



Kenya

## How sun power has changed life for Faith and her children

### Refugee family thanks you for the gift of solar cooking

Faith lives in one of the world's largest refugee camps: Kakuma, in northern Kenya. It's almost the only home she knows. She's lived there since 1997, when she was 6 years old and her mother died in childbirth. That was when she went to Kakuma with her aunt. Six years later, Faith's aunt died.

Faith became the head of her household of her siblings. She was 12.

In Kakuma, life is a struggle for everyone. But the hardship Faith has faced is almost beyond belief. She attended school for awhile, but was forced to drop out because people were threatening her life. Then, with no education and no way of making a living, she began to exchange sex for just enough money to survive.

Faith has two children — both born in the camp. They used to spend almost all their time scavenging for firewood for cooking. This took them outside the camp, where the danger of attack was constant.

Then something amazing happened recently thanks to friends like you.

Faith received a solar cooker. Faith says she now saves about \$3 a week on fuel. That may not seem like much, but considering the crisis in Kakuma (see page 2), it's important! It goes to food, school fees and supplies, and for emergencies. Her children no longer have to scavenge for firewood.

On top of that, cooking is now safer and cleaner. No more smoke, irritated eyes, or the danger of burns that are a constant problem for so many.

Faith is deeply grateful for her solar cooker. She will never forget the danger she and her children used to face collecting firewood. Her children are better nourished, and they no longer get respiratory problems from the smoke.

It's almost a new life. As Faith puts it, she is "blessed."

**Your visionary giving has already transformed life for Faith and many others. Thank you for caring — and for giving in this important and strategic way!**

# Humanitarian disaster unfolds in massive refugee camp

Cuts to aid lead to widespread hunger and death ... but your generosity is making a major difference



*Kakuma* means “nowhere” in Swahili. Maybe because it is on a flat, dusty plain in northern Kenya, far from almost anything else. But for some 300,000 people, Kakuma Refugee Camp is very much “someplace.”

And right now, Kakuma is ground zero for a deepening humanitarian crisis. You know about sudden and deep cuts in U.S. poverty-fighting aid. It’s hitting the people of Kakuma hard.

It used to be that U.S. funds covered 70% of the World Food Programme’s (WFP) budget for Kakuma. That funding is now gone. That means most of the people in Kakuma face extreme hunger.

Life was far from easy even before the cuts. Back then, aid covered only about 80% of people’s minimum nutritional needs. Many refugees scraped by on less than \$2 a day.

Now, most of them get nothing at all. They have no backup, no workaround and almost no jobs or economic activity. And no safety net.

Food stocks are almost gone. There is little help on the horizon. The WFP says assistance will soon be entirely gone. People — especially the very young and the very old — are already dying from hunger. Death rates are likely to skyrocket in the coming days. **This is a code-red emergency!**

One bright spot: solar cookers, made possible by you.

## Solar cookers save lives.

In a difficult time like this, one of the powerful actions you can take is to *donate to Solar Cookers International to help put more of these cookers to work in Kakuma* and other places being devastated by aid cuts. Your giving brings real hope in a time of despair.

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

## Overwhelming demand in Kakuma: “Don’t leave us here”

John Kamau, SCI local collaborator, recently visited Kakuma for a solar cookers distribution event. He reports that between 50 and 75 people came in addition to the selected program participants, many having walked up to 20 kilometers to get there — hoping to get a solar cooker.

When all available cookers were given out, some 20 women stayed behind, pleading for cookers. “Don’t leave us here,” they said. “How can we get these cookers?”

They knew what a difference a solar cooker can make. It’s a matter of survival for their families. After speaking to dozens of refugee women, John clearly saw “Finding food is one thing; finding a way to cook it is the next challenge”

**Even if people have food, they can still starve without the means to cook it.**

Your visionary giving can answer their cries for help. Thank you for all you’ve done in this critical situation.

See the full interview with John Kamau here:



# YOU were at the United Nations Climate Change Conference

The U.S. government may have abandoned the fight against climate change — but you are still in it! Thanks to your support, we were at the conference in Brazil, advocating for the impact of solar cookers on reducing greenhouse gases and deforestation. The impact of this will echo through the coming years. Thank you!

Read more: [www.solarcookers.org/about/blog](http://www.solarcookers.org/about/blog)



## Central African Republic

# Solar cooking is transforming lives in one of the world's poorest nations

Solar cookers in the Central African Republic are now at work in people's homes, helping them break free from poverty and illness — and saving the planet. Look at what these people are saying ...



Photo: Keith Wingard

*"The solar cooker I received has had positive effects on my health. I no longer have headaches. When I cook, I don't feel the smoke. So yes, it's a very good thing!"* — **Nadège**

*"This solar cooker saves me money and time. Before, I had to walk between 6 and 10 kilometers three times per week to collect wood for cooking. Now, I only need to go once per week."* — **Delphine, Kpalongo**



Photo: UN CTCN/Miranda Rikki Tasker



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*"Since I started using the solar cooker, I notice a difference in how much I spend on firewood. I used to spend about \$1 a day, but now I am spending about 50¢. The solar cooker saves money."*

— **Olga, Landja Mboko**

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# Create a legacy that will transform communities — and save the environment — 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 generations to come?

Many of our friends are leaving a gift in their will or trust to Solar Cookers International. That will keep this work on solid ground, spreading the power of the sun to protect our planet and improve lives around the globe. Your legacy gift will keep making a difference for generations to come.



To discuss leaving your legacy, contact our expert **Lynne Slightom**:  
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## Solar cookers around the world They're making a difference everywhere!

**We've documented 4.8+ million solar cookers ... and counting.\* This means:**

- ▶ **21.7 million people are directly impacted by solar cooking.**
- ▶ **If all of these cookers were in use simultaneously, they could prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to taking more than 1.5 million cars off the road.**
- ▶ **Cookers can save billions of dollars annually, through avoided health and environmental costs.**



Solar cookers in use around the world mean healthy people and healthy environments. You can join the solar cooking movement too!



**Do you have a solar cooker?  
Put it on the map by going to:  
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\*Calculations are estimates.