

TRANSFORMING WOMEN'S LIVES



OLIVE

Olive has four children and looks after a family of six. The daily drudgery of wood collection, tending the fire and cooking occupied her for at least five hours every day. Now she only needs to gather wood every other day: her DelAgua stove uses at least 50% less wood and operates so efficiently that cooking times are also significantly reduced. The stove lights easily-it's a stove designed to work for the women and the reality of their lives- and the first time Olive used it, breakfast was ready before the family was up! Olive can now spend more time tending to her livestock and cultivating the family's land, improving their crop yields which in turn will improve the family's income and wellbeing. Freed from the fire, Olive is also able to find time to socialise with her friends from the neighbouring village.



JULIENNE

Julienne and her husband have no children. They have to purchase their firewood which represents one of their biggest household expenditures - around 25% of their weekly income. A bundle used to last three days. Now she says her bundle lasts three times as long. With the money Julienne is saving on firewood she is able to purchase more stock for the shop she runs from the front of her home. And because cooking is taking half the time it used to, Julienne is able to devote more time to her enterprise and improve her family's economic situation.

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SAVERA

Savera's family of six buy their wood. Since they have received the DelAgua stove they are using less than half the amount of firewood they used to. Their favourite things about the stove are that it consumes "nothing" compared to their old fire, it is so easy to light and food is cooked quickly: beans which took three hours to cook are ready in half the time and porridge is ready almost immediately. Savera now cooks two meals a day rather than one, which is improving her family's nutrition. So much time as well as money is saved: the children can play more and Savera can get on with other household activities. She is planning on using the money saved from buying wood to

purchase four rabbits for breeding. She will keep half for her family and sell half, using the income to support the family and build her enterprise.



TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S LIVES



PHILOMENE

In Philomene's family of nine it is the children who collect the wood and tend the fire. They were spending two to four hours every day doing this. Now, because just small twigs and tinder are needed to fuel the DelAgua stove, they collect fuel only once every two to three days. The stove is quick to light and burns so efficiently that they are also spending much less time tending the fire. The burden of wood gathering and cooking has been reduced for Philomene's children so they have more time to go to school, study, play and just be children. The children have also noticed the

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immediate difference the lack of smoke has made to how they feel: the DelAgua stove burns cleanly with very few emissions so they no longer experience the sore eyes and a burning throat which before was an everyday fact of life for them.

NADINE

Nadine is fifteen. There are eight in her family, including the newest arrival, baby Brian. Nadine is responsible for the daily collection of the family's wood. She had to do this every day, and it could take her as long as three hours in order to find enough fuel for their large household's needs.



Nadine would frequently have to miss school in order to ensure the family did not go without the fuel necessary to boil water and cook their beans, potatoes and maize. With the DelAgua stove, which requires much less wood, Nadine is now spending less than one hour a day gathering fuel. She is able to attend school every day and is getting the education she needs alongside her friends.

