

Cooking with Corn Cobs Instead of Coal in China



"We can use the money saved for the education of our children, to buy new clothes, improve our lives and visit the doctor." Liu Zhihong, User of Biomass Stove

This project replaces coal consumption from traditional coal burning stoves with improved clean biomass burning semi-gasifier stoves in rural households within Shanxi Province, Hubei Province and Guizhou Province in China. CO₂ emissions can be avoided by reducing coal consumption by using the inner part of the corn cob for cooking. The cleaner stoves improve indoor air quality which benefits the health of the women and children.



250

USD saved on fuel per year

136,000

stoves installed

1

million tonnes of charcoal avoided

One of the most visible signs of the urban-rural disparity in China is in the household energy sector. While cleaner-burning petroleum-based fuels are increasingly common in wealthier areas, at least 50 percent of all households still depend on solid fuels like wood or coal as an important household fuel. A practice resulting in pollution exposures that the World Health Organization estimates to be annually responsible for over 420,000 premature deaths in China alone.

Project type:

Efficient cook stoves , Biomass

Project location:

Provinces of Shanxi, Hubei and Guizhou, China

Project status:

In operation, no credits available

Annual CO₂ reduction:

399,501 t

Situation without project

Cooking with coal and non-renewable fuelwood

Project standard

Gold Standard[®]

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Impressions



This grandmother paid 300 Yuan (USD 50) for her stove, myclimate subsidizes a stove with the same amount. The average income of the underclass is around USD 300.



The new efficient stoves can be lit with the rest of the corn cobs, which were not being used before the project.

What I like most about the stove, besides the convenience, is that since buying the stove I've saved so much money from not having to buy coal for cooking. It is wonderful, every home in our Shanxi should have one.

Li Xiaoxia, owner of a Jinqilin stove since 2009

myclimate, Impact Carbon and the China Association of Rural Energy Industry (CAREI) have partnered to alleviate the health and climate burdens found in rural China due to the inefficient and dirty use of solid fuels such as wood and coal for household energy demands. This partnership promotes the use of efficient and clean household energy technologies that can be used for cooking, heating, and water purification throughout China.

The coal used to cook cost us 1500 Yuan per year. Now with the biomass stove we save a lot of money and it's more convenient. In spring we plant the seeds. The corn is then sold on the market for money and the leftovers can be used for cooking with the biomass stove.

Nie Bianyu, User of biomass stove, China

Carbon finance revenues will be reinvested into the project for social marketing campaigns, quality control measures, solidifying supply chains, and a host of other activities.

This project contributes to 9 SDGs:



Households save around USD 1,000 on fuel over the stove's five year lifetime and EUR 80 for every Euro spent on the stove.



516,027 people profit from better air



Women save time and money.



136,000 stoves have been installed in three provinces.



Everybody helps in the harvesting season.



Corn cob piles which are dehydrated that way.



278 jobs have been created.



Sustainable cooking stove production.



1 million tonnes of coal have been avoided since the start of the project and each stove avoids about 4.5 t CO₂ per year.



Reuse of otherwise unused biomass as an energy source.



The project strengthens the global partnership for sustainable development.