



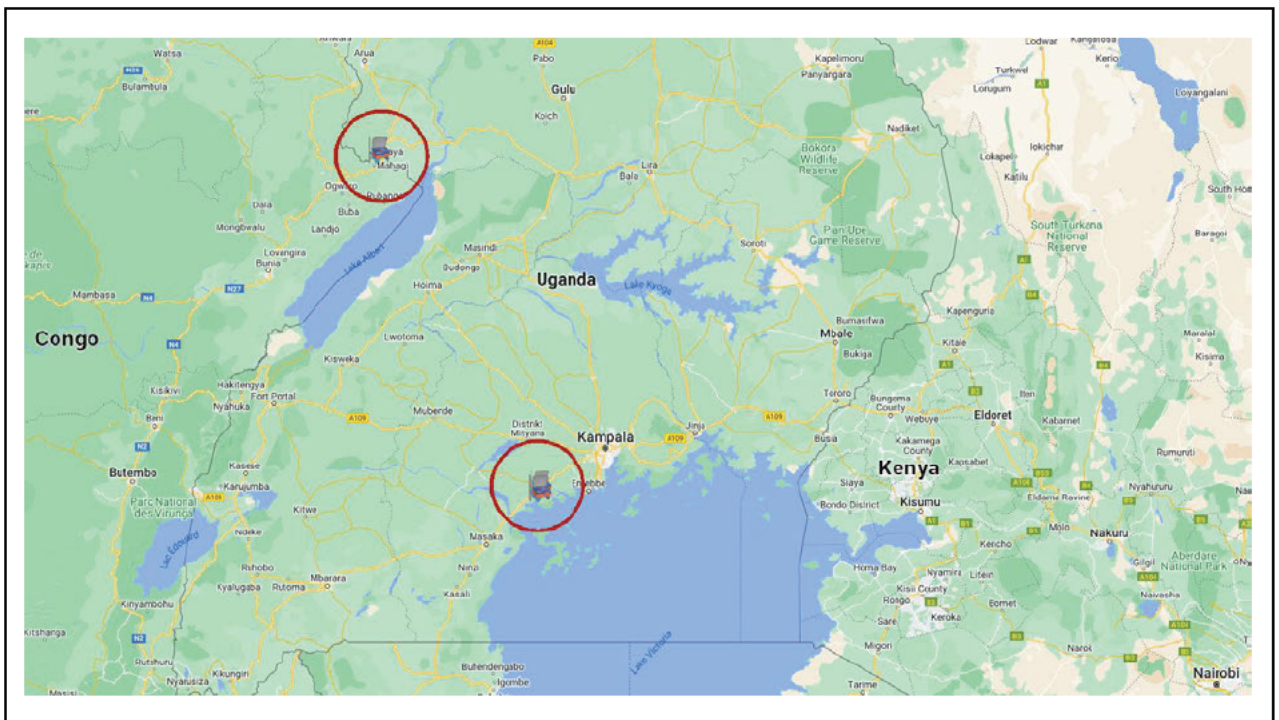
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Field survey evaluation 2022/2023



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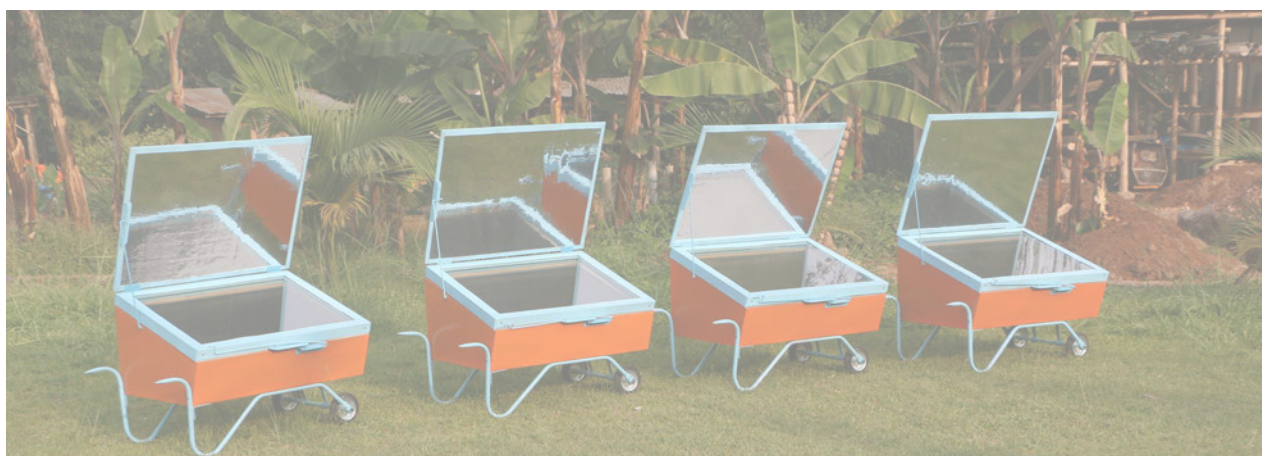
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Evaluation of the solar stove surveys 2022 /2023

Headquarters	Buwama	Mpigi District	Uganda
Number of participants	60 families	Adults 172	Children 217
Number of surveys	2 surveys	1 with firewood	1 with solarstove
Locations of the survey	Mpigi District	Zombo District	
Duration of the survey 1	60 days		
Duration of the survey 2	30 days		
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How we approached it

60 families were followed for a period of at least 60 to 90 days. The aim of this study was to find out more about the eating habits of local families. In this way, the needs of the families could be taken into consideration in the production of the solar stoves. This data was also helpful for the training in cooking with the solar stove, as well as for the production of the cookbook.

Despite Uganda's rich green landscape, the diet of Ugandans is rather simple. One of the most important basic foodstuffs, particularly in the rural areas, are beans, maize flour, cassava and sweet potatoes.

On the basis of the fact of the small variety of dishes we started our study. Each family was given a form to fill out daily during the survey period. They were accompanied several times a week by trained staff from NJUBA.

More than 720 forms have been filled out to get a better picture of Ugandan cooking behavior. The two regions we studied were in Central Uganda, Buwama in Mpigi District, and in Northern Uganda in Zombo District.

Since the solar stove also promises an improvement in the household budget, we also wanted to learn more about the general situation of the respective families. So each of the families filled out a personal form about their current situation. This gave us a rough idea of the size of the families and their current household budget.



Member number 4600

Solar cooking project



Individual form

Date: 11/4/2022

Personal information

Name: [redacted] Gender: FEMALE Mobile: 0704957141
Place of residence: [redacted] Occupation: FARMER Identification number:
Year of birth: 13/04/1963 Single ☒ Married ☐ Widowed ☐

Household

Children in the household: 0 to 5 years: 4 6 to 10 years: 2 11 to 16 years: 1 17 years: 1
Average people take part in every meal: children 6 adults 2 total 8

Income

Source of income: CRAFTS Monthly average: 150000 UGX
Source of income partner: FARM PRODUCE Monthly average: 100000 UGX
Others: Monthly average: UGX

Expenditure

Type / source of	per day / item	per month
residence: renting <input type="checkbox"/> ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> relatives home <input type="checkbox"/>	UGX	UGX
schooling: day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> boarding <input type="checkbox"/>	2000 UGX	63333 UGX
firewood: buying <input type="checkbox"/> self collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> farm harvest <input type="checkbox"/>	UGX	UGX
water: buying <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> self collection <input type="checkbox"/> tap water <input type="checkbox"/>	300 UGX	9000 UGX
food: gas <input type="checkbox"/> firewood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> power <input type="checkbox"/> paraffin <input type="checkbox"/>	UGX	UGX
Other 1: KICIRI IND	3000 UGX	90000 UGX
Other 2: SOAP	2000 UGX	60000 UGX

