Improved Cook Stoves, Malawi

Protecting social, economic, technological and environmental wellbeing.



Reducing deforestation, emissions and helping families through the provision of improved cookstoves in a developing nation.

The Project

The M'tetezi is a locally manufactured cook stove that has been introduced to the African nation of Malawi. The stove is operated by inserting one or two pieces of wood through an opening in the side. A draft is then created by the large temperature difference between the air entering the bottom of the stove and the hot combustion gases exiting from the top of the vertical combustion chamber. Cooking with the M'tetezi cookstoves requires significantly less firewood than the traditional cooking practice.

M'tetezi cookstoves reduce greenhouse gas emissions and indoor air pollution (carbon monoxide and particulate matter) in households. This reduction in exposure, especially to women and young children, is expected to reduce the health risks such as respiratory problems and issues related to eyes due to smoke. In comparison to open cooking fires, the use of the M'tetezi cook stove reduces the amount of time spent obtaining wood fuel, especially for children and mothers.

The saved time can be channeled towards other activities such as buying food, clothes and medical treatments. Therefore, the promotion of Improved cookstove production in Balaka, will not only bring the above-mentioned benefits but will also bring local employment to rural areas, through the production and distribution of the improved cookstoves by the community members themselves.



Gold Standard

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Domestic Energy Efficiency Type:

Location: Balaka, Malawi

Standard: **Gold Standard**

Verified Emissions Reductions

Emission 365,043 tonnes of CO2 Reductions equivalent over the life

of the project. Achieved:

Crediting 14/02/2021 Period: to 13/02/2026

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS ACHIEVED		
SDG	SDG IMPACT	AMOUNT ACHIEVED
13 CLIMATE ACTION	Amount of CO2 equivalent emissions reduced by the project	365,043 tonnes of CO2 (equivalent)
1 POVERTY	Number of Improve Cook Stoves distributed under the project as an indicator of providing basic service access to households	54,873
	Percentage of users reporting money saving due to reduction in purchased fuel consumption in project	77.14 %
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	Percentage of users reporting reduction in smoke after shifting to Improve Cook Stoves in project	100 %
5 EQUALITY	Percentage of users reporting time saving due to reduction in collected fuel consumption / cooking time /boiling water	96.19 %
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	Percentage of users reporting an operational Improve Cook Stove in project	90 %
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	Number of male / female numbers of employment created by the project	308 employment opportunities generated (Male 145, Female 163)
15 IIFE STATE ON LAND	Fuel-wood savings reported by users in the project	100 %





