



Mom of 5 says:

Solar cookers save money, save lives

Lucy in Kenya says, "We need more of them here!"

Two years ago, Lucy's life changed for the better. That was when she received a solar cooker, thanks to support from you and other friends.

You know how much power a solar cooker has to improve people's lives. But you might be surprised just how big the transformation has been for Lucy.

Lucy lives in Kakuma Refugee Camp, one of the largest in the world. Situated on an arid plain in northwestern Kenya, it is home to around 300,000 refugees — people who have fled from violence and civil unrest in several surrounding nations, including Lucy, her husband, and their five children.

Lucy's first word of praise for her solar cooker is the money it saves her. She used to spend about \$5 a week on charcoal for cooking. That is a major expense in the camp. Now, a \$5 bag of charcoal lasts up to six weeks. Those savings alone have been transformational for her family.

But that's not the only thing Lucy loves about her solar cooker. Even the process of cooking is improved. She can prepare meals, place them in

the cooker, and then do other jobs — confident that the food won't burn. This gives her an extra one or two hours a day.

And the food tastes great, she says.

Lucy wants there to be more solar cookers because she sees women going out to the unprotected wilderness to collect wood for cooking, where rape and brutal attacks are rampant. Lucy is deeply concerned about the violence and the long-term impact this has on women in the camp. This is why she repeatedly calls for more solar cookers for the community.

Your kind and visionary giving has already transformed life for Lucy and her family, with more help to more people coming all the time. Thank you for caring — and for giving in this important and strategic way!

The sun rises every day and shines on all of us

Cuts to aid are painful, but your generosity is making a major difference



I trust you. I believe in you. Women like Lucy can rely on you. Because people like you have understood the importance of empowering women like her with access to solar cooking since 1987. No matter what the world looks like, you have seen and supported the importance of solar cooking. And that has given SCI the ability to support women like Lucy regardless of what the U.S. government does or doesn't do.

You've heard about cuts in federal grants to nonprofit organizations, especially the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The cuts are deep, sudden, and already hurting a lot of people and damaging poverty-fighting programs around the world.

You might be wondering if these cuts are going to hurt the work you support at Solar Cookers International. Let me reassure you: *We do not receive any U.S. federal funds.* We will not have to cut programs or lay off staff because of federal spending cuts. The work you care about and help make possible — getting solar cookers into the homes of struggling families — is continuing as ever, regardless of US government decisions. In fact, the nature of solar cookers makes them a great cross-cutting solution for any situation. They can do the job of improving lives and saving the planet — no matter what.

That's the good news. Your giving is already hard at work, and you will keep making a difference. But there's some bad news too: Already limited resources for people like Lucy are being cut back even more. They are facing harder times with less help than they've had in a long time. Less food and emergency aid. Fewer chances to get much-needed education. Cuts to healthcare.

This means the people we help need solar cookers more than ever.

Because, as you know, solar cookers help people solve so many of the challenges they face every day: From hunger to sickness to time for schooling to safety for women and girls ... to the big things, including deforestation and climate change.

Every dollar you donate means more solar cookers get into the hands of the people who need them most. And that means more help for those who need it in this time of cuts in aid. The sun rises every day, and it ties all of us together who belong to the human family and the beautiful planet we live on.

Thank you for caring and doing your part,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Caitlyn Hughes'.

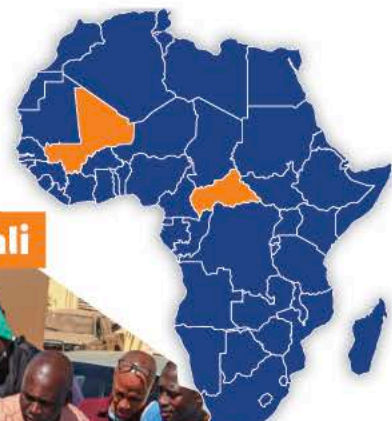
Caitlyn Hughes
Executive Director
Solar Cookers International



New frontiers for solar cooking – thanks to you!

