

COOKING
FOR LIFE



FACT SHEET

Together we can
fuel solutions in
the home.

Campaign Overview

COOKING FOR LIFE is a campaign to bring LP Gas — a clean, safe and efficient cooking fuel — to millions of people in the developing world whose health and safety are threatened daily from cooking with solid fuels like wood and charcoal. The COOKING FOR LIFE campaign convenes governments, public health officials, the energy industry and global NGOs to expand access to this promising and important cooking fuel alternative.

The Challenge

Every morning in cities and rural areas across the world, a woman starts a fire to cook for her family using solid fuels. This daily ritual is meant to nurture and sustain families. Instead, it is harming them. Burning solid fuels releases soot into the air, causing respiratory infections, pulmonary disease, lung cancer, malnutrition, low birth weight and other conditions. Three billion people — largely the world's most vulnerable and poor — breathe in this deadly air.

Each year, two million people die from cooking-related indoor air pollution-caused illness — more than deaths from malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis combined. Indoor smoke from solid fuels is the tenth leading cause of avoidable deaths worldwide.

And this entirely preventable problem disproportionately affects women and children — the ones collecting, cooking with and breathing in solid fuels.

The environmental impacts of cooking with solid fuels are also negative. Solid fuel collection and burning cause deforestation, pollution and soil erosion.

The Solution

An alternative to current cooking methods exists, and it is accessible and readily available to people around the world: LP Gas.

LP Gas is a safe, clean and efficient fuel. It is a clean burner and has lower greenhouse emissions than any other fossil fuel when measured on a total fuel cycle. With LP Gas-fueled stoves, indoor air pollution is virtually nonexistent. It is a favorable alternative to solid fuels in terms of health, cost, and environmental impact. LP Gas is a co-product of natural gas and crude oil production, meaning it exists whether or not we use it.

Let's make it available. Let's encourage its use. Let's use it.