



Two women demonstrate a pellet stove in China.

Radha's Message

Dear Friends,

I just returned from a busy week in China, and I am pleased to share that I saw strong progress in the country's effort to increasingly make clean cooking a reality for many, both domestically and internationally. Through market-based pilots in six provinces, the Ministry of Agriculture has made consistent efforts to help transition people away from using coal and wood for cooking and heating. These multi-fuel pilots have provided lessons that are now helping bring them to scale. As a result, other provinces have expressed interest in piloting their own clean cooking interventions.



Through these pilots, the benefits of processing biomass into pellets is becoming clear—for increasing combustion efficiency as well as benefitting livelihoods at the local level. Going forward, we are committed to expanding these efforts by working with the Ministry to include lessons learned into the design of the next Chinese Five-Year Plan. We will also work to incorporate clean cooking into President Xi's new Rural Revitalization initiative, launched during China's 19th National Congress of the Communist Party last October.

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From the Alliance

Study finds cleaner fuels can lead to healthier babies

Replacing traditional cookstoves with clean-burning ethanol cookstoves can have a positive impact on birth outcomes, [a recent study found](#).



Measuring the global burden of burns—two new tools for researchers

To understand risk factors and begin decreasing the incidence of burn deaths and injuries, the Alliance joined WHO and the CDC to [launch two tools](#) that increase the body of knowledge available on the causes and risk

factors associated with burns.

Call for nominations: Woman Entrepreneur of the Year

The Woman Entrepreneur of the Year award recognizes outstanding female leaders in the household energy sector who are advancing clean cooking solutions in emerging markets.

[The Alliance will accept nominations](#) from January 30 through March 1.



Global stakeholders lay the groundwork for a plan of action on energy in humanitarian response

120 delegates from the private, public, and humanitarian sectors [laid the groundwork](#) for the first global, multi-stakeholder plan to ensure crisis-affected people gain access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy services by 2030.

From the Sector

Could empowering women help us meet all the Sustainable Development Goals?

How do we leverage gender equality for all to help us deliver on the broader 2030 Agenda? Even more fundamentally—how do we measure progress? Gold Standard's Gender Equality Framework [aims to solve this problem](#).



More evidence of cooking emissions' impact on the environment emerges from India

A research team from Washington University in St. Louis found that particulate emissions from simple cookstoves in India [have been underestimated](#)—in some cases, emission levels were twice as high as previous lab findings.

The state of Haiti's tree-cover: A new picture is emerging

In Haiti demand for fuelwood and charcoal has long been blamed for severe deforestation, with international agencies reporting that the percentage of forest cover is in the single digits. We are now realizing that [the full picture is much different](#).



Partner Spotlight

[Project Gaia](#)

Project Gaia addresses environmental and socio-economic challenges around household cooking by championing more sustainable local cooking solutions, including alcohol fuels and alcohol-powered clean burning stoves.

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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 1800 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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