NJUBA solar cooking project with solar stove

Member number: 4600

Name: [redacted]

Village: [redacted]

Date: 12/04/2023

Date	Meal	Stove used	Firewood	Gas	Power	Paraffin	Water	Food	Other
12/04/2023	Lunch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2
13/04/2023	Lunch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2
14/04/2023	Lunch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2
15/04/2023	Lunch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2
16/04/2023	Lunch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2
17/04/2023	Lunch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2
18/04/2023	Lunch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2

Sample of a form to cook with solar stove

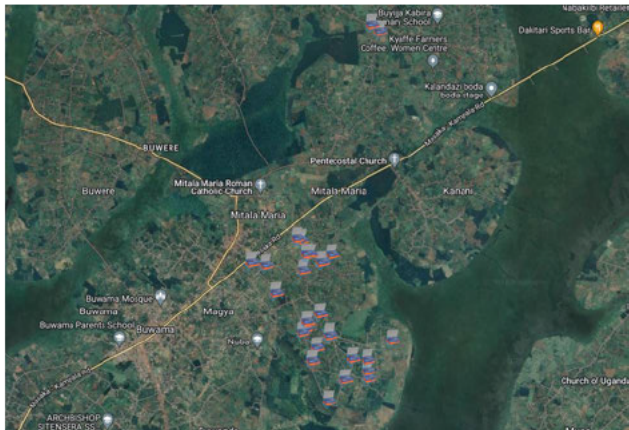
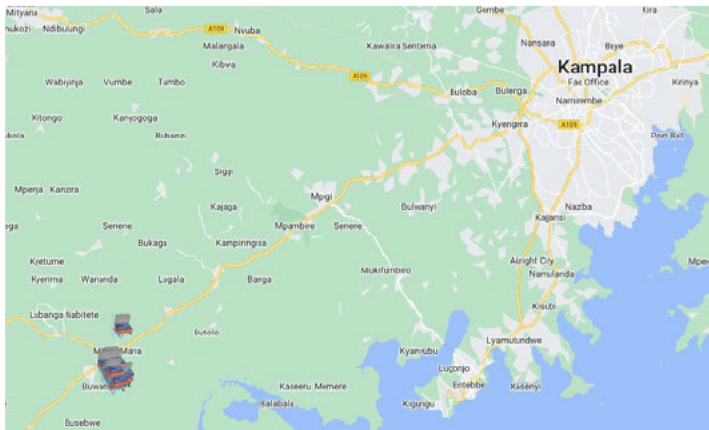
Sample form for family information

Evaluation of the cooking behavior with firewood stove

		Average over the test period						Total of food over the test period											
Buwama		Days of evaluation	Cooking times	Per meal		Cooking with firewood %		Per day			Dry beans (kg)	Posho (kg)	Rice (kg)	Vegetable (kg)	Fish / meat (kg)	Sweet potatoes (kg)	Cassava / Millet (kg)	Matoke (kg)	Cooking oil (liter)
Mpigi District	Adults			Children	Firewood bundles			Water (liter)	Cooking oil (liter)										
Uganda																			

1	<div><div></div></div>	56	109	4.14	5.28	100%	1.69	37	0.09	75	51.5	48.5	37.7	6.17	24	43.5	43	10.2
2	<div><div></div></div>	35	70	2.84	5.36	100%	1	28	0.04	14.8	2.5	3.5	10.3	4	50	51	37	2.63
3	<div><div></div></div>	70	140	1.9	3	100%	0.6	13	0.02	41.5	14	15	14.7	11.5	23	26.5	57	3.43
4	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	2.84	1.75	100%	1	21	0.01	63.5	25.5	15	39.3	7.33	2	26.8	66.5	0.9
5	<div><div></div></div>	62	122	4.78	0.01	100%	1.14	28	0.01	76	30	23	35.8	7.83	15	34	50	0.93
6	<div><div></div></div>	63	125	2.24	5	100%	1.04	23	0.03	64.3	41.5	4.5	40	6	77	113	1	4.33
7	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	4.02	4.46	100%	1	28	0.02	51.5	14	12.5	11.7	9	14.5	221	44.8	2.97
8	<div><div></div></div>	63	124	4.96	4.35	100%	1.28	29	0.06	114	60.5	19.5	47	8.83	42.3	68.5	50.5	6.97
9	<div><div></div></div>	62	124	5.1	8.27	100%	2	58	0.06	62.3	53.3	81	32.3	5.5	147	97.5	32	7
10	<div><div></div></div>	56	112	2.55	8.26	100%	1	40	0.06	78	73	46	30.3	7.5	126	121	13	6.4
11	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	1	2	100%	1	19	0.05	44	20	22.5	44.8	11.8	17	46	32	6.67
12	<div><div></div></div>	62	120	1.75	3.14	100%	0.6	18	0.03	22.5	13.5	22.9	22.7	8.33	71.5	53.5	31	3.13
13	<div><div></div></div>	63	125	3	4	100%	1	20	0.06	49	25	33	69.3	15	33	31	30	7.7
14	<div><div></div></div>	49	98	4	2	100%	1	20	0.05	47.5	30	37	60.3	10.5	18	18	30	4.6
15	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	1	0.99	100%	0.5	19	0.03	26.5	8	7	38.7	3.83	18.8	17.8	25	3.28
16	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	3	3.89	100%	1	22	0.05	54	23.5	21.3	70	13.2	31	30	35	6.2
17	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	4	2.89	100%	1	20	0.05	60	29	38.3	80.3	14	31	29.5	42	6.07
18	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	2	5	100%	1	20	0.05	45.5	22	33.5	57.7	12.3	27	30	35	6.17
19	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	2	2.4	100%	1	18	0.05	45	27.5	39.8	51.3	13.5	21.5	30	33	6.43
20	<div><div></div></div>	63	70	2.93	7.24	100%	2.27	34	0.07	27.4	31.5	18	19.3	5	44	68	12	4.67
21	<div><div></div></div>	59	118	1	0	100%	0.5	12	0.03	36.8	18.3	13.9	31.9	5.33	5.5	6.75	13.8	3.27
22	<div><div></div></div>	63	67	2.42	0.94	15%	0.16	11	0.04	12.5	14.8	14	21.3	5.17	5.5	12.5	16	2.5
23	<div><div></div></div>	49	96	5.88	3.17	87%	1.61	36	0.06	63	8.25	61.3	27.7	7	99	91	33	6.17
24	<div><div></div></div>	49	97	2	6.13	100%	1	20	0.01	39	5	23.8	30	3.33	126	55	27	1
25	<div><div></div></div>	56	110	4.24	2.09	100%	1	20	0.01	24.8	12	15.5	19.3	8.17	42	85	21	1.63
26	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	2.01	0.55	100%	1	34	0.05	49	23	25.5	40.3	3.67	25.3	18.8	13.5	6.3
27	<div><div></div></div>	63	126	3.19	4.25	100%	1	20	0.04	71.5	39.5	30	43.7	8.92	29.5	31	45	4.53
28	<div><div></div></div>	70	133	2.11	5.83	100%	0.94	24	0.02	64.3	16.5	10	17.7	7.17	34.5	105	34	3.03
29	<div><div></div></div>	70	116	2	3	100%	1	20	0.05	42	4.5	14.6	9.33	10.2	56	82	60	5.48
30	<div><div></div></div>	56	112	0.98	2	100%	0.88	17.5	0.06	35.8	14	15.5	22.7	3.67	41	55	18	6.2

One unit of firewood corresponds to a bundle of firewood with about 4.5 kg of content.



