

# Time to take clean cooking seriously

## The problem

Less than ten years until we reach 2030 and the world remains far off track to meet SDG7 — access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

Nearly 2.6 billion people still lack access to modern cooking solutions, 900M of whom live in Sub-Saharan Africa, where the access deficit to clean cooking has risen by more than 50 percent since 2000.

Considering the annual toll on human health, forests, climate and local economies, clean cooking solutions should be central to global strategies and to national recovery plans:

**4 million** die prematurely globally, and 500K in Africa only

**2.6 billion** people globally lack access

**\$2.4 trillion** annual cost to world economy

**120 Mt** climate pollutants per year

**More than half** black carbon emissions

**10 percent** rate of access in Sub-Saharan Africa

**\$4.5 billion** the annual investment required to achieve clean cooking for all, around \$2 for every person without access in 2019

**\$131 million** the current annual investment

## Clean cooking needs you

Changing the way families cook their food each day will:



slow climate change and deforestation



drive gender equality



reduce poverty



provide enormous health benefits, especially for women and children

## Milestones

UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy

COP26

### Opportunity for:

- Climate protection
- Health protection
- Women's empowerment

### Through:

- Committing to universal access to clean cooking

Development actors must increase funding to match the magnitude of the challenge



Governments must lead equitable clean cooking transitions

The private sector must deliver clean and affordable solutions

## What can you do?

1. Ensure a just energy transition that leaves no one behind
2. Integrate clean cooking into NDCs and national energy planning
3. Create and resource governmental clean cooking 'delivery units'
4. Enact favourable and stable fiscal policies to sustain business growth and increase affordability
5. Support countries to develop appropriate policy frameworks and technical support to enable rapid growth of clean cooking solutions
6. Increase funding to match the magnitude of the clean cooking challenge.
7. Develop sustainable markets that enable business to deliver clean and affordable solutions.
8. Increase private sector investment in clean cooking solutions.
9. Build stronger partnerships with the electricity sector to advance electric cooking.
10. Increase participation of women and integrate gender issues