

What are supporters like you most proud of when it comes to Solar Cookers International’s accomplishments in the last year? Many of you responded to SCI’s “All About You Supporter Survey” to let us know that our ongoing efforts in Kenya to empower more refugees with access to solar cooking is what inspires you the most.

Because of your support, SCI is able to continue this important work in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. 108 standard-size ULOG solar cookers are being constructed for families in Kakuma. This brings the total number of solar cookers that SCI has distributed in Kakuma recently to 234, which positively impacts more than 1,900 people. These new sturdy solar cookers are expected to last at least 15 years and can cook three meals a day, making an estimated 8,748,000 individual solar cooked meals possible with 300 sunny days a year in Kakuma Refugee Camp.



SCI is also continuing its Performance Evaluation Process (PEP) by sending an additional standard-size ULOG solar box oven to the University of Nairobi for testing. PEP testing measures the standard cooking power in watts, which helps customers, users, and investors make informed decisions. Thanks to you, residents at Kakuma Refugee Camp are feeling the positive impacts that solar cooking provides.

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Solar ovens arrive at Kakuma Refugee Camp as women solar cooking champions prepare.

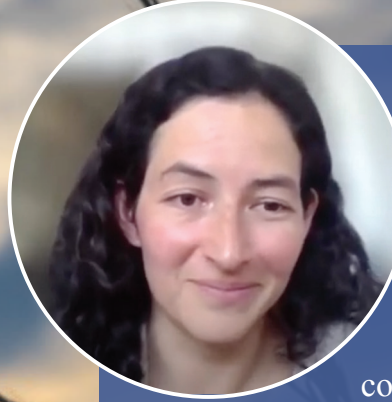
When refugees were asked what they looked forward to the most when using these new solar cookers, many responded:

- “Saving money by no longer purchasing expensive cooking fuel”
- “No longer have to barter food for cooking fuel”
- “It is easy to use”
- “No longer have to spend a lot of time looking for firewood and risking gender-based violence”
- “Reduces health risks by no longer breathing in smoke”

SCI advocates at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Forum

Because of your support and commitment, SCI was able to share your voice at this year's virtual United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Forum. Guest speakers from different regions of the world shared their perspective on solar cooking and its impact on gender equality as well as the importance of bringing solar cooking and clean energy to the forefront of the global agenda. Approximately 200 people from different continents of the globe registered for SCI's event.

Solar cooking is a powerful solution that promotes the health and safety of women around the world and empowers millions. Thanks to your continued support, SCI is able to share this message on a global stage and advocate on behalf of the 2.6 billion people still cooking over open fires. Read what some of our guest speakers had to say! To watch the video recording of the event, please visit: www.solarcookers.org/about/blog/csw66



"Some cases that we worked with in the Amazonian region of Bolivia, we saw that solar cooking helped women have a more participative role in the decision-making of the community. Women are in charge of cooking for the family, so they cannot do anything else during that time they have to cook. We saw very concrete examples of women going to meetings and speaking about their problems and concerns in these decision-making spaces because they had a solar cooker and they could leave food cooking while they participate in these activities. We have seen a very important impact that solar cooking has had in these communities."

-Rocío Maldonado, SCI Global Advisor



"As we think through what it would really take to meet the sustainable development goals -cooking is fundamental to that. Cooking is really critical and so finding a way to meet those needs with national level support is one of the things that would get efficient cook stoves on the agenda. It is now part of that planning perspective and it's because of all the reasons we've said such as indoor air quality, violence against women, and the time required to collect fuels."

-Dr. Daniel Kammen, Senior Advisor for Energy Innovation at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)



"Women spend a lot of time fetching firewood from far off sites yet solar energy is free and available right outside of their doors. Women are critical to the widespread adoption and use of clean cooking solutions. Solar cooking can also help ease the economic burden on women."

-Esther Wang'ombe, Senior Deputy Director, Renewable Energy, Kenyan Ministry of Energy



"There's so little good news right now with the climate crisis. Millions of people all over the world are still cooking with wood. But many people are making the connection that solar cookers have such a huge effect on women's lives and people's lives. I have tremendous admiration for the work SCI is doing."

-Mary Frank, artist and activist



"Mary Frank talks about the things that are free and right now, I think what Solar Cookers International has shown us is that joy is also free along with the sun. Never have we needed this kind of hope and joy more in such a tangible way."

-Terry Tempest Williams, author, conservationist, and activist

SCI is nominated for the Earthshot Prize!

SCI is proud to announce we have been nominated for the Earthshot Prize by Purpose Driven Innovation Ecosystem (PDIE Group). Launched by Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and The Royal Foundation in 2020, the Earthshot Prize is designed to incentivize change and help repair our planet over the next ten years. The prize has five categories in which finalists will be chosen: Protect and Restore Nature, Clean Our Air, Revive Our Oceans, Build a Waste-Free World, and Fix Our Climate. Stay tuned for future information regarding SCI's nomination.

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Building a Legacy through Solar Cookers International

Making Solar Cookers International a beneficiary of your retirement plan, bank account, will, or insurance policy is an easy way to improve the lives of others across the globe while positively impacting air quality for all.

Dave Tamayo, a local Sacramento, California, USA champion for education and green spaces, spoke at SCI's 2021 Impact Celebration. Dave was elected to the SMUD (Sacramento Municipal Utility District) Board for Ward 6 in 2014 and works as an environmental scientist for Sacramento County. Inspired by others who had designated SCI as a beneficiary of their employer retirement accounts, Dave decided that would be an easy way he could support the vital work SCI does around the world in the future.

“Thank you for making it so simple to become a legacy donor through my retirement account with the County. I’m happy to support SCI because it does so much to help tens of thousands of people all around the world by breaking the cycle of energy poverty and reducing exposure to extremely bad air quality.

SCI’s work to improve people’s lives reminds me of SMUD’s stated purpose to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Sacramento region, which we do through the lens of providing clean energy at an affordable price,” says Dave.



We know when you are considering making a legacy commitment to SCI, trust is so important. We encourage you to speak with your personal tax or financial advisor for information specific to your situation. Thank you to those who completed the “All About You Supporter Survey.” Nearly 40% of you are most inspired to trust SCI because of our highest rankings by charity rating organizations like Charity Navigator, BBB, and GuideStar; while 36% of you are most inspired to trust SCI based on our more than 35 years of experience.

Learn more about ways to continue your legacy by visiting www.solarcookers.org/donate or by contacting SCI Development Director Lynne Slightom at +1 916.455.4499 ext. 808 or donor.relations@solarcookers.org.

Meet SCI’s New Development Director Lynne



With 25 years of fundraising experience, Lynne holds a Master’s in Public Administration and gained her CFRE (Certified Fund Raising Executive) certification in 2020. After her experience in the Peace Corps, Lynne has been dedicated to humanitarian work.

Lynne is honored and thrilled to be part of SCI’s amazing team and looks forward to helping you make the impact you want to have with SCI. To learn more about Lynne, visit: www.solarcookers.org/about/team/SCIstaff/lynne-slightom

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