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85.000 refugees, 7000 cookers, 14.000 hey boxes, 28,000 pans

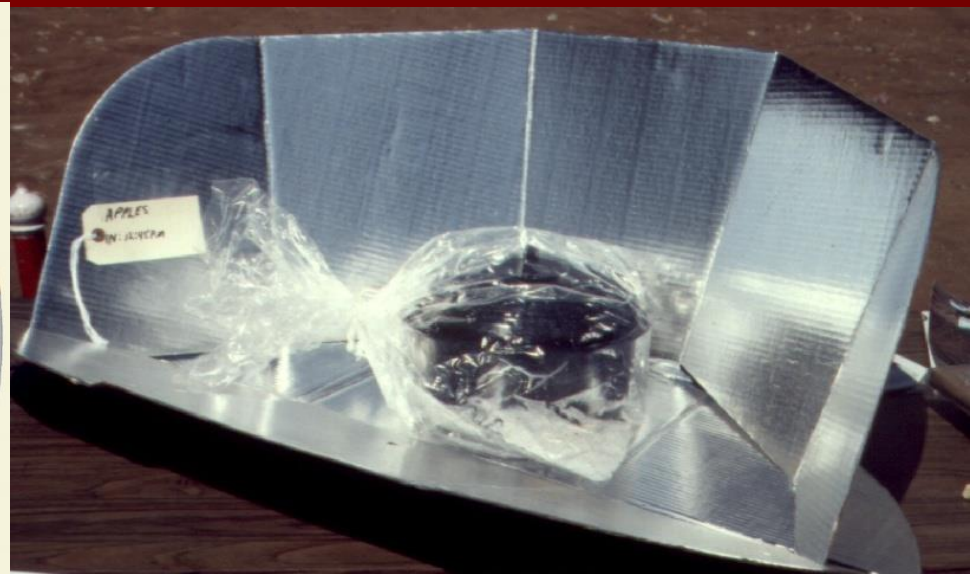
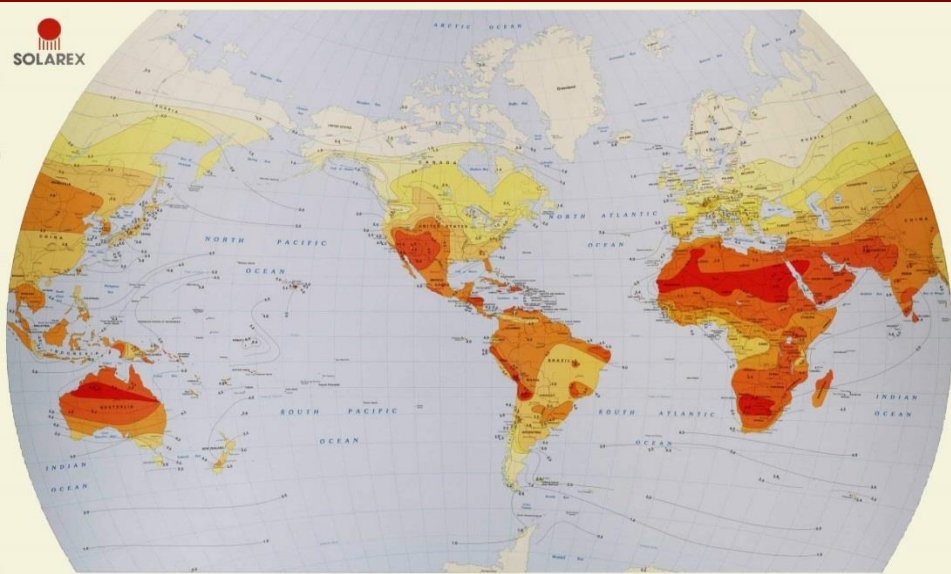


Solar Cooker Project
Refugee camps Eastern Nepal
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1. Careful selection of target area and the type of solar cooker



2. Training



3. Follow up



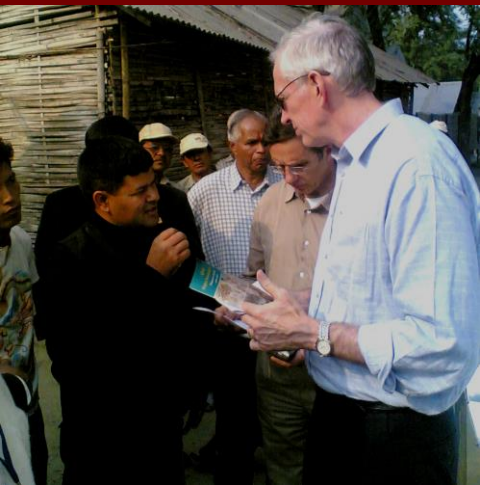
4. Paying for the device



4. Monitoring and evaluation - incorporating user feedback learning from mistakes



5. Networking / media / fundraising



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Vajra Foundation

"From what I have seen thus far, Vajra Foundation uses a community based participatory approach to development which many organisations strive to promote but very few actually achieve."

pleasure of knowing and working with the Bhutanesse refugees in Eastern Nepal has much on the practical applications of solar in the refugee camps. Although I am biology I found that the approach presented cookers by refugees to be practical and reach to innovation which is refreshing and through their research in the camps, proven a potentially viable method of reducing above all, they have trained several groups on of solar cooking apparatus and have who utilise this technology on an everyday

Foundation uses a community based organisations strive to promote success in their development work never in recommending them as a honest,


Michael Zwass
Head of UNHCR Sub-Office
Jhapa, Nepal



7. Involvement of beneficiaries



8. A cooker needs a hay box and black pans



9. Strong teamwork between cooperating partners



10. Research

Conclusions research State University Utrecht – the Netherlands

1. solar cooking in SE Nepal is possible during 58% of the year
2. one SK14 can easily be shared by 2 families (12+ pax)
3. refugee satisfaction scored 7.9 out of 10
4. the pay-back time for an SK-14 was less than two years
5. in this project one SK-14 could save more than 150 l kerosene/year or nearly 2000 kg firewood
6. one SK-14 could save 2,7 tons of CO₂ per year compared to firewood or 0,55 tons compared to kerosene (used in 7 months, *all* CO₂ calculated)

"The program has proved its successfulness.

"Refugees do use cookers more than locals who are engaged with other household activities, which do not permit the time needed for the cooking."

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Success can be used to boost environmentalism outside project



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