#### SUN BUCKETS Cook with the sun, even at night!

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#### PROBLEM

#### **3 BILLION**

people cook using solid fuels

### **4 MILLION**

annual deaths due to cooking related illness leading cause of death for children under 5

#### 25%

black carbon emissions 1GT of green house gas emissions

## **Possible Solution - Solar Cookers**

- More energy than all of civilization consumes in a whole year!
- Renewable, abundant, can be clean
- Harnessing for cooking Solar cookers!



## **Conventional Solar Cookers**







Box Cookers

Panel Cookers

Parabolic Cookers



## **Problems with Conventional Cookers**

- Users need to stand outside in the sun to cook
- Conventional cookers incapable of all cooking processes
- Users need to deviate from traditional cooking
- Cannot cook during the night



# What is a Sun Bucket?

- A Sun Bucket is a unique solar cooker
- Parabolic dish concentrates light onto inverted Sun Bucket
- Aluminum plate heated by reflected sunlight
- Energy conducts into a salt mix
- Salt melts and retains latent heat





### Cook with the sun, even at night. no fuel, no fire, no emissions



ON PARABOLIC DISH

### **STORE** FOR 20 HOURS



Navajo Nation, near Winslow, AR USA

# Process



Place Sun Bucket on Parabolic Dish Concentrator



Direct the dish to the sun to concentrate sun rays onto heating plate



Remove Sun Bucket and begin cooking



## Features

- Portable
- Thermal Storage
- High Operating Temperature: **360**°C
- Charge time: **2 hours**
- Heat retention time: 20 hours
- Cooking operations: All cooking operations including but not limited to boiling, steaming, frying



## COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE`

	Sun Buckets	Direct Solar Cookers	Cooking Fuels (Firewood, kerosene)
Clean Energy	✓	✓	
No Emissions	✓	✓	
Portable	✓		
High Temperature	✓		✓
Thermal Storage	✓		

\*We also reduce the need to collect firewood or other resources in the communities we deploy the buckets to, thus providing a safer environment for women or children.



# Liquified Petroleum Gas

- Liquefied Petroleum Gas is the dominant fuel used by Indians.
- 89% of Indians use LPG cylinders
- LPG is affordable + clean
- LPG is a non-renewable source of energy



### Comparison to LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas)

- Average cost of LPG cylinder in India ₹820
- Average of **7 cylinders** used per Indian family
- Total cost **₹5740** per year
- Recommended **2 buckets** per family
- 2 Buckets + Charging System Cost ₹35000
- 6 years to redeem costs through LPG savings



# INDIA PROJECT - CASE STUDY

- 10 Sun Buckets distributed in Leh and Udaipur
- Proven- Indian food can be cooked on Sun Buckets
- Proven All cooking operations can be performed on Sun Buckets (steaming, boiling, frying)
- Proven- regional variants of food could be cooked on Sun Buckets
- Items cooked Roti, dal, sabzi, rice, pasta, chai, maggi, thukpa, momos etc.



## INDIA PROJECT - CASE STUDY

- Average charging time 2 hours
- Average cooking time -
  - Lunch 129 minutes
  - Dinner 141 minutes
- Average meal sizes -

Dal - 230 g, Rice - 130 g, Vegetables - 450 g, Roti - 16 no.s

• Conclusion: 2 Sun Buckets system provides sufficient energy for family of 4



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