

# COOKING SHOULDN'T KILL



Smoke from indoor cooking fires is a leading cause of death of children under age five.



To address this health problem,  
Nancy Hughes, a 70 year old widow,  
transformed a small Rotary club project into  
StoveTeam International.



StoveTeam International  
saves lives and forests  
by starting sustainable factories  
to make fuel-efficient  
Ecocina stoves.

Ecocina stoves  
reduce carbon  
emissions by 70%.

They are nearly  
smokeless.

Field and laboratory  
tests show Ecocinas  
use 50% less wood,  
thus reducing  
deforestation.



Ecocinas prevent burns as they are stable and safe to the touch.



In five years,  
StoveTeam International  
has started  
six factories in five countries:

El Salvador, Guatemala,  
Honduras, Mexico, and  
Nicaragua.

StoveTeam International has benefited more than 225,000 individuals.



Stove Team's current project:

Stoves and improved living  
conditions in Oaxaca, Mexico.

The state of Oaxaca  
has the  
highest percentage  
of burn victims  
in Mexico.

The Mixtec region of Oaxaca  
has the highest rate of  
deforestation in the world.

Most indigenous women  
in this area  
cook over open fires  
using wood as fuel.

StoveTeam International  
hopes to change that by  
starting a new factory  
in the Mixteca.

This will be the first Ecocina factory owned by a woman.



The Dining for Women  
project will employ  
indigenous women  
to promote and sell  
Ecocina stoves throughout  
Oaxaca.

This project will:

- Create job opportunities for women

- Teach women how to use the stove
- Expand stove distribution



The project addresses the following UN Millennium Development Goals:

# #3 Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

- Women gain new skills and generate income
- Women gain self-confidence and improve their status in the community by becoming entrepreneurs.
- Time spent gathering firewood and cooking is reduced, freeing women to spend more time on educational and economic activities.

## #4 Reduce Child Mortality

- The Ecocina cookstove prevents illnesses and deaths by eliminating smoke in the home and reducing harmful emissions.
- The stove encloses the fire, protecting women and children from burns.

## #7 Ensure Environmental Sustainability

-The Ecocina helps reduce deforestation and forest degradation.

-The stove reduces carbon and particulate matter emissions, improving air quality.

Your support  
will  
save forests  
and  
help women  
lead healthier  
lives.



Join a StoveTeam International  
volunteer trip and  
see your donation at work.



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