

## Guess how many people ...

rely on burning wood each day in order to cook.

More than a million?

(Many more, surely?)

More than ten million?

(Oh .. still more than that)

More than a hundred million?

(Yeah, but maybe even more)

More than a thousand million?

(What? Don't be daft)



## It's over three billion! .... in figures: 3,000,000,000

We find that lots of people are shocked by this figure. It's almost 3 out of every 7 people alive today.

And that's not all. The most common way of consuming the wood is to make a 'three stone fire'. Note the pots balanced on three stones in the picture below. This method consumes about three times as much wood as a simple rocket stove.

And that's not all. It is most common for this type of cooking to take place *inside* the home. A recent WHO report attributed large numbers of deaths and disease burdens to this practice.

And that's not all. In northern India, girls and women (rarely men) each walk 325 kilometres annually, and collect 1.3 tonnes of wood. In Tanzania, women walk up to 11 kilometres to collect wood. During these trips, they may be vulnerable to attack, or rape, and they cannot attend school.



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