Evaluation of the cooking behavior with firewood stove

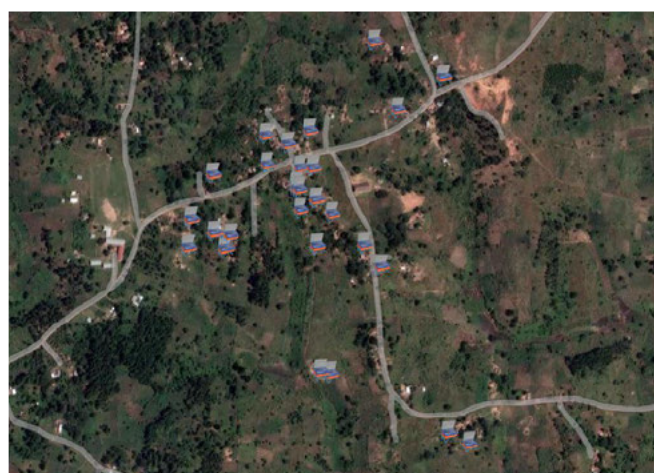
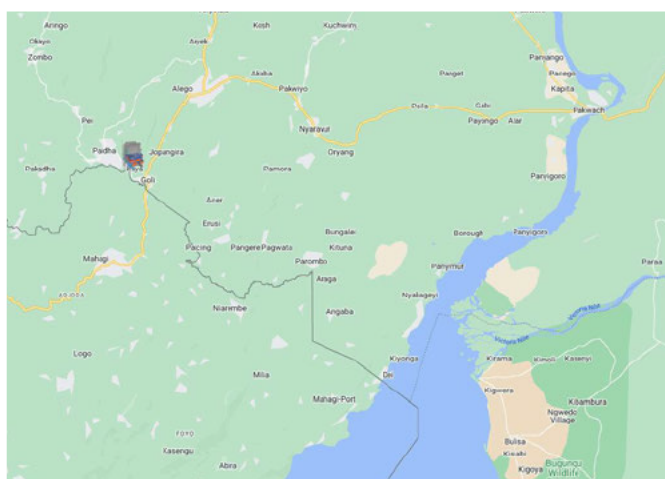
Maliri		Daily average per meal					Total of food over the test period											
		Days of evaluation	Cooking times	Per meal		Cooking with firewood %	Per day			Dry beans (kg)	Posho (kg)	Rice (kg)	Vegetable (kg)	Fish / meat (kg)	Sweet potatoes (kg)	Cassava / Millet (kg)	Matoke (kg)	Cooking oil (liter)
				Adults	Children		Firewood bundles	Water (liter)	Cooking oil (liter)									
Zombo District	Uganda																	
		49	98	3.4	2.4	100%	1.1	20	0.08	29	41	20	13	6	26	256	11	7.5
		56	112	2.7	4.9	100%	1.1	23	0.09	35	42	25	17	9	22	366	24	9.6
		56	112	3.5	4.0	100%	1.2	30	0.07	30	45	30	18	7	20	325	20	7.7
		56	112	2.8	3.1	100%	1.3	20	0.08	29	36	31	14	7	29	329	14	8.4
		63	126	3.9	3.8	100%	1.1	20	0.09	46	70	78	19	8	65	295	19	11.0
		56	112	2.6	5.6	100%	1.1	25	0.09	31	33	51	15	9	46	350	13	10.4
		56	112	3.6	4.0	100%	1.3	20	0.07	32	57	41	20	7	51	233	23	8.3
		35	70	3.0	3.0	100%	1.0	20	0.07	25	28	35	11	5	29	188	12	5.0
		28	56	3.5	5.0	100%	1.3	21	0.07	21	32	44	10	5	20	196	9	4.0
		56	112	3.0	4.4	100%	1.3	20	0.08	31	57	48	17	8	12	307	9	8.5
		56	112	2.0	5.0	100%	1.0	39	0.09	33	30	62	17	8	28	416	12	10.2
		56	112	3.0	3.0	100%	1.3	20	0.06	33	64	60	16	6	37	262	24	6.9
		56	112	3.0	4.0	100%	1.0	20	0.07	43	59	77	17	8	27	288	20	7.8
		49	98	2.6	4.1	100%	1.1	20	0.08	24	42	46	16	6	12	271	24	7.8
		49	98	1.6	3.4	100%	1.2	20	0.06	27	45	36	12	7	3	214	18	6.2
		56	112	6.0	7.0	100%	1.0	40	0.14	37	28	22	24	8	17	263	33	15.5
		56	112	2.0	2.0	100%	1.3	20	0.08	23	28	7	12	6	10	312	14	8.7
		28	56	2.0	2.0	100%	1.3	20	0.08	11	21	6	7	4	0	135	13	4.5

In Zombo District it was more difficult to get a good evaluation because of several circumstances. One important point was the lack of support for the women's group during the test phase. As Zombo District is a 10 hour drive away from our head office, this made our supervision on the ground very difficult. Our partner organisation based in Zombo District were also unable to provide support.

According to our partner organisation, as well as our own experience, many of the women in Zombo District have little or no education.

These two main reasons made the evaluation in Zombo District difficult. Only 18 out of 30 women were able to fill out the forms.

Nevertheless, the evaluation gave us an impression of the household situation in Zombo District.



Evaluation of the average meal cooking with firewood

In the two Districts, the eating behavior is a little different. In Central Uganda, more maize flour and matoke is eaten, while in Northern Uganda, a lot of millet is consumed.

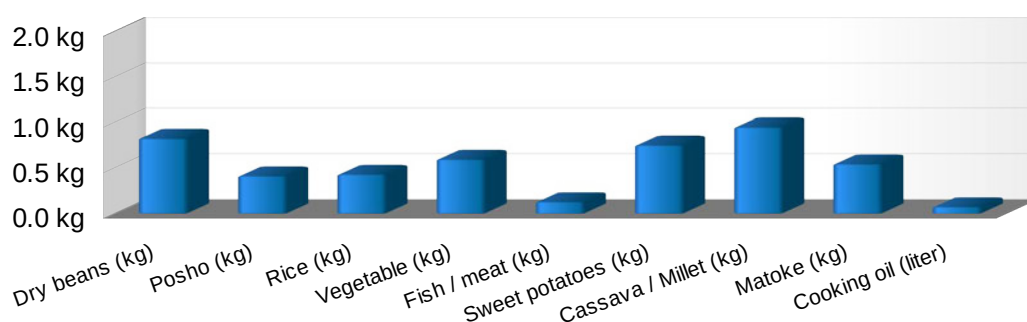
To know how the two Districts differ, we compared them. Due to this evaluation, we were able to optimize the solar stoves for both Districts. This data was also helpful for the training in cooking with the solar stoves, as well as for the production of a cookbook.

Many of the families in both Districts run a small farm, either as their main occupation, as a secondary income, or just for self-sufficiency. Therefore, many of the families do not have to buy all the food at the indicated prices.

