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**10 years ago**

**2 billion people**

**Cooked over open fires**

**Today**

**2 billion people**

**Cook over open fires**

**10 years from now**

**2 billion people**

**Will cook over open fires**

**20 years from now**

**2 billion people**

**Will cook over open fires**

# **Let's improve open fire cooking**

**It's not going away**



# Rock Beds

## Three Stone Cookstoves

- Unhealthy
- Collecting wood take 2 hrs /day
- Indoor air pollution
- Outdoor air pollution
- Climate damage
- Deforestation

Just adding 8-10 small rocks on the ground improves air flow and improves efficiency by a third and cuts emissions by more than half.

# Why is nobody interested in rock beds?

Free

Peer reviewed journal articles:

- Improved efficiency and reduced emissions
- High adoption and continued usage rates
- \$0.06 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e mitigated

Pennies to train

## Please tell me!





# Bands





# Bands





# Dung sticks



# Benefits

(For the Top-Lith Crop Waste Cookstove)

- Improved health. Not only is smoke greatly reduced, but women can walk away from this stove for 12-45 minutes because it needs no tending. Three stone stoves require constant tending, with young children often nearby.
- Eliminate the time collecting firewood. Women and girls spend an average of 2.1 hours per day collecting firewood in Sub-Saharan Africa, subjecting themselves to sexual assault, animal attacks and taking time away from other productive activities.
- Less climate damage. Wood burning creates great amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> and black carbon.
- Less indoor air pollution.
- Less deforestation.



Washing  
cow  
dung

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