



Issue 150 | June 20, 2014 | Focus on Gender Mainstreaming and Clean Cookstoves

This issue of WASHplus Weekly includes presentations, papers, and reports on “gender mainstreaming” - how to best empower women through cooking solutions and strategies for actively engaging women in the clean stove and fuel value chains.

PAPERS

The Kaleidoscope of Cooking—Understanding Cooking Behaviour and Stove Preferences in Rural India, 2014. GIZ. ([Link](#))

This report identifies cooking technologies suitable for users living in diverse geographical and socio-economic backgrounds. It also includes suggestions from rural cooks on improving existing cookstoves to better meet their cooking requirements.

Gender Differences in Preferences, Intra-Household Externalities, and Low Demand for Improved Cookstoves, 2013. G Miller, National Bureau of Economic Research. ([Link](#))

This paper explores whether public policy will be able to exploit gender differences in preferences to promote cooking technology adoption absent broader social change.

Hivos Policy Guidelines: Gender Mainstreaming in Hivos' Domestic Biogas and Improved Cook Stove Programmes, 2013. E Nijland. ([Link](#))

This paper contributes to the discussion on a gender mainstreaming policy and strategy for Hivos' programs on renewable energy by focusing on two key sub-programs: improved cookstoves and domestic biogas.

REPORTS

Scaling Adoption of Clean Cooking Solutions through Women's Empowerment: A Resource Guide, 2013. Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves and UK Department for International Development (DFID). ([Link](#))

The guide is meant for a wide variety of sector stakeholders to increase their understanding of why women have a critical role to play and how to ensure they are included in each segment of the clean cooking value chain.

Putting the Cook Before the Stove—A User-Centred Approach to Understanding

Household Energy Decision-Making, 2012. F Lambe, Stockholm Environmental Institute. ([Link](#))

This study seeks to better understand the most important influences over household energy choices in order to identify practical ways to support communities shifting to cleaner energy use.

Gender and Energy for Sustainable Development: A Toolkit and Resource Guide—How Can Innovative Financing Schemes Expand Women’s Access to Energy, 2004. Sustainable Energy Program of UNDP and International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy. ([Link](#))

This toolkit is designed to help planners and practitioners integrate gender and energy considerations into development programs, including those focusing on energy improvements as well as other types of development programs.

PRESENTATIONS

Gender and Women’s Empowerment, Clean Cooking Forum, March 2013. Presentation by Corinne Hart, Program Manager, Gender and Markets, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves. ([Link](#))

Women Entrepreneurs and Improved Cook Stoves, Clean Cooking Forum, March 2013. Presentation by Iwan Baskoro, Program Director and Technical Advisor, Improved Cookstove Program, GERES. ([Link](#))

Integrating Gender within World Bank Energy Sector and Africa Clean Cooking Energy Solutions (ACCES), Clean Cooking Forum, March 2013, Cambodia. Presentation by Katie Kennedy Freeman, Energy Specialist, ESMAP, World Bank. ([Link](#))

Gender Mainstreaming, Clean Cooking Forum, March 2013. Presentation by Evelyne Heyi, German International Cooperation (GIZ), Energizing Development, Kenya Country Programme. ([Link](#))

Gender in Clean Cooking Solutions: Experience of CRT/N, Clean Cooking Forum, March 2013. Presentation by Ganesh Ram Shrestha Executive Director Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal. ([Link](#))

WEBINAR

Webinar: Scaling Adoption of Clean Cooking Solutions through Women’s Empowerment, June 2014. Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, Energia, and Paradigm Project. ([Link](#))

This webinar outlines how to use the “Scaling Adoption of Clean Cooking Solutions through Women’s Empowerment: Resource Guide” and features presentations from the organizations whose work is highlighted in the Guide.

WEBSITE

The Women’s Carbon Standard, 2014. Women Organizing to Change in Agriculture and NRM (WOCAN). ([Link](#))

The W+ Standard is a unique certification label developed by WOCAN to quantify and monetize

the social capital created by women to recognize and reward their contributions to sustainable environments and communities. The standard is explained in a presentation entitled Ensuring Benefits to Mountain Women for Climate Change Adaptation.

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