Buwama / Mpigi District

Food total per day / household										
Dry beans (kg)	Posho (kg)	Rice (kg)	Vegetable (kg)	Fish / meat (kg)	Sweet potatoes (kg)	Cassava / Millet (kg)	Matoke (kg)	Cooking oil (liter)	Firewood (kg)	Water (liter)
0.832	0.415	0.433	0.599	0.134	0.756	0.955	0.548	0.079	8.907	46.81

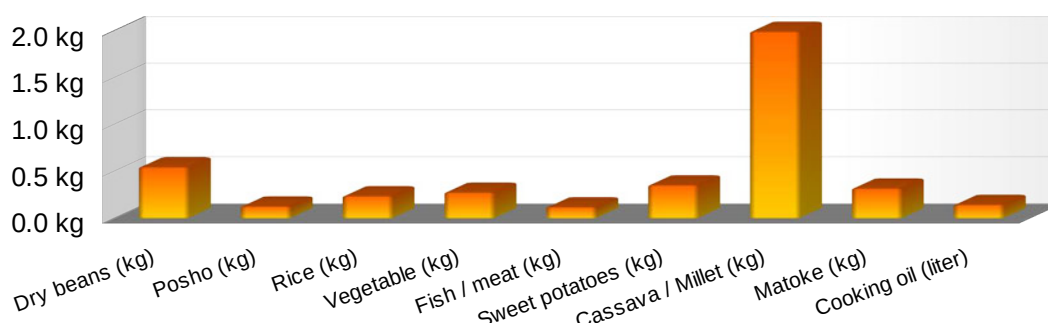
Food total per day / person										
Dry beans (kg)	Posho (kg)	Rice (kg)	Vegetable (kg)	Fish / meat (kg)	Sweet potatoes (kg)	Cassava / Millet (kg)	Matoke (kg)	Cooking oil (liter)	Firewood (kg)	Water (liter)
0.129	0.064	0.067	0.093	0.021	0.117	0.148	0.085	0.012	1.384	7.271



Maliri / Zombo District

Food total per day / household										
Dry beans (kg)	Posho (kg)	Rice (kg)	Vegetable (kg)	Fish / meat (kg)	Sweet potatoes (kg)	Cassava / Millet (kg)	Matoke (kg)	Cooking oil (liter)	Firewood (kg)	Water (liter)
0.552	0.134	0.243	0.282	0.126	0.361	2.19	0.326	0.152	9.196	43.91

Food total per day / person										
Dry beans (kg)	Posho (kg)	Rice (kg)	Vegetable (kg)	Fish / meat (kg)	Sweet potatoes (kg)	Cassava / Millet (kg)	Matoke (kg)	Cooking oil (liter)	Firewood (kg)	Water (liter)
0.084	0.02	0.037	0.043	0.019	0.055	0.333	0.05	0.023	1.4	6.684



Average attendance at meal / per meal

	Buwama	Maliri
Adults	2.9	2.8
Children	3.6	3.7
Total per meal	6.4	6.6

The majority of Ugandan families are large, especially the number of children is much higher than in Europe. In our evaluation, this is not so strong, because many of the participants are also elderly people whose children no longer live at home. Also, some of the children are only at home during the vacations because they are in boarding schools.

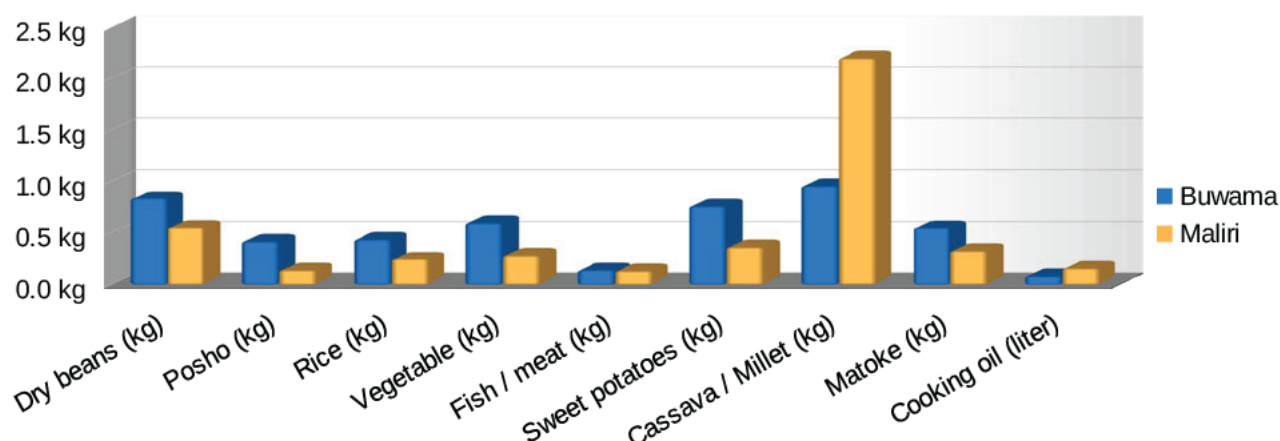
Direct comparison of eating habits Buwama / Maliri

Compared are the evaluated data from Buwama and Maliri in the year 2022. Whereby it must be noted, in Zombo the participation in the survey was not very high, also the two places were recorded in other months, the different months, the different seasons, can also have an impact on the eating behavior of the local people. Therefore, there may be deviations from reality.

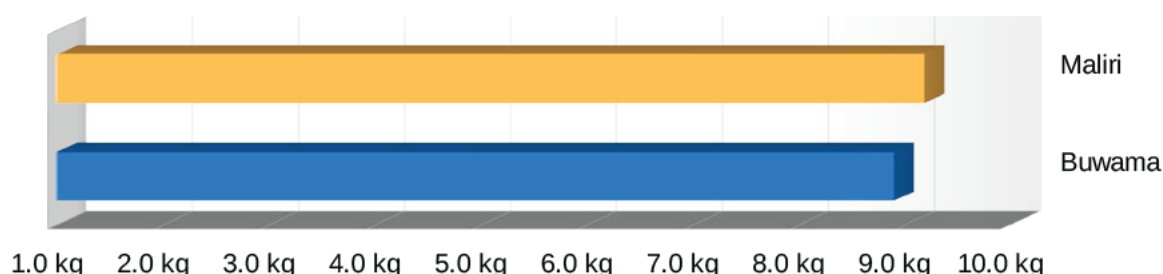
Food and firewood consumption per day and person

	Buwama		Maliri		Difference
Dry beans (kg)	0.13 kg	0.14 €	0.08 kg	0.11 €	0.05 kg
Posho (kg)	0.06 kg	0.06 €	0.02 kg	0.02 €	0.04 kg
Rice (kg)	0.07 kg	0.08 €	0.04 kg	0.04 €	0.03 kg
Vegetable (kg)	0.09 kg	0.02 €	0.04 kg	0.01 €	0.05 kg
Fish / meat (kg)	0.02 kg	0.05 €	0.02 kg	0.06 €	0.00 kg
Sweet potatoes (kg)	0.12 kg	0.06 €	0.05 kg	0.02 €	0.06 kg
Cassava / Millet (kg)	0.15 kg	0.08 €	0.33 kg	0.14 €	-0.18 kg
Matoke (kg)	0.09 kg	0.07 €	0.05 kg	0.04 €	0.04 kg
Cooking oil (liter)	0.01 liter	0.03 €	0.02 liter	0.06 €	-0.01 liter
Firewood (kg)	1.38 kg	0.12 €	1.40 kg	0.25 €	-0.02 bd
Water (liter)	7.27 liter	0.08 €	6.68 liter	0.09 €	0.59 liter
Total per day and person	0.79 €		0.83 €		

Food consumption per day and family Buwama / Maliri



Firewood used per day / person cooking with firewood only



The firewood units consist of a small bundle of about 4 to 6 kg each. The water is transported and stored with a 20 liter plastic container.



