share their progress and challenges, while discussing how to more effectively collaborate to strengthen the cookstove and fuel sector.



## Over 250 participants gather in India for 6th Solar Cookers International World Conference

As part of the 6<sup>th</sup> SCI World Conference, the Alliance hosted a two-day Boost workshop to help 17 entrepreneurs from 7 countries engaged in the solar cooking sector improve their business skills.

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## Study shows advanced biomass cookstoves can deliver climate and environment benefits

Researchers from North Carolina State University and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine have found that improved woodstoves provide benefits to the environment and climate in rural Malawi.



## Research targets cookstove pollution using supercomputers and NASA satellites

New air quality research is investigating a major, but often overlooked contributor to outdoor pollution and climate: burning of solid fuel for cooking and heating.

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## Partner Spotlight

### Clean Cookstoves Association of Kenya

Since 2012, CCAK has been working to coordinate the sector, advocating for an enabling environment through government engagement, raising public awareness, and building capacity of cookstoves and fuels manufacturers and enterprises.

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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 1600 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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