Two countries join the solar-cooking movement

Your support has made it possible to expand our work to two new countries in Africa: Mali and the Central African Republic. These are poverty-stricken areas, among the poorest in the world. That means the positive impact of getting solar cookers into the lives of families will be truly transformative.



Mali



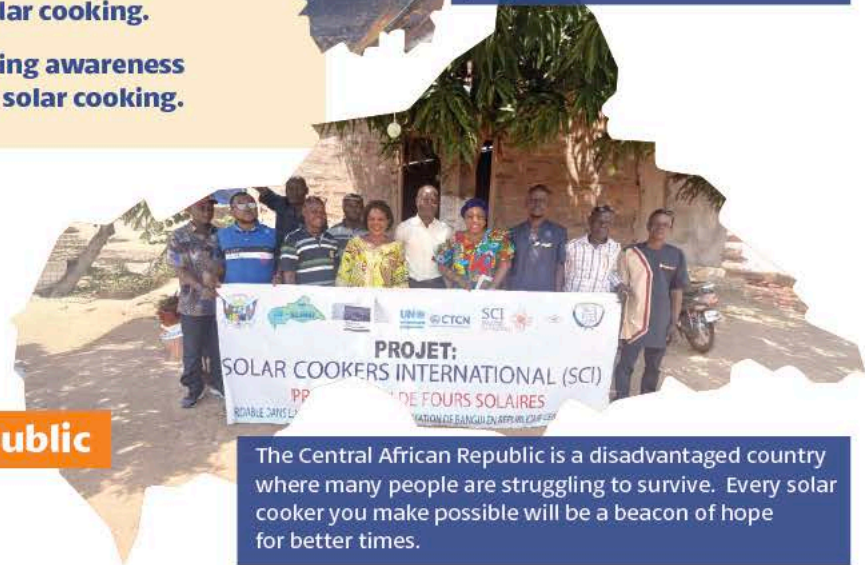
Climate change is hitting Mali (one of the poorest nations in the world) especially hard. More solar cookers will make a powerful difference for people there.

Here's what's happening now:

- ▶ We've surveyed and interviewed families to find those most in need and most ready for a solar cooker. The families are so eager to start cooking with the sun!
- ▶ We've begun making solar cookers using local labor so they can be made far into the future.
- ▶ We are teaching people about solar cooking.
- ▶ Our in-country partners are hosting awareness events to spread the word about solar cooking.



All of this is possible because of your generosity. Thank you for doing your part to fight poverty and save the planet!



Central African Republic

The Central African Republic is a disadvantaged country where many people are struggling to survive. Every solar cooker you make possible will be a beacon of hope for better times.

Please donate today to fight climate change and help families flourish!
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Create a legacy

Transform communities and save the planet — for decades to come

Are you ready to take a step that will keep on reducing greenhouse gases, save forests, and fight extreme poverty for decades into the future?

Here's how: Many friends like to leave a gift in their will or trust to Solar Cookers International. Every time a solar cooker goes to work for a family in need, we make progress for the planet and for people in need. That's how you will keep making a difference not just now, but for generations to come.

You get the deep satisfaction of knowing that your values and your legacy will continue far into the future, helping to save our planet and the wonderful people who live here.



To discuss leaving your legacy, contact our expert **Lynne Slightom**:
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Emergency situation in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya

Malnutrition is spreading in this massive camp in northern Kenya: Cuts to USAID funding means residents now receive less grain and only about \$6 per person a month for ALL other food. Food assistance is now at 40% of the minimum needed. Also, allowances for cooking fuel have been zeroed out, meaning women and girls will be forced to strip the nearby land of trees and shrubs. The need for solar cookers is greater than ever!

Follow this important story as it develops:

<https://www.solarcookers.org/about/blog/emergency-situation-kakuma-refugee-camp>



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