Comparison of food prices

Depending on the region, food prices can vary within a country. This can have an impact on eating habits and quality of life. Food prices are not always low where incomes are low. This seems to be the case in Zombo District. Food prices are on average slightly higher than in Mpigi District, but incomes in Zombo District are considerably lower. We are talking about differences in the range of cents, but even half a Euro makes a huge difference for the people in Uganda.

Average prices	Stand of: July 2023
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	Buwama		Maliri		Difference
Dry beans (kg)	4'000 UGX	1.05 Euro	5'000 UGX	1.32 Euro	-1'000 UGX
Posho (kg)	3'500 UGX	0.92 Euro	3'500 UGX	0.92 Euro	0 UGX
Rice (kg)	4'500 UGX	1.18 Euro	4'000 UGX	1.05 Euro	500 UGX
Vegetable (kg)	1'000 UGX	0.26 Euro	800 UGX	0.21 Euro	200 UGX
Fish / meat (kg)	10'000 UGX	2.63 Euro	12'000 UGX	3.16 Euro	-2'000 UGX
Sweet potatoes (kg)	1'800 UGX	0.47 Euro	1'500 UGX	0.39 Euro	300 UGX
Cassava / Millet (kg)	2'000 UGX	0.53 Euro	1'600 UGX	0.42 Euro	400 UGX
Matoke (kg)	3'000 UGX	0.79 Euro	3'000 UGX	0.79 Euro	0 UGX
Cooking oil (liter)	10'000 UGX	2.63 Euro	10'000 UGX	2.63 Euro	0 UGX
Firewood (kg)	333 UGX	0.09 Euro	667 UGX	0.18 Euro	-333 UGX
Water (liter)	40 UGX	0.01 Euro	50 UGX	0.01 Euro	-10 UGX

Evaluation of the average living costs

Ugandan families living in rural areas have to manage on a very small budget. The whole family has to contribute to the household budget, even the children have to do their part, often with agricultural work on their own farm. According to all the evaluations and data about the income and expenses of the families, the calculation does not seem to add up, at least not on paper. No matter how hard one calculates at the limit, for hardly any of the families the balance turns out to be positive. It is hardly possible to record all the income of the families, since many of the families, as it's common in Uganda, still do small jobs and businesses on the side. These small, not really tangible, side businesses seem to be the decisive contribution to survival.

Average daily household expenses per day and family	CALCULATED			
	Buwama		Maliri	
Average daily expenses for food	19'211 UGX	5.06 Euro	20'811 UGX	5.48 Euro
Daily average income of a family	14'000 UGX	3.68 Euro	12'000 UGX	3.16 Euro
Balance left for others	-5'211 UGX.	-1.37 Euro	-8'811 UGX.	-2.32 Euro

Without additional self-cultivation, many families would not make it financially.

Especially cassava, sweet potatoes and beans, most of the families in the rural areas harvest from their own garden, so they have no direct expenses for these food products. Also water and firewood are mostly fetched by themselves, although it is getting more and more difficult with the free firewood.

Average daily household expenses per day and family

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To get a more objective view of the household budget, the following products must be deducted from the expenses. Since most are growing this food themselves.

		Buwama		Maliri	
Food and firewood that can be grown at home.					
Items	Quantity	<u>Saving by self-cultivation</u>		<u>Saving by self-cultivation</u>	
Firewood	70 %	2'078 UGX	0.55 Euro	4'291 UGX	1.13 Euro
Water	90 %	1'685 UGX	0.44 Euro	1'976 UGX	0.52 Euro
Sweet potatoes	70 %	952 UGX	0.25 Euro	379 UGX	0.10 Euro
Cassava	90 %	1'720 UGX	0.45 Euro	3'153 UGX	0.83 Euro
Matoke	70 %	1'151 UGX	0.30 Euro	684 UGX	0.18 Euro
Balance left for others		2'375 UGX	0.63 Euro	1'673 UGX	0.44 Euro

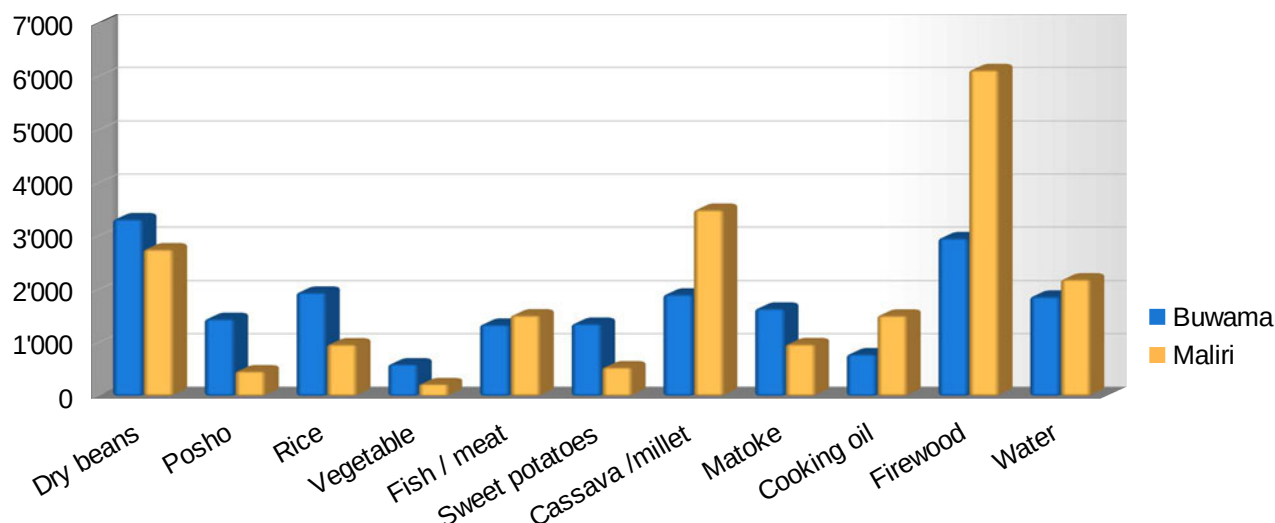
This calculation is only an assumption and is based on experience. For each family this will be different. The estimate refers only to the household budget, additional costs such as school fees, apartment rent, medical expenses or other out of pocket expenses have not been taken into account.

Daily household expenditure per day and family

Buwama / Maliri

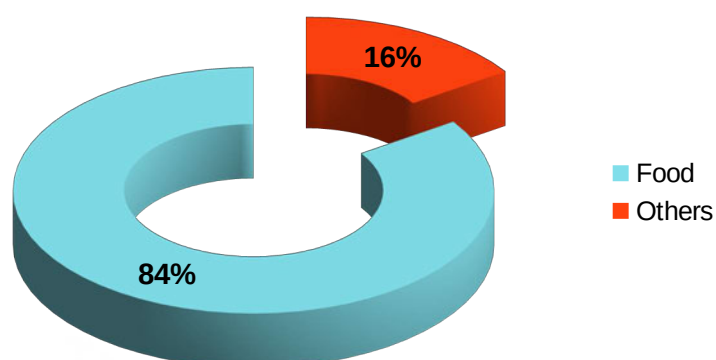
These daily expenditure in Uganda shillings are calculated without self-sufficiency.

Uganda Shillings



Expenditure ratio Buwama / Maliri

Savings in the household budget are almost the only savings that a family living at subsistence level can make. Almost the entire income of a family is spent on food.



