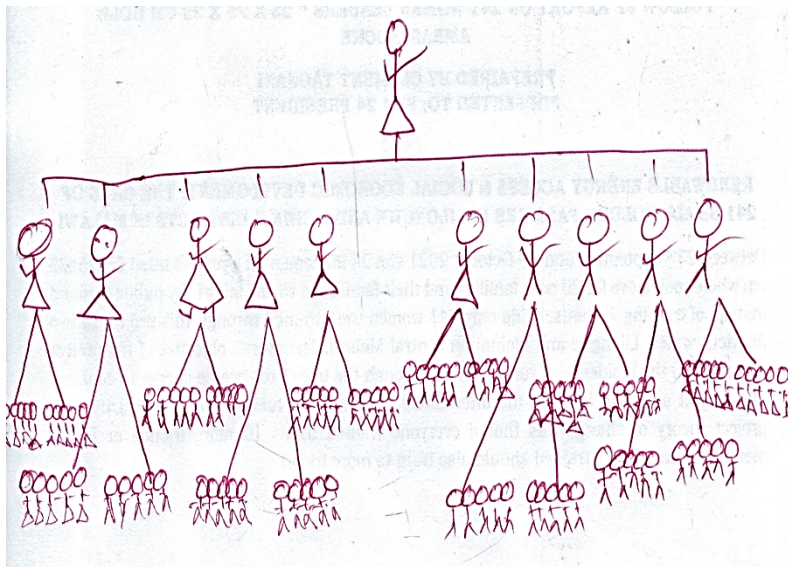


FOLLOW UP REPORT ON 241 WOMEN LEADERS “ 25 X 25 X 25 CM HOLE AMBASSADORS

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RENEWABLE ENERGY ACCESS & SOCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: THE CASE OF 241 SMALL HOLDER FARMERS IN LILONGWE AND MCHINJI DISTRICTS IN MALAWI

Between 23rd September and 7th October 2021 sun 24 implemented a project titled 25x25x25 cm whole cook stove for 20 poor families and their families in rural Malawi. By public demand instead of training 20 households only. 2410 women were trained through this project in two district, namely Lilongwe and Mchinji in central Malawi. The overall objective of the project was to build the residence of rural families through the use of renewable energy in cooking. The project aimed to address the interrelated challenges of fuel “ wood ” insecurity. The project theory of change was that if everyone trained trains 10 more friends or family members, these newly trained should also train to more friend. Most of the women we have trained have said it again and again that they will never go back to the forest looking for fuel. They will rather use maize stalks or elephant grass for cooking since these are commonly available and works all most the as wood if used in a hole .



FEEDBACK NO 20 FIRST GROUP

On 3rd October sun 24 Malawi commissioned a study to assess the impact of this project and identify enabling factors and barriers to the promotion of 25 x 25 x 25 cm hole cook stove. The hole cook stove can have a positive impact on poor rural households in terms of their livelihoods, income, food security “ if biology is used” and women experiment. But there are still some issues to be considered i.e. accessibility of training materials. Below is the list of those who participated in the first phase of the project. So far 2410 women have been trained , if all these trained women train 10 individuals each it means the project can reach out to more than 24100 women or households have reached already in two weeks

after commissioning the pilot project . The 17 women said they do not think they will cook with wood ever again.

S/N	Name Of Women	Do You Like The Method	If Yes Why?	If Not Why?	Do You Cook All Your Meals Using This Method ?	How Long Do You Take Before Tending	Nature Of Smoke	Is It Hard To Remove Leaves From Stalks?
1	Agatha Njomvu	Yes	Less Smoke Less Attending Good Fire	-	Yes	30 Minutes	Less Smoke	No
2	Rhoda Phiri	Yes	Good Char Less Smoke	-	Yes	26 Minutes	Less	No
3	Loveness Goma	Yes	Less Tending .Good Fire	-	Yes	28 Minutes	Less	No
4	Chimwemwe Usufu	Yes	.Less Tending .Less Smoke	-	Yes	28 Minutes	Less	No
5	Irene Banda	Yes	.Less Tending .Good Fire	-	Yes	30 Minutes	Less	No
6	Chifundo Biko	Yes	.Less Smoke .Less Tending	-	Yes	26 Minutes	Less	No
7	Ufulu Banda	Yes	.Less Tending .Good Fire	-	Yes	27 Minutes	Less	No
8	Joyce Umali	Yes	.Good Fire .Less Tending	-	Yes	30 Minutes	Less	No
9	Siyani Kagwa	Yes	.Less Tending .Less Fuel	-	Yes	30 Minutes	Less	No

10	Grace Chimbizi	Yes	.Cook Faster .Less Smoke	-	Yes	28 Minutes	Less	No
11	Agness Lewanika	Yes	.Less Tending .Less Smoke	-	Yes	28 Minutes	Less	No
12	Alice Simwaka	Yes	.Less Smoke .Less Tending	-	Yes	28 Minutes	Less	No
13	Angella Phiri	Yes	.Less Tending .Less Smoke	-	Yes	27 Minutes	Less	No
14	Charity Usi	Yes	.Less Tending .Less Smoke	-	Yes	30 Minutes	Less	No
15	Chinsisi Chauma	Yes	.Less Fuel .Less Smoke	-	Yes	30 Minutes	Less	No
16	Dalitso Chauma	Yes	.Cooks Faster .Less Smoke	-	Yes	30 Minutes	Less	No
17	Elizabeth Liunde	Yes	.Less Tending .Less Smoke	-	Yes	30 Minutes	Less	No
18	Chikhu Chigwe	Once Used And Stopped For Gas Cooker	-	-	-	-	-	She Do Composite
19	Esmy Dimba	.Still Using Charcoal	-	-	-	-	-	She Burn Them In The Farm
20	Esther Felix	.She Will Dug The Hole This Weekend	-	-	-	-	-	She Burn Them In The Farm

CONCLUSIONS

Overall findings of this study indicate that if many women groups are trained, they have a positive impact on others and this project can be adopted by many women who travel 8 km or in search for fuel. This project can have a positive impact on poor rural households in terms of their livelihoods, income and food security.

RECOMMENDATIONS

For a meaningful impact, there is a need for mass trainings

As SUN 24 is still working of training video there is a need to find a better way of distributing the video i.e. distributing it to all catholic and Anglican parishes, to all SHG/ Agricultures and other relevant authorities like chiefs, in order to ensure availability of technical knowhow and advise at the local authority levels, there is a need to train SUN 24 Ambassadors in the renewable energy strategy

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