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Letter From the Board President and Executive Director

It's incredible how forest fires, happening thousands of miles away, impact our air quality, health, and ability to go outside or enjoy our lives. Now imagine how smoke like that affects someone cooking over an open fire every day.

It's heartbreaking to think that **1 in 3 people** worldwide, mostly women and children, are living this way, and about **3.2 million people are dying yearly** from illnesses attributable to household air pollution. The time to act is now. Solar cooking reduces risks such as indoor air pollution, deforestation, and respiratory disease. It increases energy independence, food stability, health, and safety.

With your support, solar cooking eliminates indoor air pollution, reducing overall outdoor air pollution. This improves the air that we all breathe, and for this, we truly thank our supporters.

Best,

SCI SHARES YOUR VOICE AT THE WORLD STAGE



Thanks to your generous support, SCI has been able to continue its advocacy work on behalf of the global solar cooking sector, sharing the stories and experiences of solar cooks around the world and advocating for the continued expansion of solar cooking programs.

As a host of virtual events during the United Nations High-level Political Forum and the Commission on the Status of Women, SCI was honored to highlight the voices of collaborators and share information from the solar cooking community. At the annual United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, SCI met with government leaders, academics, and project implementers, pointing out how solar cooking can help the world achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.