Buwama		Firewood							Solar							Saving a day			
Mpigi District		Days in evaluation	Cooking times	per meal		Firewood (kg) /day	Water liter	Oil liter	Days in evaluation	Cooking times	per meal		Cooking wit solar	Firewood (kg) /day	Water liter	Oil liter	Firewood (kg)	Water liter	Oil liter
Uganda				Adults	Children						Adults	Children							
1		56	109	4.1	5.3	14.8	73	0.2	14	28	3.5	5	27%	6.9	30	0.0	7.9	43	0.2
2		35	70	2.8	5.4	9.0	55	0.1	35	66	2	6	30%	8.2	45	0.1	0.8	11	0.0
3		70	140	1.9	3.0	5.4	25	0.0	28	49	1	3	29%	1.9	10	0.0	3.5	15	-0.0
4		63	126	2.8	1.8	8.7	43	0.0	7	14	3	9	13%	8.4	60	0.1	0.3	-17	-0.1
5		62	122	4.8	0.0	10.1	54	0.0	9	18	3	2	42%	4.3	40	0.1	5.8	14	-0.1
6		63	125	2.2	5.0	9.3	45	0.1	Got the stove too late										
7		63	126	4.0	4.5	9.0	57	0.0	24	47	3	9	12%	8.2	60	0.1	0.8	-3	-0.1
8		63	124	5.0	4.4	11.3	58	0.1	Got the stove too late										
9		62	124	5.1	8.3	17.9	116	0.1	12	24	5	5	36%	18.0	122	0.0	-0.1	-5	0.1
10		56	112	2.6	8.3	8.8	81	0.1	35	68	2	7	23%	7.1	79	0.0	1.7	2	0.1
11		63	126	1.0	2.0	9.0	38	0.1	Got the stove too late										
12		62	120	1.8	3.1	5.2	35	0.1	20	34	2	3	24%	4.1	33	0.0	1.1	2	0.0
13		63	125	3.0	4.0	8.9	40	0.1	14	28	2	4	33%	7.2	27	0.1	1.7	13	0.1
14		49	98	4.0	2.0	9.0	40	0.1	14	28	4	1.5	37%	3.4	40	0.1	5.6	0	0.0
15		63	126	1.0	1.0	4.5	38	0.1	Got the stove too late										
16		63	126	3.0	3.9	9.0	44	0.1	28	56	2	2	11%	8.4	20	0.1	0.6	24	-0.0
17		63	126	4.0	2.9	9.1	40	0.1	28	56	2	3.5	39%	3.4	20	0.1	5.7	21	0.0
18		63	126	2.0	5.0	8.9	40	0.1	35	70	2	4	25%	5.1	35	0.1	3.8	5	0.0
19		63	126	2.0	2.4	9.4	37	0.1	28	56	2	1	29%	4.9	24	0.1	4.5	13	0.0
20		63	70	2.9	7.2	11.4	37	0.1	21	34	2	6	40%	7.7	32	0.0	3.6	6	0.0
21		59	118	1.0	0.0	4.5	23	0.1	14	28	5	2	28%	2.7	26	0.0	1.8	-3	0.0
22		63	67	2.4	0.9	0.8	12	0.0	moved to another area										
23		49	96	5.9	3.2	14.2	70	0.1	14	22	3	4	20%	5.6	39	0.0	8.6	31	0.1
24		49	97	2.0	6.1	8.8	40	0.0	20	40	3	4	29%	6.8	92	0.1	2.0	-52	-0.1
25		56	110	4.2	2.1	8.8	39	0.0	24	48	2	3	23%	5.0	77	0.1	3.9	-37	-0.0
26		63	126	2.0	0.5	9.3	69	0.1	39	78	1	0.3	21%	4.8	16	0.1	4.5	53	-0.0
27		63	126	3.2	4.2	8.9	40	0.1	49	98	3	4	30%	6.6	34	0.1	2.4	6	-0.0
28		70	133	2.1	5.8	8.0	46	0.0	28	56	3	6	20%	7.7	39	0.0	0.3	8	0.0
29		70	116	2.0	3.0	7.5	33	0.1	13	26	2	4	22%	8.5	38	0.0	-1.0	-5	0.0
30		56	112	1.0	2.0	7.9	35	0.1	Got the stove too late										

The two test phases are a few months apart, and in some of the families there have been some changes, especially with regard to the size of the family. The families were also made more aware of the need to save firewood by using the solar stoves. So these results are not too exact. but these data can be used as a reference.

Comparison of firewood to solar cooking

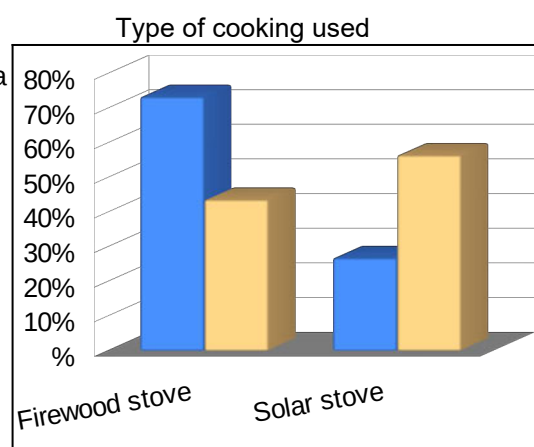
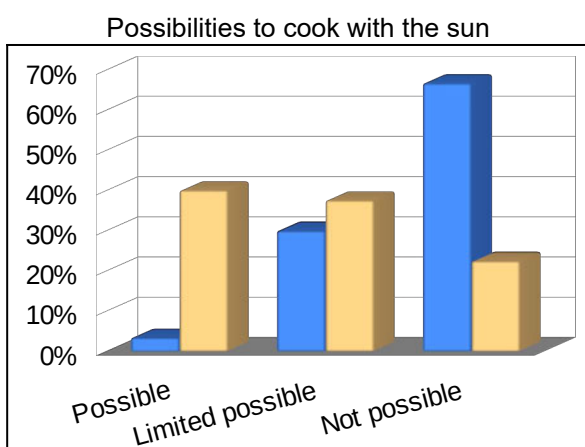
After receiving the solar stoves, the families in Buwama and Maliri were evaluated over a period of 41 days. The main goal was to evaluate how much firewood could be saved with a solar cooker. Water consumption and oil consumption were also monitored. Unfortunately, the weather conditions were and are not good for solar cooking. In other regions, the evaluation would certainly be different. Consequently, these data are, with certainty, the minimum differences.

Weather conditions during the evaluation period of solar stoves

The weather is not the same everywhere in the country, so it is interesting to compare the two different regions, Central and Northern Uganda. Comparisons were made from 29. May. 2023 to 9. Jul. 2023

This diagram shows how often cooking with solar energy was possible based on weather conditions.

	Buwama	Maliri
Possibilities to cook with the sun		
Possible	3%	40%
Limited possible	30%	38%
Not possible	67%	23%
Type of cooking used		
Firewood stove	73%	44%
Solar stove	27%	56%



Example of the calculation of the solar incidence

	sunny	cloudy	rainy	Possibility to use the sun	sunny	cloudy	rainy	Possibility to use the sun
Morning	✓			100%	✓			100%
Afternoon	✓			100%			✓	0%
				100%				50%
Morning	✓			100%	✓	✓		63%
Afternoon		✓		25%		✓		25%
				63%				44%
Morning		✓		25%	✓			100%
Afternoon		✓		25%	✓	✓		63%
				25%				81%

Example of the calculation of cooking with sun

	Firewood	Solar	Cooked with solar	Firewood	Solar	Cooked with solar
Morning	✓		0%	✓		0%
Afternoon	✓		0%		✓	100%
			0%			50%
Morning	✓	✓	50%	✓	✓	50%
Afternoon	✓	✓	50%	✓		0%
			50%			25%

Solar irradiation during the test phase

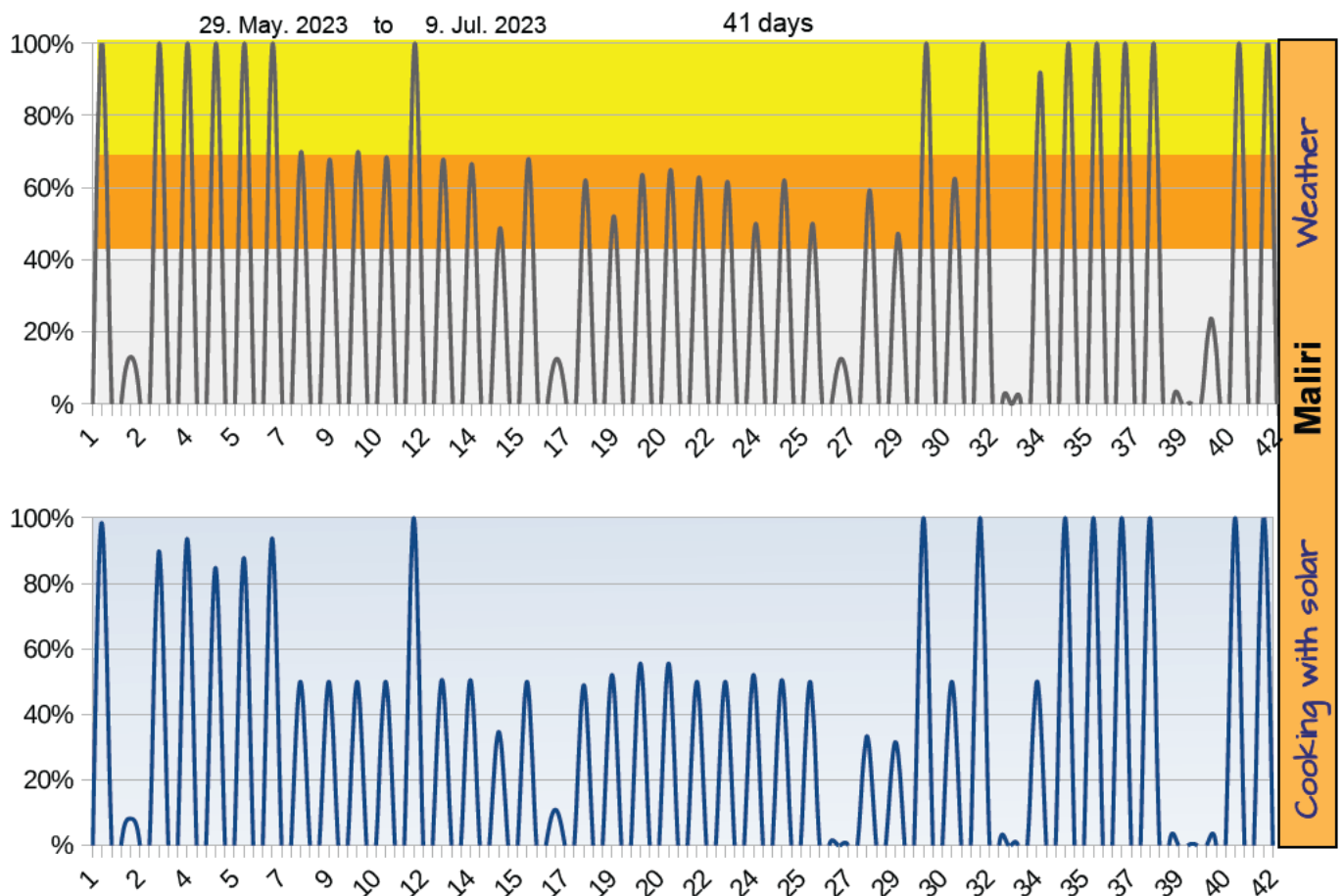
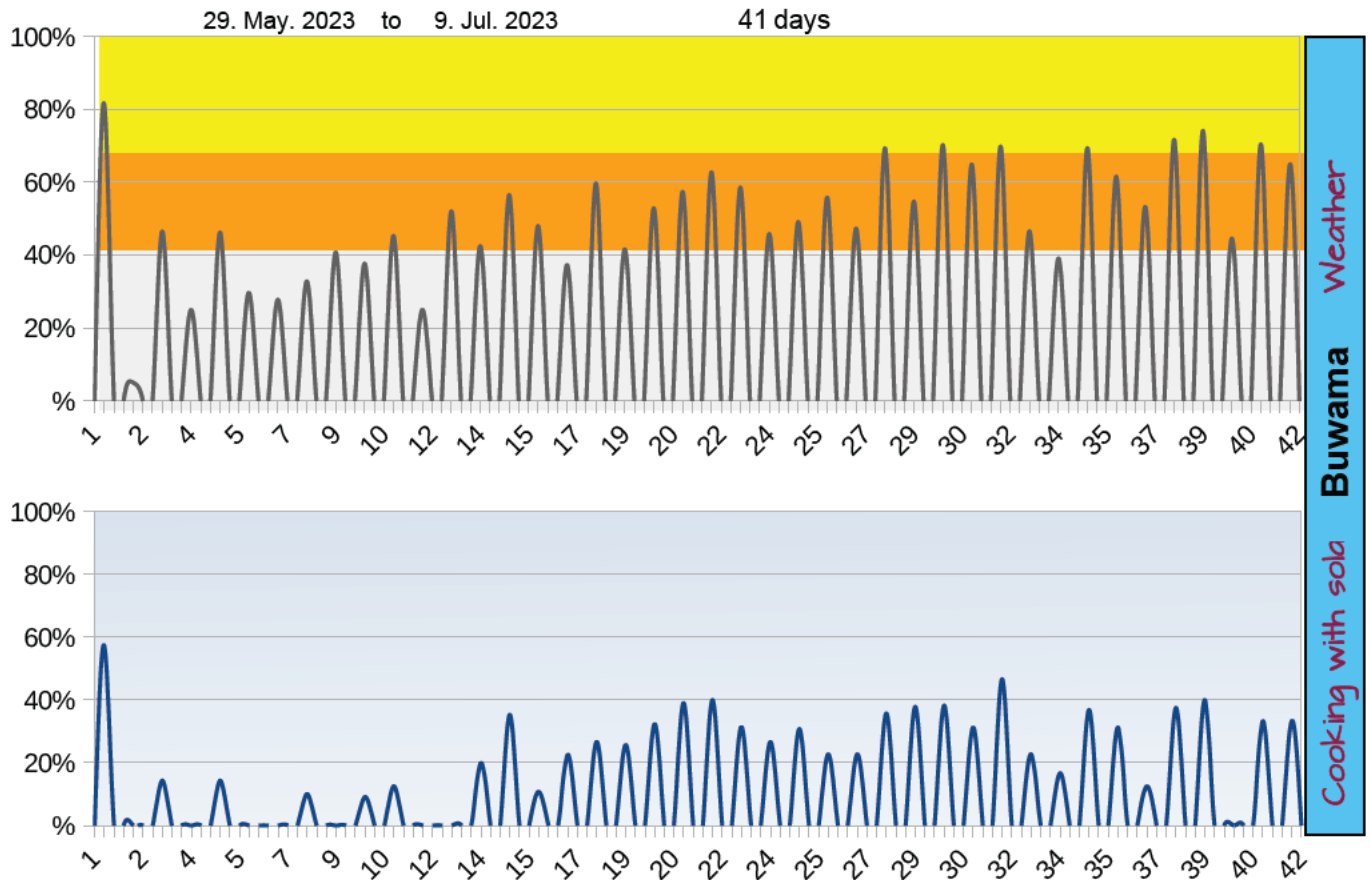
Possible to cook with solar



Limited possible to cook with solar



Not possible

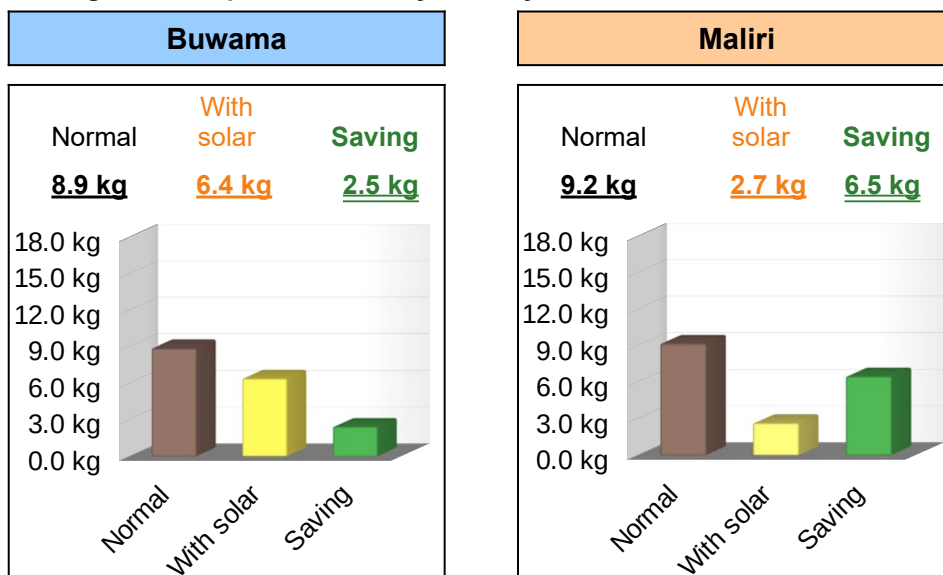


Firewood used by cooking

By evaluating before receiving the solar stoves and after, the difference in the consumption of firewood could be recognized well. During the test phase, despite the bad weather, especially in Buwama, a lot of firewood could be saved. No major changes could be noticed in the consumption of cooking oil and water. Especially for the reduction of cooking oil, further sensitization is needed. The accompanied families have used the expensive palm oil despite the solar stove, because they believe that without it the food would have less taste.

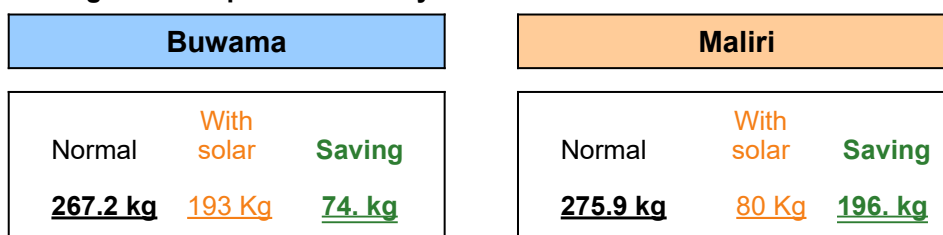
Average consumption of a family in a day

Firewood per day

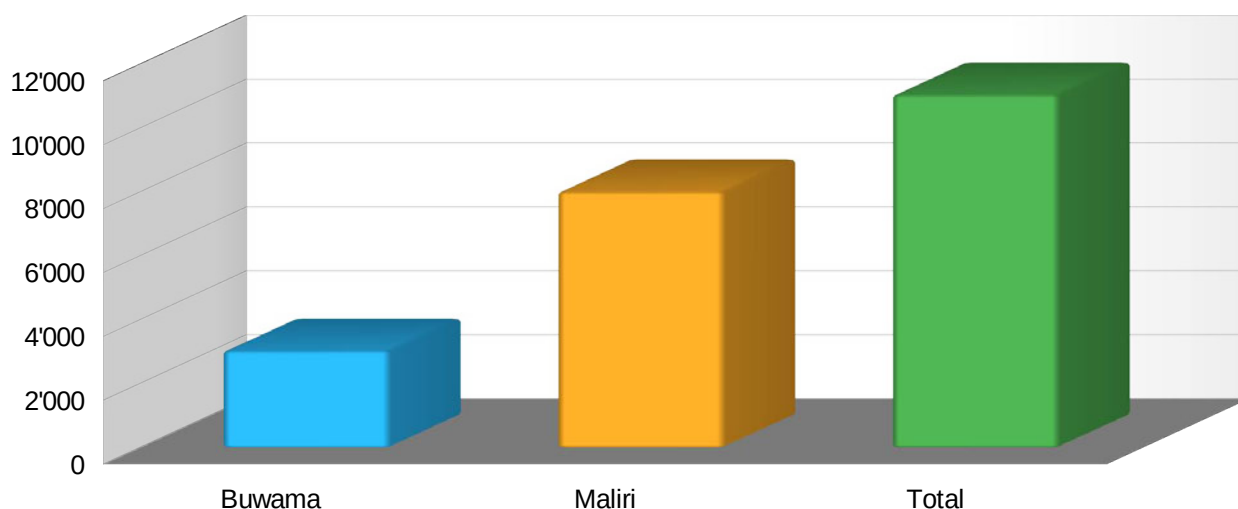


Average consumption of a family in a month

Firewood per month



Firewood savings over the entire test period of one month



During the test period of 41 days, approximately 11 tons of firewood could be saved.

The savings of firewood in Maliri was quite large, although it must be said that in Maliri each of the test persons already had an energy saving stove. Perhaps they used the energy saving stoves more than in the first survey (cooking with firewood).

Reasons for non-cooking with solar

One of the biggest challenges was certainly the weather. In Uganda, the weather seems to have changed drastically in the last few years. Many whole rainy days with light rain and cloudy days are currently the case. The dry season has also been absent the last few years. Basically, the amount of rain seems to decrease in Uganda, because the momentary rains are rather mild and long, earlier there were very heavy rain showers with a lot of rain, but it was sunny before and after the rain.



Summary

The research participants had a great willingness to handle the solar stoves, and they also learned very quickly how to use the solar stove and cook with it. Even when the weather was bad, they put the solar stoves out and hoped for sunshine, although they had to bring the stove back in a few hours later, undone. In this way, even in bad weather, they were able to save firewood. Certainly, cooking with the solar stoves also raised awareness of the issue of saving firewood, so firewood was also saved as a result.

The hoped-for savings in cooking oil were rather modest. First of all, because the majority of the cooks believe that in a good meal belongs as much cooking oil as possible. On the other hand, for many of the participants it was also due to the filling out of the forms, the point with the cooking oil was very often neglected.

Savings with the water were also none to be registered. The main reason will be, almost all of the participants do not differentiate between the water for the kitchen and the rest of the household, which means if water could be saved in the kitchen, more water was used in the evening for the body hygiene, cleaning and washing. In this way, no water was saved, but perhaps the health of the participants was improved through better hygiene.

All in all, it was a success. The women were very eager and enthusiastic about their work with the solar stove. Despite very bad weather conditions, firewood was saved. Based on the data obtained, it is now possible to determine how much firewood can be saved in sunny weather. Some of the stoves have already been in use for a year without needing repair.

We are very confident that these solar stoves have a future and can save a lot of firewood. More such solar stoves should be built and distributed in places where the sun is more bright!

*The Sun does not forget a village
just because it is too small!*

African Proverb

